

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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March 11, 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, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: Johnathan Stout.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: Cross.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Gulrud, Schoenborn, VanderSchaaf, Carlson, Stout, J. Garrigan, Nickel, and Stolpa.
Guests Present: Steve Pate.
- 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, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates
 - A. Student Representative Report – Johnathan Stout shared high school happenings with the board.
 - B. Nikki Schoenborn shared an overview of the new Act 20 legislation and its potential impact on the district.
 - C. Connie Shlimovitz discussed recent Board Consortium discussion topics including the WASB Convention, district facilities, and administrative evaluations.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz 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 Garrigan to approve the board commendations 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 Garrigan to table the approval of the draft community facility survey. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
7. Committee Reports
 - A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, Budget Transfers, CESA 5 Contract for 2024-2025, Ahlhorn Loan Applications for 2024-2025, Gifts to the District and Field Trips) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey - yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

February 2024

Fund 10

\$2,206,600.03

Fund 27	\$293,704.33
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$91,445.61</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,591,749.97

- B. Motion by Fahey, second by Johnson to approve the Curriculum Committee Report (Start College Now and Early College Credit Program applications) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- C. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Personnel Committee Reports (2-29-24 Resignation – Alexia Polzin; Permission to Post – Elementary Music Teacher; Hires – Olivia Pelton – Human Resources; 3-11-24 Resignation – Aileen Weeks, approval of elementary and middle school dean of students job descriptions) as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
8. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to go into closed session at 7:27 p.m. 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 and paraprofessional employees and pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.82(1) and 19.85(1)(c) and (e), for the purpose of discussing and taking action as appropriate, negotiations and strategies regarding collective bargaining with PEA.. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
9. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Johnson to return to open session at 9:12 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- a. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 2024-2026 administrative contracts. Roll Call – Garrigan – abstain, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0 with one abstaining.
- b. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the wages of paraprofessional staff. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
10. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to adjourn at 9:14 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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