

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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June 10, 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 – Cross – yes, Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes.  
Board Members Present: Johnson (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Cross, Shlimovitz, Garrigan, Behnke, Stevenson, and Fahey. Student Representative: None.
- 1.2 Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Sween, Hibner, Paulsen, Gulrud, Schoenborn, Stolpa, Podoll, Pelton, Garrigan, Carlson, Stout, Kane, Muth, and Nickel.  
Guests Present: Steve Dubberstein, Molly Ryan, Daren Sievers, others.
- 1.4 Media Present: None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson -yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Board Updates
  - A. School Perceptions Community Survey Report – Daren Sievers provided an overview of the results from the community survey to gauge support for a potential referendum.
5. Public Comments – Steve Dubberstein spoke regarding the potential referendum.
6. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Garrigan, 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 Garrigan, second by Johnson to approve the 2024-2025 WASB membership renewal as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz - yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - C. Motion by Stevenson, second by Fahey to approve the 2024-2025 WIAA membership renewal as presented. Roll Call – Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Behnke – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - D. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to approve the approval of the 2024-2025 Kiel Virtual School agreement renewal as presented. Roll Call – Cross – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Garrigan – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - E. Motion by Stevenson, second by Johnson to approve the revisions to Policy 8500- Food Service as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
  - F. Citizen Representative Committee Assignments – No action taken.
  - G. Motion by Stevenson, second by Behnke 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.
  - H. Scheduling of July Board Retreat – July 22, 2024 at 5 p.m.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Behnke to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills except Check 322417, Gifts to the District, Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for 2024-2025, and Bus Transportation Agreement) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

**May 2024**

Fund 10	\$2,292,596.04
Fund 27	\$319,720.69
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$96,871.47</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,709,188.20

B. Motion by Behnke, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills – Check 322417) as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.

C. 1. Motion by Cross, second by Johnson to approve the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Committee Report (PHS, PAA, Elementary, and Rights & Responsibilities handbooks) as presented. Roll Call – Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Fahey – yes, Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Stevenson – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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

D. Motion by Cross, second by Behnke to approve the Personnel Committee Report (Resignations: Kaylie Fiene – 2nd Grade Teacher – John Muir, Doug Shanks – Special Education Teacher – John Muir, Jodi Kimball – K/1 Teacher – Lewiston, Kimberly Biehl - 8th Grade ELA – BMS, Megan Long - Speech/Language Pathologist - John Muir; Permission to Post: English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher, 2nd Grade Teacher - John Muir, Special Education Teacher – John Muir, K/1 Teacher – Lewiston, 8th Grade ELA – BMS, Speech/Language Pathologist - John Muir; Hires: AuBrie Toler – Special Education Teacher – John Muir, Joslyn Bower Nelson – 1st Grade Teacher – Woodridge, Heidi Killerlain – Math Teacher – BMS, Kate Woerpel – Interventionist, Desiree Torres – 2nd Grade Teacher – John Muir, Alyssa Gilden – 2nd Grade Teacher – John Muir, Alicia Klawitter – 6th Grade Teacher – BMS; Review of job descriptions for English Language Learners (ELL) Teacher Assistant and Restorative Justice Teacher Assistant; and Compensation change proposal for kitchen staff) as presented. Roll Call – Behnke – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Garrigan – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. Motion by Behnke, second by Johnson to go into closed session at 7:34 p.m. pursuant to under Sections 19.85(1)(a) and 19.85(1)(f), of Wisconsin Statutes to consider the expungement of a prior expulsion, in accordance with Section 120.13(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes and to review and discuss pupil records, as defined in Section 118.125 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Behnke – yes, Fahey – yes, Johnson – yes, Stevenson – yes, Cross – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

9. Motion by Behnke, second by Stevenson to return to open session at 8:08 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Cross – yes, Johnson – yes, Behnke – yes, Stevenson – yes, Fahey – yes, Shlimovitz – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

10. Motion by Johnson, second by Behnke to adjourn at 8:09 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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