

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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January 8, 2024

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 6:31 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Kelly Behnke. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: Cross.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Gulrud, Schoenborn, Muth, Podoll, Paulsen, Stout, J. Garrigan, Nickel, Carlson, and Stolpa.
Guests Present: Emma Huber, Brenna Babcock, Jo Sadogierski, Conal Seiler, Addison Stilwell, and Sawyer Stegmann.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented). Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson -yes, Garrigan- yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates
 - A. FFA Presentation - Jo Sadogierski, Conal Seiler, Addison Stilwell, and Sawyer Stegmann shared the FFA’s recent activities and successes with the board.
 - B. Student Representative Report - none.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
 - B. The board reviewed the proposed WASB resolutions. No action was taken.
 - C. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to approve the open enrollment report and available seats as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

Open Enrollment Seats Available
EC3/4 NA, Grade 4K- **, Kindergarten- 9, Grade 1- 27, Grade 2- 45, Grade 3- 10, Grade 4- 57, Grade 5- 34, Grade 6- 45, Grade 7- 59, Grade 8- 27, Grade 9- 72, Grade 10- 65, Grade 11- 26, Grade 12- 75.

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

* 2024-2025 Special Education Open Enrollment Openings 3-5 program - 0, 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 and

Physical Therapy.

D. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the commendations as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

E. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the JV swimming co-op agreement with Poynette as presented. Roll call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills except Checks 322012 and 322022, September 2023 Pupil Count Report (amended), OPEB Trust Annual Review and Report, Audit Report, Gifts, and Field trips Requests) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

December 2023

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| Fund 10 | \$1,939,230.34 |
| Fund 27 | \$287,186.71 |
| Fund 50 | <u>\$85,414.85</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$2,311,831.90 |

B. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Checks 322012 and 322022). . Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

C. Motion by Stevenson, second by Fahey to approve the Curriculum Committee Report (Notice of Educational Options) as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

D. Motion by Johnson, second by Garrigan to approve the Safety Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

E. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Hire- Hannah Bojarski – 6th Gr. English Teacher BMS; Retirements - Eilen Marshall, Lisa Mildenerger; Permission to Post - Library Media Specialist – Elementary Schools, Human Resources – Administration Building; Resignations - Mercy Beltran) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

8. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to go into closed session at 7:02 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c) and (e), for consideration and action as appropriate of employment and compensation for identifiable individual employees, including administrative employees. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

9. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to return to open session at 9:06 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

10. Motion by Johnson, second by Garrigan to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

Suzanne Hemler

Recording Secretary

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