

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 11, 2006**

A special meeting of the Board of Education for Portage Public Schools was held on Monday, December 11, 2006, and was called to order by President, Shirley Johnson, at 5:33 p.m. The meeting was convened in the Professional Development Center at the Portage Public School District Administration Building, 8111 South Westnedge Avenue, in Portage.

Board Trustees Present: Tom Eddy, Kathy Howland, Shirley Johnson, Linda Lueth, Deb Polderman, and Jennifer Whistler

Administrative Staff Present: Pete McFarlane, Superintendent; John Manske, Legal Counsel; Tom Noverr, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; Ric Perry, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services; Michael Batterson, Director of Technology Systems; Denise Bresson, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Dan Vomastek, Director of Assessment and Student Information Systems; Tom Vance, Community Relations Manager; and representatives from TMP Architecture and AVB-Triangle Construction Management

After calling the meeting to order, President Johnson asked Dr. McFarlane to provide a brief outline of the current facilities and technology proposal. Following this presentation, Mr. Noverr gave the Board information about total project costs as well as estimated millage rate increases that would result from a successful bond campaign. Mr. Noverr also reviewed project lists for each building.

Mr. Noverr introduced Mr. Mark Reile, a representative from TMP Architects, who offered a PowerPoint presentation on facilities concepts for Northern High School. There were several questions from Board members about these concepts.

Following other questions from Board members about the proposed facilities plan, Mr. Noverr shared a draft copy of ballot language that would be brought to the Board's attention at the December 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, if the decision is made to pursue the proposed plan.

President Johnson called for a five minute break so that consultants could gather materials. After the break, Ms. Whistler shared a list of policy change recommendations with other Board members. She asked Ms. Bresson to briefly review those policy changes that related to changes in the Michigan graduation requirements.

President Johnson called attention to one of the policies that was up for review related to Board approval of architectural/construction management services. She asked that the Board Policy Committee review this policy with Mr. Noverr and Mr. Manske so that appropriate due diligence work can be accomplished prior to Board discussion in January or February.

There being no other business for the Board, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Pete McFarlane  
Secretary Pro Tem