

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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January 13, 2025

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 Connie Shlimovitz. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Shlimovitz, Behnke, Stevenson, Fahey, and Garrigan. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Paulsen, Gulrud, Stolpa, Schoenborn, Carlson, Jahn, Nickel, J. Garrigan, Podoll, Muth, and Stout.
Guests Present: Karl Kindschi, Emma Huber, Brenna Babcock, Katy Peerenboom, Amy Cole, Brooke Oakes, Katherine Hansen, Kasen Hasheider, Aden Duffy, and Jo Sadogierski.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Board Updates
 - A. Student Representative Report - None
 - B. Guest Report – Portage Municipal Court- Karl Kindschi provided an overview of the Municipal Court program and how city and school officials work together to help students.
 - C. FFA Mid-Year Report – FFA members Katherine Hansen, Kasen Hasheider, Aden Duffy, and Jo Sadogierski discussed FFA activities so far this school year and upcoming events in which they will participate.
 - D. Area Board Consortium Report – Connie Shlimovitz shared recent topics discussed by area districts including referendum discussions, WASB State Convention, and budgets and school funding.
 - E. PHS Cheer Team Trip to Nationals – The cheer team provided a written summary of their upcoming Nationals participation.
 - F. Recognition of PHS Alum Mandi Genord – Mandi was honored by the Board for her recent competition in Miss America and placing eleventh among 52 contestants.
 - G. Future Construction Update – Ellen Stevenson and Josh Sween shared information regarding the future construction plans and recent site visits of middle school and high school facilities.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - B. Motion by Cross, second by Stevenson to approve the WASB Resolutions as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes,

Shlimovitz - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

C. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the Open Enrollment report as presented. Open Enrollment Seats Available

EC3/4 NA, Grade 4K- **, Kindergarten- 5, Grade 1- 8, Grade 2- 18, Grade 3- 67, Grade 4- 17, Grade 5- 44, Grade 6- 50, Grade 7- 47, Grade 8- 58, Grade 9- 59, Grade 10- 69, Grade 11- 67, Grade 12- 51.

** K4 programs are operated at the childcare centers and space determined by the centers.

* 2025-2026 Special Education Open Enrollment Openings 3-5 program - 0, primary/elementary cross categorical - 0, middle school cross categorical - 0, high school cross categorical - 0, high school IDS/Transition program - 0, speech and language - 0.

The district also contracts for services in several programs through CESA#5 which would not be available for open enrollment requests made. These include Vision Services and Programs, Hearing Impaired Services and Programs, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and School Psychologist.

Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

D. Motion by Behnke, second by Fahey to approve the Resolution to Designate Authorized Agent for District Funds as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills except Check 323060, Audit Report, OPEB Trust Annual Review and Report, and Resolution) as presented. Roll Call – Fahey -yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

December 2024

Fund 10	\$2,508,679.79
Fund 27	\$508,185.95
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$95,213.75</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,112,079.49

B. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Check 323060) as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

C. Motion by Cross, second by Stevenson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

D. Motion by Johnson, second by Behnke to approve the Policy Committee Report (Technical Changes and Revisions to Neola Vol. 33, No. 2 and UGG EDGAR policies) as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

E. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Retirement - Leiah Schroeder - Elementary Reading Interventionist; Permission to Post Elementary Reading Interventionist; Hire - Cody Hanson - John Muir Special Education Teacher) as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c), for consideration and action as appropriate of employment, performance evaluations and compensation for identifiable individual employees, including administrative employees at 7:27 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes. Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
9. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to return to open session at 8:35 p.m. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
10. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler

Recording Secretary

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