

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

*Committed to the growth of ALL: Students, Families, Community*

October 14, 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 Connie Shlimovitz. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.  
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Shlimovitz, Garrigan, Behnke, Stevenson and Fahey. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Paulsen, Gulrud, Jahn, Geike, Vander Schaaf, Kane, Muth, Podoll, Carlson, and Nickel.  
Guests Present: Kevin Thiele and Kathryn Thiele.
- 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 – The PHS representative was unable to attend.  
B. Guest Student Report – Kevin Thiele and Kathryn Thiele talked with the board regarding upcoming VFW student programs and Kathryn's work to coordinate a school supply as part of her efforts to participate in the National All American Miss Pageant.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items  
A. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson 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 Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the board commendations 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 Cross, second by Behnke to approve FFA National Convention Support Request as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
7. Committee Reports  
A. Motion by Behnke, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, Gifts to the District, Field Trip Requests, School Auditor, and Third Friday Count Day Report) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

**September 2024**

Fund 10

\$2,175,361.82

Fund 27	\$364,152.05
Fund 50	\$69,759.66
Total Expenditures	\$2,609,273.53

- B. Motion by Stevenson, second by Behnke to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report (seven new course requests) as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- C. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson to approve the Personnel/Negotiations Committee Report (Resignation – Kristy Bovre, Librarian, Permission to Post – Librarian, Time Clock/Time Card Process Update and Contract Staff Handbook Update) as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
8. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment or performance evaluation data of a professional staff member and (f) considering medical or personal histories which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of a professional staff member referred to in such histories at 6:54 p.m. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
9. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to return to open session at 7:17 p.m. Roll Call - Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
10. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler

Recording Secretary

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