

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 21, 2009**

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Monday, September 21, 2009, was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Whistler in the Professional Development Center of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge, Portage, Michigan.

Board Trustees Present: Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Randy Van Antwerp, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte

Board Trustees Absent: Melanie Kurdys

Administration Present: Marsha Wells, Superintendent; Tom Noverr, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Ric Perry, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Michael Batterson, Director of Technology; Denise Bresson, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Tom Vance, Community Relations Manager; Dan Vomastek, Director of Assessment and Student Information Systems; Gail Van Daff, Director of Special Education; Tom Zahrt, Director of Human Resources; and Karla Colestock, Business Manager

Other Guests: Julie Mack, *Kalamazoo Gazette*, and Millie Taraszka, a citizen

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Multi-Year Financial Planning.** The Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Mr. Tom Noverr, presented a strategic plan with budget impact analysis covering assumptions and variables for 2009/10, 2010/11, and 2011/12. Mr. Noverr, the Business Manager, Mrs. Karla Colestock, and Superintendent Wells responded to Trustee questions pertaining to: projected student counts, count day, staffing levels, stimulus funds, retirement rates, and millage renewals.

Superintendent Wells shared a draft plan to engage the community and staff in dialog to intentionally and strategically shape the District's future regarding the revenue shortfall. The Trustees requested additional information and came to a consensus to proceed with this framework to provide further feedback for efficiency and productivity.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent  
Recording Secretary