

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

October 25, 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 5:30 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, Garrigan, Behnke, Stevenson and Fahey. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner.
Guests Present: None.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Behnke, second by Cross 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. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to approve the 2024-2025 tax levy 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 Personnel (Hire- Sylvia Peterson, John Muir School Counselor, Resignation – Mike Lucas, PHS Technology Education Teacher; Permission to Post – PHS Technology Ed Education Teacher) as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
5. Board Retreat – No action was taken.
 - A. Referendum Discussion.
 - B. District Administrator Evaluation Criteria Discussion.
 - C. Title IX Training.
6. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Nicky Cross

Board Clerk

The Portage Community School District will be a premier learning community that builds authentic relationships with students, families, and the community. We will cultivate globally minded, resilient, and courageous students who are ready to excel in higher learning, career and life.