

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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June 12, 2017

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 6:32 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, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Brown, Edwards and Foster. Student Representative: None. Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Hibner, Rudolph, Thistle, Meyer, Schoenborn, Paulsen, Haak, Wolfe, Kvalo, Meicher.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Kassie Fugere, Lisa Roche, Kellie Kilde, Jolene Routson, Robert Hepp.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster 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. Public Input
 1. None
5. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 - A. Intervention Presentation – Kellie Kilde and Jolene Routson discussed the district’s intervention program’s progress.
 - B. Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Report – Kassie Fugere and Salina Thistle presented an overview of the district’s 4K program.
 - C. Criteria for Success – Elementary and middle school principals shared their progress and goals for next year.
 - D. Administrators’ Reports – Nikki Schoenborn discussed upcoming summer school plans. Salina Thistle said it was a great school year. Robin Kvalo said PHS had a busy few weeks with graduation, Project Graduation and finals. Students are developing character lessons to share with other students. Barb Wolfe said she is in the process of hiring staff for the coming year. Matt Paulsen said PAA had 18 graduates and five new students. Bob Meicher introduced Bob Hepp to the board. Tim Haak said sports programs were busy gearing up for summer camps. Jason Meyer thanked Jolene Routson for her efforts and congratulated her on her new position. Larry Messer discussed the high school roof and Lewiston kitchen remodeling projects, as well as gymnasium floor rescreening. Margaret Rudolph discussed the PHS auditorium upgrades as part of an energy saving project. Charles Poches discussed the state budget process, including referendum-limiting legislation, the communications survey, PREPARE training and the upcoming stakeholders meeting July 20th to improve attendance. Peter Hibner talked about the Educator Effectiveness preparation underway.
 - E. Board President’s Comments/Correspondence – Steve Pate shared a letter from a local resident regarding a concern for discrepancies in student success based on gender.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the previous meeting minutes from May

8th and May 15th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes, Motion carried: 7-0.

- B. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (including approve payment of monthly bills, checks, the Food Service Policy 8550, the St. John’s Before and After School Program Renewal Agreement the 2017-18 District Property, Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal, and Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan - yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Pate –yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

May 2017

Fund 10	\$1,933,317.50
Fund 27	\$248,895.26
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$73,726.94</u>
Total May Expenditures	\$2,255,939.70

- C. Motion by Garrigan, second by Edwards to approve the payment of Checks #311797 & #311880 as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstention.
- D. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Personnel Committee Report (including central office administrative assistants wage increase) as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate –yes, Motion carried: 7-0.
- E. Information Technology Advisory Board report - tabled.
- F. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee Report (including the course options approval) as presented. Roll call – Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- G. Motion by Edwards, second by Garrigan to approve the athletic committee report (including the recommendation to allow the alumni football game) as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- H. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to approve the personnel (Resignations/Retirements- Jolene Routson, Dean of Students/Intervention Specialist, Muir, Jessica Pedretti, Science Teacher, Middle School, Jason Becker, Special Education Teacher, High School, Tracey Hoffmann, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, Mary Roberts, 3rd Grade Teacher, Rusch, Stephanie Maesch, Special Ed. Paraprofessional, Rusch, Becky Denman, Custodian Middle School, Janet Cole, Special Education Teacher, Woodridge, Permission to Post- MS Science, HS Special Education, Rusch Elementary, MS Language Arts, MS Custodial, Woodridge Special Education Teacher, 2 Dean Positions, Special Ed Paraprofessional, Hires- Gerald Burr, Technology Education Teacher, Middle School, Edgar Wyman, Guidance Counselor, Middle School, Joshua Krueger, Technology Education Teacher, High School, Samantha Schmitz, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, Alison Breckenridge, 3rd Grade Teacher, Rusch, Bruce Gerner, Food Service, Middle School, Lauren Norkosky, 3rd Grade Teacher, Rusch; Summer School- BMS Liz Schmocker and Lori Jenkins (sharing the English class), Karen Layman (teaching Math), Stefanie Zehner (teaching Science), PHS Shane Haak (Speed, Strength and Agility), Dan Kremer (Speed, Strength and Agility), Jake Dunks (Speed, Strength and Agility); Coaches- Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Jessica Howe, Baseball Head Coach Mike Hemming, Freshman Coach: Tim Drager/ Mike Nelson, Volunteers: Jerry Kabele, Bill Green, Jake Nelson, Matt Denman and James Burns, Boys Golf Head Coach: Ed Carlson, Junior Varsity: Rick Maass, Volunteer: Matt Denure, Girls Soccer Head Coach: Kathie Mayne, Junior Varsity: Karen Layman, Volunteers: Adam Killian, Sarah Heitmeier Dan Rolling, Softball Co-head Coaches: Amy Zeihen & Connie Wampler, Junior Varsity: Joe Woodhouse, Freshman:

- Rodney Przbyl, Boys Tennis Head Coach: Sarah Pulliam, Junior Varsity: Alex Firari, Track Head Boys: Brad Meixner, Head Girls: Joe Pease Assistant Coaches: Kari Krakow, Mike Ferguson, Fritz Hammer, Middle School: Paul Wilson, Kerry Melby, Volunteers: Steve Aldridge Tim Amend, Football, Assistant Coaches: Jake Dunks, Dan Kremer, Shane Haak, and Sean Stout, Supplemental Contracts- Lisa Hanson-Roche, Amy Cole) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – no, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-1.
- I.-K. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the I. Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance, J. Association for Equity in Funding, and K. Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association memberships for 2017-2018 as presented. Roll Call – Foster –yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- L. July Board meeting date – no action taken.
- M-O, Q-R. Motion by Edwards, second by Brown to approve M. the 2017-2018 elementary handbook, N. the 2017-2018 high school handbook, O. the 2017-2018 special education handbook, and the second readings of Q. the professional and R. paraprofessional handbooks as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – no, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan- abstain, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-1 with one abstention.
- P. Motion by Brown, second by Reckling to approve the 2017-2018 Professional Growth Incentive plan as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – no, Foster – no, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 4-2 with 1 abstention.
- S. Motion by Foster, second by Pate to issue the board commendations (Morgan Briggs, Tristan Wood, and PHS, Muir, Woodridge and Rusch for behavior interventions) as recommended. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
7. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Recording Secretary

The Portage Community School District will be a leader in education having high expectations for all students based on a clearly defined curriculum, partnering with parents and the community, and differentiating the instruction to meet the needs of every student in a literacy rich environment.