

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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June 12, 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 6:30 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Kelly Behnke. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Cross- yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.  
Board Members Present: Foster, Cross, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson and Fahey. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Schoenborn, Stolpa, J. Garrigan, Stout, Eppinger, Carlson, Gulrud, and VanderSchaaf.  
Guests Present: Shirley Hoel, Wendall Bare, Matt Dietzenbach, Kathy Tofson, Steffanie Murphy, Amber Lainberger, Julie O’Connell, and Terri Amend.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to approve the agenda as amended (eliminating 4.D).  
Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan- yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Board Updates
  - A. District English Language Arts and Math Specialists Program Update – Matt Dietzenbach presented information on the math intervention program and grade level data as well as next steps of the program.
  - B. Elementary English Language Arts and Math Coaches and K-8 New Teacher Mentor Program Update – Terri Amend, Kathy Tofson, and Julie O’Connell shared their roles and what they have been accomplishing this year.
  - C. K-12 English Learners Program Update – Steffanie Murphy and Amber Lainberger discussed the English Learners Program and their initiatives and progress with students.
  - ~~D. School Board Consortium Report~~
5. Public Comments – Shirley Hoel talked to the board about her suggestion of adding aides to school bus routes.
6. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Foster – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - B. Motion by Foster, second by Garrigan to renew the WASB membership for 2023-2024 as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - C. Motion by Stevenson, second by Fahey to approve the WIAA Agreement for 2023-2024 as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - D. Motion by Cross, second by Foster to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction Report as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

E. Motion by Foster, second by Garrigan to approve the Request for Proposal for Architectural Services from Plunkett Raysich. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

F. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the board commendations as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills except Check 321379, Field Trip Requests, Budget Transfers, and Property and Casualty Renewal for 2023-2024) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

**May 2023**

Fund 10	\$2,193,534.30
Fund 27	\$263,227.84
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$70,853.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,527,615.14

B. Motion by Cross, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report – Check 321379 as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – abstain, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

C. Motion by Stevenson, second by Fahey to approve the Curriculum & Instructional Technology Committee Report (Student Handbooks and Early College Credit Program Application) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster- yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey- yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

D. Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Safety Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Foster – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

E. Motion by Cross, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Personnel/Negotiations Committee Report (Resignations - Karla Atkinson – Teacher John Muir, Permission to Post - Teacher Grade 2- John Muir, Hires - Jordan Moser -ELA Interventionist (one year contract), Sharon Evers – Math Interventionist (one year contract), Mike Lucas – Tech Ed Teacher High School, Chris Rice – PE Teacher High School, Alex Firari – Special Ed Teacher, Tammy Chase – English Teacher High School, and revisions to the hourly and contracted staff handbooks for 2023-2025) as presented. Roll Call- Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. & 9. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the minutes minutes from a prior closed session regarding a pupil expulsion hearing. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0. The board did not go into closed session.

10. Motion by Stevenson, second by Foster to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler  
Recording Secretary

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