

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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July 10, 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 –Cross- yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.
Board Members Present: Cross, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson and Fahey.
Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Podoll, Muth, Paulsen, Schoenborn, Stolpa, J. Garrigan, Stout, Kane, Carlson, Gulrud, and VanderSchaaf.
Guests Present: Ryan Hansen, Tyler Bovre, Jean Mitchell, Amanda Semrad, Matt Dietzenbach, Darren Sievers, Sarah Johnson and Michael O’Brion.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan- yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates
 - A. 2022-2023 Seclusion and Restraint Data Update – Theresa Stolpa provided the data for the last school year.
 - B. Secondary ESSER Goal Report – Matt Paulsen, Jean Mitchell, Amanda Semrad, Ryan Hansen, Tyler Bovre and Matt Dietzenbach presented an overview of secondary coaching and interventionist progress and goals.
 - C. Endeavor TIF District Report – Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to table the TIF District Report. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Consider Selection of Replacement Board Member- Sarah Johnson and Michael O’Brion introduced themselves and answered a series of questions. Each board member then selected their top candidate via paper ballot. Sarah Johnson received four votes and Michael O’Brion received two votes. Johnson then took the oath of office and was seated to join the remainder of the meeting.
7. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - B. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the agreement with School Perceptions as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – abstain, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
 - C. Motion by Stevenson, second by Fahey to approve the Student Academic Standards for 2023-2024 as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Johnson – abstain, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

- D. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz to approve the District Medical Advisor – Dr. Paul Young - as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Johnson – abstain, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
- E. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Cross to approve the master lease purchase agreement as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – abstain, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
- F. Motion by Stevenson, second by Cross to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Kiel Area School District as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – abstain, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
- G. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the board commendations as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
8. Committee Reports
- A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills except Checks 321482 and 321535, Gifts to the District, Transportation Report, Field Trip Requests and Membership Audit) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – abstain, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
- B. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report – Checks 321482 and 321535 as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – abstain, Garrigan – abstain, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0 with two abstaining.
- C. Motion by Cross, second by Fahey to approve the Curriculum & Instructional Technology Committee Report (Special Education and Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbooks and Student Academic Standards for 2023-2023) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson- abstain, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey- yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
- D. Motion by Stevenson, second by Garrigan to approve the Co-Curricular Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – abstain, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-1 with one abstaining.
- E. Motion by Cross, second by Garrigan to approve the Personnel/Negotiations Committee Report (Hires: Jennifer Shier - Guidance Counselor John Muir, Andrew Page - Special Ed Teacher Woodridge, Shelby Glasgow - Social Worker Elementary, Ryan Kilde- 5th Grade Teacher John Muir, Kim Biehl – 6th Grade Teacher BMS; Supplemental Contract: Josh Krueger - Summer Contract for Building Trades; Professional Growth Incentive (PGI); and new Social Worker job description as presented. Roll Call- Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Johnson – abstain, Shlimovitz – no, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-1 with one abstaining.
9. Motion by Garrigan, second by Stevenson to go into closed session at 8:34 p.m. pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(e) of Wisconsin Statutes: deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
10. Motion by Stevenson, second by Cross to return to open session at 8:49 p.m. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz - yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to hire an appraiser to acquire land. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

11. Motion by Garrigan, second by Behnke to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler

Recording Secretary

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