

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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July 8, 2024

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 Connie Shlimovitz. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.  
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Shlimovitz, Garrigan, Behnke, and Fahey.  
Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: Stevenson.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Paulsen, Gulrud, Jahn, Schoenborn, Stolpa, Podoll, Garrigan, Stout, Muth, and Nickel.  
Guests Present: Emma Huber, Brenna Babcock, Mitchel Craig, Becky Kopfhamer, Mary Underkofler, Alonso Aranda, Kris Robers, Laura Vargo, Ben Kopfhamer, Syd Kopfhamer, Heidi Nickel, Connie Wampler, Amy Cohee, Lonnie Cohee, and Josie Roberts.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Garrigan, second by Behnke to approve the agenda as amended (Moving Commendations after 4A.). Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates
  - A. Presentation of PCSD Recognition Award Recipients – Josh Sween presented awards to recipients La Tolteca (Alonso Aranda), Craig's Popcorn Corner (Mitchel Craig), Becky Kopfhamer, Connie Wampler, Emma Huber, Amy Cohee, Heidi Nickel, and Tully Garrigan.
6. Action Items
  - H. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to approve the board commendations as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates
  - B. Student Presentation – Josie Roberts, PHS FFA, shared the FFA Creed and discussed her interests in FFA and agriculture.
  - C. Seclusion and Restraint Data Update – Theresa Stolpa shared last year's data.
  - D. Special Education Goal Update on the 2023-2024 School Year – Theresa Stolpa provided an update on the department's goal progress.
  - E. Achievement Gap Reduction Report – Angie Gulrud shared an update on the elementary AGR Report.
5. Public Comments – None
6. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the previous meeting minutes as amended. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

- B. Motion by Cross, second by Garrigan to approve the 2024-2025 Student Academic Standards as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- C. Motion by Johnson second by Cross to approve the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- D. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the Claybusters National trip as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- E. Motion by Garrigan second by Behnke to approve the payment of monthly bills except Check 322507 as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- F. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the payment of monthly bills – Check 322507 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – abstain, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 5-0 with one abstaining.
- G. Motion by Behnke, second by Fahey to approve the Swimming Co-Operative agreement with Poynette for 2025 as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

7. Committee Reports

- A. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to approve the Policy Committee Report (Updates and Technical Changes in Vol. 32.2 and Vol. 33.1, and updates and new Title IX Policy) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

- B. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Resignations: Desiree Matti - 2nd Grade Teacher - John Muir, Robyn Kruger - 4 / 5 Teacher – Lewiston, Tracey Hoffman - Spanish Teacher - HS; Permission to Post: 2nd Grade Teacher - John Muir, 4/5 Teacher – Lewiston, Spanish Teacher - HS; Hires: Rachel McLaughlin - Special Education Teacher – BMS, London Luecht - 2nd Grade Teacher - John Muir; and proposal to alter HS Key Club and Start Warrior Leadership Club) as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

- 8. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to go into closed session at 7:39 p.m. pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a), 19.85(1)(f), and 120.13(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes, to consider and take action as appropriate on minutes from a prior closed session regarding a pupil expulsion hearing (June 10, 2024). Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- 9. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to return to open session at 7:51 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
- 10. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.

Suzanne Hemler

Recording Secretary

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