

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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September 9, 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, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Cross, Shlimovitz, Garrigan, Behnke, Stevenson and Fahey. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Paulsen, Gulrud, Jahn, Geike, Vander Schaaf, Kane, Muth, Schoenborn, Stolpa, Podoll, Garrigan, Stout, Carlson, and Nickel.
Guests Present: Sarah Pulliam, Jean Mitchell.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Board Updates
A. Athletic Director Presentation - Fall Sports Report: Ed Carlson presented a summary of the fall athletics events so far this season.
B. High School/Middle School Goals Report: Jennifer Garrigan, Sean Stout, Sarah Pulliam, Kasey Podoll, Jennifer Muth, Matt Paulsen and Jean Mitchell discussed the progress being made on the established goals for the high school and middle school, including efforts with secondary ESSER coaching and interventionists.
C. Social Studies Summer Travel Report: Sarah Pulliam discussed her summer travels and educational opportunities she is bringing back to include in social studies curriculum.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
A. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to approve the previous meeting minutes as amended. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
B. Motion by Johnson, second by Cross to approve the board commendations as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
7. Committee Reports
A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Behnke to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, Gifts to the District, Field Trip Requests, 2024 Summer School Report, and OPEB Valuation Report) as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

B. Motion by Cross, second by Stevenson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler

Recording Secretary

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