

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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

December 9, 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 6:31 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Connie Shlimovitz. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.  
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Shlimovitz, Behnke, Stevenson (left at 7:30 p.m.), Fahey, and Garrigan. Student Representative: Adelaide Gavinski.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Paulsen, Schoenborn, Carlson, Kane, Garrigan, Podoll, and Stout.  
Guests Present: Molly Ryan.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke 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. Board Updates
  - A. Student Representative Report – Adelaide Gavinski provided an overview of events happening at the high school.
  - B. Referendum Transition to Design Presentation – Molly Ryan shared a timeline for the efforts related to the referendum and building/renovation process.
  - C. Students at Risk of Not Graduating from High School Report and
  - D. Standards Based Grading and Trimester Update – Jennifer Garrigan and Sean Stout presented data and progress reports on the three topics.
  - E. Area Board Consortium Report Connie Shlimovitz said the group's discussion focused on referendum results and future plans.
  - F. School Violence Drill Reports. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the review of the reports as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
  - B. Motion by Johnson, second by Cross to approve the Notice of Educational Options as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
  - C. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the early start date resolution as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

D. Motion by Garrigan, second by Fahey to approve the Board Commendations as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Johnson, second by Fahey to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, Budget Transfers, Approval of Bond Proceeds Management RFP, and Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

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Fund 10	\$2,026,419.88
Fund 27	\$321,094.21
Fund 50	<u>\$118,067.05</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,465,581.14

B. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Report (Notice of Educational Options and Portage High School Course Handbook with revisions) as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

C. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the Co-Curricular Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

8. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c) and (e), for consideration and action as appropriate of employment, performance evaluations and compensation for identifiable individual employees, including administrative employees at 7:50 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

9. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to return to open session at 8:22 p.m. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

10. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

Suzanne Hemler

Recording Secretary

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