

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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November 13, 2023

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 Kelly Behnke. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross- yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: Addie Gavinski.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Gulrud, Schoenborn, Muth, Podoll, Stolpa, Paulsen, Stout, J. Garrigan, Kane, Nickel, and VanderSchaaf.
Guests Present: Heidi Nahnsen.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Stevenson, second by Cross to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson -yes, Garrigan- yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Board Updates
 - A. Elementary Goals Presentation – Angie Gulrud, Melissa Kane and Cherida VanderSchaaf shared their goals and data for the elementary grade levels.
 - B. Information Technology Goals Presentation – Justin Nickel shared his goals for the technology department and district plans.
 - C. Special Education/Student Services Goals Presentation – Theresa Stolpa shared goals and programming efforts for the departments.
 - D. Area Board Consortium Report – Connie Shlimovitz said shared that the members that have been able to meet have been discussing upcoming facility projects.
 - E. Student Representative Report – Addie Gavinski provided an update regarding fall events at the high school.
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, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - B. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to approve the 2023-2024 WiRSA membership as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - C. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the payment of monthly bills as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

October 2023

Fund 10	\$2,350,805.15
Fund 27	\$354,715.95
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$83,237.41</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,788,758.51

7. Committee Reports
 - A. Motion by Cross, second by Stevenson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report (Start College Now and Early College Credit approvals and denials, and New Course Approvals [AP US History and Assistant Childcare Teacher]) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - B. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Safety Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - C. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson to approve the Personnel/Negotiations Committee report (New Hire – Julia Marston – Interventionist at John Muir and Help Desk Technician Job Description) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey- yes, Johnson- yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
8. Discussion of board member gathering date. No action taken.
9. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to go into closed session at 6:58 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (e) of Wisconsin Statutes to discuss a possible land purchase. Also as part of the motion, consider going into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a), 19.85(1)(f), and 120.13(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes, consider and take action as appropriate on minutes from a prior closed session regarding two pupil expulsion hearings (October 12, 2023.) Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
10. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler
Recording Secretary

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