

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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March 12, 2018

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 Steve Pate. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes.
- 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Shlimovitz, Brown, Garrigan, Edwards and Foster. Student Representative: Mackenzie Rietmann. Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Meyer, Thistle, Conner, Kvalo, Haak, Schoenborn, Rueth, Paulsen, Wolfe.
- 1.4 Media Present: None
- 1.5 Guests Present: Charlotte Doro, Holly Kobza, Tom Kobza, Nicky Cross, Rich Marvin, Kim Marvin, Jerry Burr, Barb Yerke, Anika Hentz, Emma Shortreed, others.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Foster, second by Reckling to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Board Updates
  - A. Student Representative Report – Mackenzie Rietmann discussed current events at PHS including Marsh Madness, the dinner for teachers for parent-teacher conferences, and upcoming school blood drive.
  - B. John Muir Elementary School Principal introduced several talented student performances who recently performed at the school talent shows.
  - C. Charlotte Doro and Jerry Burr discussed a recent collaborative effort between the BMS technology education and art departments building bat houses and the lessons students learned from the project.
  - D. Administrative Reports – Matt Paulsen said six new students are joining PAA. The high school scheduling committee is working on two versions of a schedule proposal. The sharing supper is March 26<sup>th</sup>. Barb Wolfe said they are working on a nursing program grant to develop community involvement. Nikki Schoenborn said Lewiston students are preparing for their talent and pride night. Rusch's students are preparing for their goal gala. Summer School will be STEAM-oriented. Jason Meyer said John Muir students enjoyed time at Cascade Mountain. Their recent combined STEAM night/Hawaiian dance had great participation from both students and families. Attendance goals have improved. Salina Thistle said parent-teacher conferences are happening and Endeavor is gearing up for its family fun night April 20<sup>th</sup>. Tim Rueth said BMS is celebrating Middle Level Education Week. Amanda Semrad and Nicole Heimerl are working on a grant to develop a butterfly garden behind the main building. Sue Conner discussed the E-Rate process. Tim Haak said spring sports are warming up. Robin Kvalo said the ACT is complete. The High school is

hosting the distracted driver vehicle presented by the Army. Students will be hearing from a youth troop with a focus on mental health.

5. Public Comments – Emma Shortreed and Annika Hentz discussed the upcoming walkout plans and their ideas about increasing school safety.

6. Action Items

A. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the consent agenda (minutes) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Edwards, second by Foster to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, January Membership amended report, Ahlhorn Loans, WI OPEB Trust Resolution authorizing the adoption of the WI OPEB Trust Agreement as amended with the single advisory contract as amended and the Amendment to the single Advisory Contract between Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC and Portage Community School District, Partnering Pre-Kindergarten Program Contract for 18-19, Student Accident Insurance for 18-19, 10-year long-range maintenance plan, Student Fees for 18-19, Operational Budgets for 18-19, Budget Transfers, and Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

**February 2018**

Fund 10	\$1,783,601.56
Fund 27	\$245,832.84
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$88,868.82</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,118,303.22

B. Motion by Garrigan, second by Edwards to approve the Athletic

Committee report (Middle School Football Program, Light/Water fields project continuation and personnel [Coaches- Football: Bob Hepp, Head Coach, High School, Shane Haak, Assistant Varsity, High School, Sean Stout, Assistant Varsity, High School, Jacob Dunks, Junior Varsity, High School, Dan Kremer, Junior Varsity, High School, Ben Vogel, Freshman, High School, Ben Rohrbeck, Freshman, High School, Girls Golf: Ed Carlson, Head Coach, High School, Rick Maass, Junior Varsity, High School, Boys Soccer: Mike Collins, Head Coach, High School, Chad Labarge, Volunteer, High School, Girls Swim: Tamara Tollefson, Head Coach, High School, Alissa Walter, Junior Varsity, High School, Girls Tennis: Sarah Pulliam, Head Coach, High School, Alex Firari, Junior Varsity, High School, Volleyball: Kristin Maass, Head Coach, High School, Terry Kibby, Junior Varsity, High School, Carissa Apfelbeck, 7th Grade, Middle School, Sarah Rosbeck, 7th Grade, Middle School, Stephanie Ammerman, 8th Grade, Middle School, Kelly Fritz, 8th Grade, Middle School, Cross Country: Brad Meixner, High School, Joe Pease, High School, Kari Krakow, Middle School, Mike Ferguson, Volunteer, Cheer: Carrienne Engelhart, Head Coach, High School, Hayley Wolfe, Junior Varsity, High School, Baseball: Jacob Nelson, Junior Varsity, High School, Ben Vogel, Volunteer, High School, Adam Walz, Volunteer, High School, Permission to Post: Boys JV soccer position, Freshman volleyball position, Other action: Football- Eliminate one freshman position stipend. Add stipend position to proposal to Bartels Middle School 7 -8 grade football positions, Approve 7 -8th grade

Bartels Middle School football positions ]) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

- C. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Professional Growth Incentive committee report as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- D. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the Information Technology Advisory Board report as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- E. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the staffing report as presented with the addition of a police liaison officer 2/3 funded by the district. Roll Call – Garrigan – abstain, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-1 with 1 abstaining.

Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to add a communications director to next year's staff. Roll call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – no, Shlimovitz – no, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-2.

- F. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Foster to approve the Personnel Committee report (Leave of Absence- Julie Breneman, Teacher's Aide, Rusch) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 (Reckling stepped out).
- G. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the 2018 Summer School proposal as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- H. Motion by Garrigan, second by Edwards to issue the board commendations (Jessie Tijerina and Rich Hemler) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

- 8. Motion by Brown, second by Foster to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (e), (f), and (g) for consideration, including action if appropriate, regarding the investing of public funds and conducting other public business that requires a closed session, for consideration of social or personal histories of specific persons which if discussed in public would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories, and for conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy with respect to litigation in which the Board is or is likely to become involved. The purpose of the closed meeting is to consider and discuss strategy concerning notice of claim from a parent on a particular matter.

Also, as part of this motion, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c), (e), and (f), to consider and take action as appropriate on minutes from a prior closed session regarding employment, performance evaluation data, and compensation of specific individual potential candidates for the district administrator position, negotiations related to the potential sale of the 2017-2018 Building Trades house located at 441 School Road, Portage, Wisconsin, and a pupil expulsion hearing.

Also, as a part of this motion, go into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any

public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for administrative evaluations and contracts. at 8:23 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate –yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

9. No action in open session.

10. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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Recording Secretary

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