

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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July 10, 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, Pate – yes.
- 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Brown, and Foster. Student Representative: None. Board Members Absent: Edwards.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Hibner, Rudolph, Meyer, Messer, Conner, Paulsen, Haak, Wolfe.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Justin O'Rourke, Mickenzie Brogan.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 - A. None
5. Administrators' Reports – Jason Meyer said the John Muir Color Run has been scheduled for Sept. 23rd at 9 a.m. The hiring process continues. Sue Conner said the district is now updating 2000 Chromebooks in grades 3-12 and 250 teacher laptops. The Rusch phone system upgrade is complete. She attended the national conference this summer. Online registration is up and running. Barb Wolfe said she is in the process of hiring staff for the coming school year and working on the inservice schedule. Larry Messer said the roof project is wrapping up at PHS. Rusch, Muir, Lewiston and Woodridge updates are underway. Tim Haak said many students are involved in summer athletic camps. Matt Paulsen said interviews are underway for current staff openings. Students are working on their character education lessons they will be sharing with other students next school year. Sharing Supper is on July 31st. Margaret Rudolph said phase one of the auditorium lighting project is wrapping up with phase two, a light/sound panel upgrade, will begin soon. Peter Hibner said science and social studies will be brought back in Kindergarten through fifth grades. Charles Poches congratulated Bob Meicher on his 10 years with PCSD and his new position. He discussed the upcoming stakeholders meeting regarding student attendance on July 20th.
6. Public Input - None
7. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the previous meeting minutes from June 12th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes, Motion carried: 6-0.
 - B. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (including of approval of payment of monthly bills, 2016-2017 Pupil Transportation Report, Resolution to sell the 30' x 10' of property on Oakridge Drive (Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of the Portage Community School District, pursuant to Section 120.10(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, be authorized to sell property belonging to and not needed by the School District, to wit: the unplatted land located on Oakridge Drive, City of Portage, Columbia County, Wisconsin. The School Board shall have the

- authority to determine the terms and conditions of such sale, and to take all other appropriate action to accomplish the sale of such property), and gifts to the district. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- C. Approve payment of Checks 312022, 312099, 312117, and 312135) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – abstain, Reckling – yes, Garrigan - yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate –yes. Motion carried: 5-0 with one abstention.

June 2017

Fund 10	\$3,922,995.96
Fund 27	\$710,718.83
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$106,095.32</u>
Total June Expenditures	\$4,739,810.11

- D. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the Information Technology Advisory Board Report (including revisions to policies 5540.03 and 3213) as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate –yes, Motion carried: 5-1.
- E. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the Policy Committee report as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes.
- F. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the personnel (Resignations/Retirements- Paul Wilson, Science Teacher, High School; Paul Zuelke, Science/Agriculture Teacher, High School; Permission to Post- 1 FTE MS Science, .5 FTE HS Agriculture/.5 FTE HS Science; Hires - Susan Hepp, Language Arts Teacher, Middle School; Stephanie Gissal, 7 hrs/day School Nurse; Alex Karpelenia, 8 hrs/day Custodian, Rusch; Emily Vander Werff, Special Education Teacher, High School; Douglas Coddington, Dean of Students/Behavior Coach, Rusch; Summer School- Bronwyn Peterson, Erica Jenrich, Greg Neve; Contract/Hour Change- Cindy Holland, From 7 hrs/day to 8 hrs/day, Gerstenkorn) as presented. Roll call – Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-1.
- G. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 2017-2018 Portage Academy of Achievement 2017-2018 student handbook as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
8. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to go into closed session at 7:21 p.m. Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
9. Motion by Foster, second by Reckling to reconvene into open session at 8:02 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes. Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
10. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to accept the resignation of Bob Meicher without the assessment of liquidated damages. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
11. No action taken regarding the hiring process for an administrative position.
12. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

Recording Secretary

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