

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

December 12, 2016

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 6:35 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Matt Foster. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes.
- 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Brown, Edwards, and Foster and Student Representative Layne Leege. Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Messer, Thistle, Meyer, Schoenborn, Paulsen, Haak, Kvalo, Wolfe, Conner, Meicher.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Jen Martens, Michael Wohlfert, Kaye Pare.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Edwards, second by Shlimovitz to approve the agenda as amended (make B. 2. b. action item C. and adjust action items after accordingly). Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown –yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Public Input
 1. None
5. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 - A. Student Council Representative Report – Layne Leege talked about Student Council activities including bell ringing and making treats for parent-teacher conferences.
 - B. Creative Arts Festival and WAEA Presentation – Jen Martens offered highlights from the recent Creative Arts Festival and the artist suitcases she has introduced to her classes.
 - C. State Report Card – Peter Hibner explained the state report card information in greater detail.
 - D. Future Action Plans – Charles Poches discussed the administration team’s plans for growth and improvement.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Pate, second by Garrigan to approve the previous meeting minutes from November 16th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling - yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - B. Motion by Garrigan, second by Pate to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (including Checks #310158-310163, 310373-310408, 310417-0310439, 310462-310572, 310574-310600 and 161700071-161700086, Bus Route Changes, September Membership Revision, and Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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Fund 10	\$1,888,618.74
Fund 27	\$408,422.88
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$86,405.96</u>

Total November Expenditures \$2,383,447.58

- C. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the payment of monthly bills- Checks #310372, #310416 and #310573 as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstention.
 - D. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee report as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - E. Motion by Pate, second by Brown to approve the Building Trades Committee report as presented. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - F. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the personnel (Resignations- Michael David, Math Teacher, High School, Julie Beckwith, Administrative Assistant, Rusch, Billie Evert, Food Service, Rusch; Permission to Post- High School Math Teacher, Rusch Administrative Assistant, Rusch Food Service, High School Special Education Teacher) as presented. Roll call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion passed: 6-1.
 - G. Motion by Pate, second by Reckling to change the 2016-2017 school calendar to include January 2nd as a paid holiday for all staff. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - H. Motion by Brown, second by Pate to approve the second reading of Neola Policies – 2000 series as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – no, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-1.
 - I. Motion by Brown, second by Pate to approve the first reading of Neola Policies – 3000 series as presented. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-1.
 - J. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to establish a special meeting of the electorate to purchase property on January 9th at 6:15 p.m. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
7. A. Administrators’ Reports – Larry Messer said winter has officially arrived with recent snow. Tim Haak said winter sports are all underway. Salina Thistle said holiday concerts and caroling at senior living facilities are approaching. Jason Meyer said 700 people attended the John Muir winter program. They will be celebrating student behavior on December 23rd. Attendance has improved this year. Robin Kvalo said they are preparing for winter programs at PHS. A total of two seniors and one staff member are finalists for Kohl Fellowship honors. Matt Paulsen said students will be interviewing for two openings at PAA in January. Sharing Supper will be December 19th. Barb Wolfe said her department has been focusing on helping students in crisis. Sue Conner said 15 staff members attended and eight presented at the recent SLATE conference. Nikki Schoenborn said holiday programs are underway. Margaret Rudolph said Key Club members have been participating in bell ringing and Living Windows.
- B. District Administrator’s Report – Charles Poches said the upcoming state budget cycle could prove to be another struggle for public school districts and may require advocacy at the local level to communicate with state leaders.
8. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to convene in closed session for consideration of performance evaluation data, contract review, and employment assignment(s) of Athletic Director and the performance evaluation of the District Administrator pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats. at 8:35 p.m. Roll Call –

Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes.
Motion carried: 7-0.

9. Return to open session.

1. Motion by Edwards, second by Reckling to amend the athletic director's contract to allow him to coach wrestling at the middle school. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Edwards – yes, Pate – no, Foster – no. Motion carried: 4-3.

10. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to adjourn at 11:10 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

District Secretary