

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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September 11, 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 – 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, Hibner, Muth, Paulsen, Stout, Carlson, J. Garrigan, Kane, Eppinger, and VanderSchaaf.
Guests Present: Shirley Hoel, Sarah Pulliam, Lorisa Harvey.
- 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. Athletic Director Update – Ed Carlson shared an overview of the fall sports season so far this school year.
 - B. Social Studies Report – Sarah Pulliam shared information regarding her summer educational trips to the World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana and Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia.
 - C. 2024-2025/2025-2026 Calendar Options Discussion – Josh Sween discussed the process needed if the board would like to pursue a request to start the next two school years prior to September 1.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson 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.
7. Committee Reports
 - A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Reports from September 11, 2023 (Monthly Bills except Check 232400157, Field Trip Requests 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.

August 2023

Fund 10	\$1,946,352.82
Fund 27	\$45,352.55
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$10,544.31</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,002,249.68

B. Motion by Johnson, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report – Check 232400157 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 Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the Safety Committee Report 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 Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Permission to post - Kindergarten Teacher – Woodridge; Hires - Aileen Weeks – Kindergarten Teacher Woodridge, Haley Dushack – 2nd Grade John Muir) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: Motion carried: 7-0.

8. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to adjourn at 7:24 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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