

## Portage Public Schools Board of Education

**Action Brief:** An informal summary of Board action taken at its recent meeting.  
(Official Board meeting minutes are posted after Board approval.)

### April 20, 2009 Regular Business Meeting

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Johnson at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Shirley Johnson, Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte  Board Members Absent: None  Administration Members Present: Michael Batterson, Denise Bresson, Vickie Herzberg, Laurie Montgomery, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Dan Vomastek, and Marsha Wells
Approval of Consent Agenda	<b>Motion offered by Mrs. Whistler, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented.</b>  Included on the Consent Agenda was the approval of the revised Minutes of March 23, 2009, Regular Business Meeting, April 2, 2009, Policy Development Meeting; Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation; and Staff Appreciation Week Proclamation.  <b>Motion carried unanimously.</b>
Agenda Action Items	<b>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education accept the playground contract with Miracle of Michigan for the purpose of furnishing and installing playground equipment for 12<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School for the sum of \$100,000.00, as presented. This expenditure will be allocated to the 2007 Bond Issue #2. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1.</b>  <b>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mrs. Whistler, that the Board of Education accept the following roofing contract for Angling Road Elementary School; Division 7 Contractor, Inc., in the amount of \$339,331.00, as presented. These expenditures will be from the 2009/10 Building and Site Sinking Fund. Motion carried unanimously.</b>  <b>Motion offered by Mrs. Whistler, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the March 30, 2009, Special Board Meeting, as revised. Motion carried unanimously.</b>
Discussion Item	The Board discussed an Agenda Item Request in honor of Sunshine Week with respect to transparency and accountability. It was determined this

request would be reviewed by the Owner's Linkage Committee in order to determine a process for seeking feedback from the community. The Committee will report back to the Board with its recommendation.

Closed Session

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mrs. Whistler, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation and negotiations strategy. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried by a vote of 5-2.**

The Board moved into closed session at 9:30 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:55 p.m.

**Due to the late hour, the Closed Session discussion pertaining to the Superintendent's Evaluation was postponed.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.