

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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May 8, 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 6:31 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: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Schoenborn, Rueth, Paulsen, Stolpa, J. Garrigan, Stout, Eppinger, Carlson, Gulrud, VanderSchaaf and Kane.
Guests Present: Shirley Hoel, Jennifer Martens, Adelina Whiting, Chloe Schultz, Greta Shortreed, Jan Imhoff, Chloe Hibner, Rylne Kayartz, Haley Reiche, and Lindsey Johnson.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Foster 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 – None.
 - B. Artist in Residence Report – Jennifer Martens shared a presentation about the recent Artist in Residence program with Natasha Lehrer Lewis to bring the fiber arts process to elementary students.
 - C. School Board Consortium Report - Connie Shlimovitz discussed the topics of the frequency of board meetings and facility studies in various districts.
5. Public Comments – Shirley Hoel talked to the board about her suggestion of adding aides to school bus routes.
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 – abstain, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
 - B. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Foster to issue the board commendations as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - C. Motion by Foster, second by Garrigan to approve the open enrollment and in-district transfer report as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes. Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - D. Motion by Stevenson, second by Foster to approve the recommended change to the 2023-2024 school calendar 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 Garrigan, second by Foster to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills except Check 321308, Field Trip Requests, and Budget Transfers) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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Fund 10	\$2,265,107.69
Fund 27	\$421,311.62
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$73,729.95</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,760,149.26

B. Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report – Check 321308 as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

C. Motion by Foster, 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.

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

E. Motion by Cross, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Personnel/Negotiations Committee Report (Resignations- Shank Haak, Angela Kenas; Permission to Post- Teacher-Phy Ed High School, Guidance – Elementary, Hires- Samantha Anderson – Guidance John Muir, Sophia Walheim – Guidance Woodridge/Lewiston, Stephanie Kohl – Guidance High School, Breanna Carley – Speech Pathologist High School/Bartels Middle School, Aaron Olson – Ph Ed Teacher John Muir, Kayla Thompson – Science Teacher High School Stacie Pliner – Art Teacher High School, Kathleen Hamilton – Spec Ed Teacher John Muir and job descriptions for district specialist, new teacher mentor K-8, and student-centered instructional coach) 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 Foster, second by Stevenson to go into Closed Session at 7:03 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. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Foster – yes, Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

9. Motion by Garrigan, second by Stevenson to return to open session and adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler
Recording Secretary

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