

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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February 12, 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 6:30 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Kelly Behnke. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.  
Board Members Present: Johnson, Behnke, Garrigan (arrived at 6:47 p.m.), Shlimovitz, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: Jinu Lee.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: Cross.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Gulrud, Schoenborn, VanderSchaaf, Muth, Podoll, Paulsen, Stout, J. Garrigan, Nickel, and Stolpa.  
Guests Present: Shirley Hoel.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson –yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
4. Board Updates  
A. Student Representative Report – Jinu Lee introduced himself to the board.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items  
A. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.  
B. Motion by Stevenson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the board commendations as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
7. Committee Reports  
A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, January 2024 Pupil Count Report, Gifts to the District and Field Trips) as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

### **January 2024**

Fund 10	\$2,283,621.23
Fund 27	\$364,909.77
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$99,398.73</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,747,929.73

- B. No separate action was taken on individual check numbers.
- C. Motion by Fahey, second by Johnson to approve the Curriculum Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
- D. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Retirements – Terri Amend and Lori Schulz; Permission to Post – Guidance Counselor – BMS,

and revisions to contract staff handbook) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

E. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Safety Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

8. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to go into closed session at 6:41 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 – Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
9. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to return to open session at 8:43 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
10. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to adjourn at 8:44 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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