

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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May 13, 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 District Administrator Josh Sween. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson, Behnke – yes.  
Board Members Present: Johnson, Behnke, Garrigan, Cross, Shlimovitz, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: Braxton Druckrey.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Paulsen, Stolpa, Muth, Garrigan, Podoll, Gulrud, VanderSchaaf, Carlson, Stout, Kane, and Nickel.  
Guests Present: Jennifer Saloun, Ally Saloun, Chloe Schultz, Madison Maass, Jan Imhoff, Lindsey Johnson.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Cross, second by Shlimovitz to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson -yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
4. Election of Officers for 2024-2025  
  
A. Motion by Cross, to nominate Kelly Behnke president. Motion by Stevenson to nominate Connie Shlimovitz president. Paper vote – Shlimovitz - 6, Behnke - 1.  
Motion by Garrigan to nominate Mark Fahey vice president. No other nominations. Voice vote – 7-0.  
Motion by Behnke to nominate Nicky Cross clerk. No other nominations. Voice vote – 7-0.  
Motion by Stevenson to nominate Dan Garrigan treasurer. Motion by Fahey to nominate Sarah Johnson treasurer. Motion by Behnke to nominate Ellen Stevenson treasurer. Garrigan – 3, Johnson – 2, Stevenson – 2.
5. Organizational Items  
A. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to set board meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the administration building, with the additional meetings in April and third Monday in September. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.  
B. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to designate Connie Shlimovitz as the CESA representative for 2024-2025. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.  
C. Motion by Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve Kelly Behnke as the WASB delegate and Nicky Cross as the alternate. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson - yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.  
D. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the resolution designating depository, treasurer, deposit procedures and facsimile signatures as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

- E. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to designate the Portage Daily Register as the official publication. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- 6. A. Student Representative Report – Braxton Druckrey shared current events at PHS.
- 7. Public Comments – None.
- 8. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Johnson, second by Stevenson to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - B. Motion by Garrigan, second by Cross to approve the open enrollment and in-district transfer report as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- 9. Committee Reports
  - A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Behnke to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills except Check 322285, Field Trip Requests, Partnering Pre-Kindergarten Agreements for 2024-2025, Student Accident Insurance for 2024-2025, 2024-2025 Student Fees, Challenge Academy Student Count Report, and Transportation Contract) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey -yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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Fund 10	\$1,989,141.60
Fund 27	\$436,698.62
Fund 50	<u>\$68,626.97</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,494,467.19

- B. Motion by Garrigan, second by Behnke to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills - Check 322285) as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Fahey – yes, Stevenson – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
- C. Motion by Cross, second by Stevenson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Garrigan – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- D. Motion by Fahey, second by Johnson to approve the Co-Curricular Committee Report (2024-2025 athletic fees) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- E. Motion by Behnke, second by Garrigan to approve the Safety Committee Report as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- F. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Resignations - Stephanie Ammerman, Kari Todryk, Andrea Bare, Samantha Pulsfus, Yaritza Rivera; Permission to Post - Math Teacher – BMS, Special Education Teacher – BMS, Second Grade Teacher – John Muir, Special Education Teacher – Woodridge, Math Teacher – HS, First Grade Teacher – Woodridge; Hires - Bridget Joers – English Teacher – HS, Shelby Awaachsach – Music Teacher – John Muir, Tenaya Mars – Art Teacher – BMS, Emma Brezenski – Kindergarten Teacher – Woodridge, Kaelyn Flairty – Second Grade Teacher – John Muir, Mandy Nesheim – School Counselor – John Muir, Grace Amundson – Art Teacher – John Muir, Kristin Maass – Dean of Students – John Muir, Bradley Nugent – Dean of Students – BMS) as presented. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – no. Motion carried: 6-1.

10. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to closed session at 7:02 p.m. under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c). Section 19.85(1)(c) allows a meeting to be closed to the public when a governmental body is going to consider employment or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

The purpose of the closed session is for conducting a private conference regarding the potential issuance of a final notice of nonrenewal of a teacher's contract in accordance with Section 118.22(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and then conduct such a private conference. Following the private conference, the Board will deliberate on the potential issuance of a final notice of nonrenewal of a teacher's contract in accordance with Section 118.22(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Board may also discuss the potential resignation of a teacher. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

11. Motion by Fahey, second by Stevenson to return to open session at 7:12 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
12. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson that the employment contract of Jennifer Shier not be renewed for the 2024-2025 school year and that the board president issue notice to the teacher in accordance with s.118.22 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Behnke – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
13. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Roll Call – Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes Stevenson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes Shlimovitz – yes, Cross – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Suzanne Hemler  
Recording Secretary

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