

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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April 8, 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 Kelly Behnke. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes.
Board Members Present: Johnson, Behnke, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: Zugeey Leon.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Paulsen, Gulrud, Schoenborn, VanderSchaaf, Carlson, Stout, Kane, and Nickel.
Guests Present: Elizabeth Hansen, Kim Gohlke and Debbie Thome.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Stevenson, second by Cross 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. Student Representative Report – Zugeey Leon shared current events at PHS.
 - B. Technology Improvement Plan Update – Justin Nickel provided an overview of current technology topics.
 - C. The Market Update – Elizabeth Hansen shared highlights of the expansion of the Market program and its successes in the district.
 - D. Winter AGR Report – Cherida VanderSchaaf, Angie Gulrud and Melissa Kane presented the Winter AGR data report.
5. Public Comments – None.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Stevenson, second by Cross to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – abstain, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
 - B. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Stevenson to set the organizational meeting for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 8 p.m. as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - C. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to approve the revisions to Policy 8510 – Wellness as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - D. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to approve revisions to Policy 8500 – Food Service with recommended changes. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – 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 Report (Monthly Bills except Checks 322213 and 322265, Budget Transfers, Field Trip Requests, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for School Nutrition Programs, and Year-End Expenditures) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey -yes, Behnke - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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Fund 10	\$2,549,382.06
Fund 27	\$352,298.25
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$89,149.12</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,990,829.43

B. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills - Checks 322213 and 322265) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – abstain, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 5-0 with two abstaining.

C. Motion by Fahey, second by Johnson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report (Destinations Career Academy and Wisconsin Virtual School applications) as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

D. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Cross to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Resignations - Bridget Joers, Michael Meyers, Cathy Helmsing, Pamela Topel, Tyler Bovre, Hayley Dushack, Ciera Adams, Charlotte Doro; Permission to Post- English Teacher – HS, Guidance Counselor – Muir, Second Grade – Muir, Art Teacher – Muir, Art Teacher – BMS Math Teacher – BMS; job descriptions of Associate Principal and Kitchen Staff and PEA 2024-2025 negotiated agreement). as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to go into closed session at 7:22 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.82(1) and 19.85(1)(c) and (e), for the purpose of discussing and taking action as appropriate, negotiations and strategies regarding collective bargaining with PEA. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
9. Motion by Garrigan, second by Stevenson to return to open session at 7:34 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
10. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Garrigan to approve the 2024-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PEA as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
11. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to adjourn at 7:35 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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