

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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April 24, 2023

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 7:00 p.m. and declared an open meeting by Board President Kelly Behnke. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Cross- yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes, Behnke – yes.
- 1.2 Board Members Present: Fahey, Cross, Garrigan, Foster and Behnke. Stevenson joined at 7:01 p.m. Board Members Absent- Shlimovitz.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
- 1.5 Guests Present: None.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Motion by Foster, second by Garrigan to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

4. A. Motion by Stevenson, second by Garrigan to nominate Kelly Behnke president. No other nominations.
Motion by Behnke, second by Garrigan to nominate Mark Fahey vice president. No other nominations.
Motion by Fahey, second by Stevenson to nominate Nicky Cross clerk. No other nominations.
Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to nominate Connie Shlimovitz treasurer. No other nominations.
Nominations carried.

5. Organizational Items
 - A. Motion by Foster, second by Stevenson to set board meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the administration building, with the additional meetings in April and third Monday in September. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey - yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
 - B. Motion by Behnke, second by Cross to designate Connie Shlimovitz as the CESA representative for 2023-2024. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
 - C. Motion by Fahey, second by Foster to approve Kelly Behnke as the WASB delegate and Nicky Cross as the alternate. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Foster – yes, Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross - yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
 - D. Motion by Foster, second by Fahey to approve the resolution designating depository, treasurer, deposit procedures and facsimile signatures as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
 - E. Motion by Fahey, second by Foster to designate the Portage Daily Register as the official publication. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Foster – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-1.

6. Action Items

A. Motion by Cross, second by Foster to approve the personnel (Resignations - Lori Jenkins, Tim Drager, Cali Heimann, Emily Pulver, Catherine Spitzers; Permission to Post - Phy Ed Teacher - John Muir, Special Ed Teacher – BMS, Reading Interventionist - Elementary (one year contract), Two Elementary Teachers) as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

7. Motion by Stevenson, second by Foster to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey - yes, Foster – yes, Behnke- yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Recording Secretary

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