

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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December 11, 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 6:31 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, Kane, Nickel, Carlson and VanderSchaaf.
Guests Present: Joseph Thompson, Shirley Hoel, Sarah Pulliam, Jim Marshall, Dustan Garrigan, Desiray Charmley, McKenzie Thiessen, Kenadie Ashley, Angele Almama, Zugey Leon, Coraleigh Grove, Sarah Campbell, Haley Reiche, Sharon Salmeron, Savanna Tinsley, Ashly Salmeron, Amiyah Munte, Carrienne Barrett, Hayley Wolfe, and Jessica Weaver.
 - 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 3. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the agenda as amended (to move the Finance Report [7A.] before Board Updates). 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 Fahey to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, Gifts, Field trips, Resolution authorizing the appointment of successor trustee and custodian for the Wisconsin OPEB Trust, and Resolution authorizing consent to assignment of investment advisory agreement) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

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Fund 10	\$2,413,254.95
Fund 27	\$509,224.78
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$94,776.57</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,017,256.30

4. Board Updates
A. Stim Factory, Inc. Presentation – Joseph Thompson shared his ideas for bringing a makerspace to Portage that could serve students in grades 8 through 12 as well as adults with all abilities.
B. Students at Risk of Not Graduating From High School Presentation - Jennifer Garrigan and Sean Stout shared data from the high school and gains made towards graduating.
C. Area Board Consortium Report – None.
D. Review of School Violence Drills – They are included in the Board packet.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items

- A. Motion by Stevenson, 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. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 2024-2025 Notice of Educational Options as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- C. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the 2024-2025 PHS Course Book as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- D. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to approve the resignation as presented (Andrew Page – Woodridge Teacher). Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- E. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to approve the permission to post (Woodridge Teacher) as presented. Roll call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- F. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the girls and boys hockey cooperative agreement renewals as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
8. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to go into closed session at 7:58 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 Stevenson, second by Johnson to return to open session at 8:44 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
10. Motion by Stevenson, second by Fahey to adjourn at 8:45 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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