

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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April 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 – Foster – yes, Cross- yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.
Board Members Present: Foster, Cross, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson and Fahey. Student Representative: Hunter Hohenstein.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Schoenborn, Paulsen, Stolpa, J. Garrigan, Stout, Eppinger, Carlson, Gulrud, VanderSchaaf and Kane.
Guests Present: Elizabeth Hansen and Mark Hoffmann.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan- yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Board Updates
 - A. Student Representative Report – Hunter Hohenstein discussed recent events at Portage High School including Mulronev Madness, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, the musical Mama Mia, and upcoming events including State FBLa and Band and Choir trip to New York City.
 - B. Technology Improvement Plan Update – Amy Eppinger provided technology updates regarding cybersecurity, network and infrastructure planning, digital learning resources and professional learning.
 - C. The Market Update – Elizabeth Hansen presented information on the growth of the district’s Market program to provide food for families and staff in the district.
 - D. Elementary/Special Education Goals Update – Nikki Schoenborn, Angie Gulrud, Melissa Kane, Cherida VanderSchaaf and Theresa Stolpa presented updates and data regarding elementary and special education programming goals.
 - E. School Forest Report – Mark Hoffmann shared short-term and long-term goals and ideas for the district forest property.
 - F. School Board Consortium Report - Connie Shlimovitz discussed the topics of Budgets/Contracts, Facilities/Listening Sessions, Elections, and Joint Finance Committee.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Foster, second by Stevenson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Foster – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

B. Motion by Foster, second by Cross to set the board reorganization meeting for April 24, 2023 at 7 p.m. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

C. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Cross to submit a letter from the school board to state elected officials supporting school finances at the state level. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes. Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

D. Motion by Foster, second by Cross to approve recommended revision to Policy 2220 – Adoption of Courses of Study as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, Budget Transfers, Gifts to the District, Field Trip Requests, BMO Harris Bank Resolution for Local Government Customer, Building Trades House Offer to Purchase and 2023-2024 Student Fees) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

March 2023

Fund 10	\$2,281,997.87
Fund 27	\$274,790.25
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$68,733.75</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,625,521.87

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

C. Motion by Foster, second by Garrigan to approve the Safety Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

D. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Cross to approve the Personnel/Negotiations Committee Report (Resignations- Amber Green – Special Ed Teacher, Rylee McCarthy – Guidance Counselor, Robin Ruhland – Speech Pathologist; Permission to Post- Teacher – Special Ed Muir, Guidance Counselor – Elementary, Speech & Language Pathologist – Elementary; Hires - Kari Todryk – Special Ed Teacher BMS and recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 Professional Staff Contracts) as presented. Roll Call- Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. Motion by Cross, second by Foster to go into Closed Session at 8:38 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c) and (e), for the purpose of discussing and taking action as appropriate, negotiations and strategies regarding collective bargaining with PEA. Also as part of the motion, consider going into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a), 19.85(1)(f), and 120.13(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes, consider and take action as appropriate on minutes from a prior closed session regarding a pupil expulsion hearing. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

9. Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to return to open session at 8:46 p.m. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
10. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to approve the 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Portage Community School District and the Portage Education Association. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
11. Motion by Stevenson, second by Garrigan to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler
Recording Secretary

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