

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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August 14, 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 6:32 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Kelly Behnke. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross- yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Podoll, Muth, Paulsen, Schoenborn, Stolpa, J. Garrigan, Kane, Gulrud, Eppinger, and VanderSchaaf.
Guests Present: Shirley Hoel.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson -yes, Garrigan- yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Board Updates
 - A. School Board Consortium Report - None.
 - B. Endeavor TIF District Report – Kelly Behnke shared information on the Village of Endeavor’s TIF project.
 - C. The board discussed committee assignments, TIF District Representatives for Portage and Endeavor, and the new WASB liaison.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Garrigan, 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 preliminary 2023-2024 budget as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - C. Motion by Cross, second by Shlimovitz to approve the annual meeting at 7 p.m. on September 18, 2023 and budget hearing at 6:45 at the Gerstenkorn Administration Building. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - D. Motion by Cross, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 2023-2024 Association for Equity in Funding membership renewal as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - E. Motion by Stevenson, second by Garrigan to rescind the prior motion to approve the Co-Curricular Committee Report. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – no, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-1 with one abstaining.

Motion by Stevenson, second by Garrigan to approve the Co-Curricular Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson - yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Reports from July 17, 2023 (Accept the RFP for construction management services submitted by C.G. Schmidt) and August 7, 2023 (Monthly Bills except Check 232400043 and Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

June 2023	
Fund 10	\$4,316,040.96
Fund 27	\$729,949.96
Fund 50	<u>\$77,613.25</u>
Total Expenditures	\$5,123,604.17

July 2023	
Fund 10	\$1,686,559.73
Fund 27	\$94,043.31
Fund 50	<u>\$10,233.31</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1,790,836.35

B. Motion by Stevenson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report – Check 232400043 as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

C. Motion by Cross, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Curriculum & Instructional Technology Committee Report (Part-Time Open Enrollment Application) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson- yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey- yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

D. Motion by Stevenson, second by Cross to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Resignations- Sara Karpinski, Patricia Pfann, Tina Brooks, Amanda Semrad; Permission to Post- Spanish Teacher – HS, English Teacher -BMS, Elementary Teacher – John Muir, Reading Interventionist – BMS; Hires- Erik McConnell – Math Teacher – BMS, Christine Redinger - 7th Grade Math Teacher BMS, Katy Peerenboom - Social Worker HS, Rebekah Taylor - Math Teacher HS, Tracey Hoffmann - Spanish Teacher HS; Updates to the Coach Handbook) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

8. Motion by Stevenson, second by Cross to adjourn at 6:54 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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