

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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November 11, 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 6:32 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Connie Shlimovitz. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Shlimovitz, Behnke, Stevenson Fahey, and Garrigan (arrived 6:39 p.m.) Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Paulsen, Gulrud, Jahn, Vander Schaaf, Schoenborn, Kane, Muth, Podoll, Stolpa, and Nickel.
Guests Present: Mike O’Brion.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to approve the agenda as amended (separate action item needed for approval of Check 242500585). Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates
A. Student Representative Report – The PHS representative was unable to attend.
B. Referendum Update – Josh Sween provided a brief update on the referendum election and process.
C. Standards Based Grading – Bartels Middle School Report- Matt Paulsen, Kasey Podoll and Jennifer Muth discussed the progress of how the new process is going for staff, students and families at BMS.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
A. Motion by Stevenson, 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 Johnson, second by Cross 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 Behnke, second by Stevenson to approve the payment of monthly bills except Checks 322911 and 242500585 as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
D. 1. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the payment of Check 322911 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – abstain, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
2. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to approve the payment of Check 242500585 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – abstain, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

E. Motion by Johnson, second by Cross to approve the revised Third Friday Student Count Report as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes. Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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Fund 10	\$2,554,065.01
Fund 27	\$371,646.07
Fund 50	<u>\$120,885.08</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,046,596.16

F. Motion by Garrigan, second by Stevenson to approve the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$15,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried; 7-0.

G. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$31,050,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report (Start College Now Application Approvals and Denial) as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. Board Member Gathering – Some discussion was had about scheduling a winter social gathering.

9. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to adjourn at 7:28 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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