

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

September 12, 2016

Gerstenkorn Administration Building

School Board Meeting - Minutes

1. 1.1 Call to Order - Open Meeting Declaration - Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Matt Foster. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes.
 - 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Brown, Edwards, and Foster and Student Representative Rachel Hicks. Board Members Absent: None.
 - 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Messer, Thistle, Paulsen, Meyer, Schoenborn, Haak, Wolfe, Conner, Meicher.
 - 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
 - 1.5 Guests Present: Dave Considine, Jolene Routson, Jennifer Garrigan, Kellie Kilde
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 3. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown –yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 4. Public Input
 1. None
 5. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 - A. Student Council Representative – Rachel Hicks provided an update about happenings at Portage High School, including the “Haunted Homecoming” theme for homecoming, the Spanish Exchange students coming, and the first overnight band trip of the season.
 - B. Rep. Dave Considine - Rep. Considine discussed issues and challenges facing school leaders at the state level.
 - C. Strategic Plan Update – Charles Poches presented an overview of the district’s progress on the strategic plan.
 6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Edwards, second by Pate to approve the previous meeting minutes from August 8th and August 18th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - B. 1. Motion by Garrigan, second by Pate to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills - Checks #309532-309599, 161700002-1617161700027, 309608-309715, 309717-309760, 309772-309775 except Check 309716, 2016-2017 Budget, Band Field Trips, Key Club Field Trips, Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Motion by Brown, second by Pate to approve the payment of Monthly Bills, Check 309716 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – abstain, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstaining.

July 2016

10 Fund	\$1,257,934.85
27 Fund	\$86,438.01
50 Fund	<u>\$11,512.60</u>
Total July Expenditures	\$1,355,885.46

August 2016

10 Fund	\$1,097,998.27
27 Fund	\$20,307.13
50 Fund	<u>\$16,634.94</u>
Total August Expenditures	\$1,134,940.34

- C. Motion by Pate, second by Brown to approve the Building Trades Committee Report (including material providers and subcontractors) as presented. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the personnel (Resignations- Shannon Straka, ALC Aide, High School, Michelle Aldridge, Aide, Rusch, Carly Thiel, Art Teacher, Middle School, Lynda Morrison, Kitchen secretary/server, Woodridge; Permission to Post - Kitchen secretary/server, Woodridge, 7 hr/day ALC Aide, High School, 5.75 hr/day Aide, Rusch, Art Teacher, Middle School; Hires - Charlotte Doro, Art Teacher, Middle School, Greg Klinkner, 4 hrs/day Custodian, Lewiston, Roger Malkowski, 3 hrs/day Custodian, Rusch, Neil Wakershauser, Maintenance Technician, District, Billie Evert, 2.5 hr/day Food Service, Rusch, Eric Routson, Building Trades Instructor, High School, Adam Routson, Building Trades, Instructor, High School, Johanna Wynn, 5.75 hr/day Special Ed. Aide, Rusch; Coaches - Mike Statz, Curling Coach, High School, two leave extensions) as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
- E. Motion by Pate, second by Brown to approve the second reading of Neola policies 1000-1400 as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried 6-1.
- F. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Edwards to approve the 2016-2017 Professional Employee Handbook second reading as presented. Roll call – Reckling – no, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Brown – no, Garrigan – abstain, Foster – yes. Motion passed: 4-2 with 1 abstaining.
- G. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan to approve Chad Edwards as the WASB delegate as presented. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- H. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve PAA as an alternative school. Roll Call – Edwards –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- I. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the WIAA Membership as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- J. Motion by Edwards, second by Brown to issue the board commendation (Chef Mike Althen) as presented. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- K. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the course options request as presented. Roll Call – Pate –yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster –yes. Motion carried: 7-0

- L. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the annual meeting and budget hearing for September 19th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes, Edwards – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes. Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0
7. A. Administrators’ Reports – Matt Paulsen said the Portage Sharing Supper is September 26th at BMS. He also provided an update on the high school’s summer school results and Portage Prep/CTE focuses for the school’s strategic plan. Sue Conner said new phone systems have been installed and Chromebook rollouts went well. Jason Meyer said the expanded networks for technology are helpful. Color Run is this Saturday. Students will learn about the Fox River from a book written by local author Earl Rhode. Larry Messer said his department members are wrapping up summer projects. Bob Meicher said some staffing changes just before school started provided some opportunities for growth. Staff members are establishing common goals. Barb Wolfe said recent developments are requiring new processes and forms for the Student Services Department. They will be focusing on reading and family engagement. She recently attended a national special education conference. Salina Thistle said Woodridge and Endeavor both had good starts to the school year and are focusing on Cool Tools. Woodridge is utilizing a social-emotional curriculum. Endeavor is excited about the Fuel up to Play 60 program. Tim Haak said summer programs are evolving and strengthening enrollment. Improvements are being made to several athletic facilities. Nikki Schoenborn said the school year is off to a great start at Rusch and Lewiston. A focus at the buildings is connecting with every student while focusing on career opportunities and the elementary-wide goal of increasing attendance. The staff theme this year is a healthy balance for their lives. Margaret Rudolph said student count day is this Friday. She is working with the bus company to evaluate ridership numbers. The Greater Portage Youth Education Foundation is hosting a tailgate and has invited all new staff to attend. She is also working on a new season of bowling for staff. Peter Hibner discussed the district’s benchmark testing, curriculum updates, professional development meetings.
- B. District Administrator’s Report – Charles Poches highlighted the positive start to the school year.
8. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

District Secretary