

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.)

August 24, 2009 Regular Business Meeting

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Whistler at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Randy Van Antwerp and Jennifer Whistler Board Members Absent: John Whyte Administration Members Present: Michael Batterson, Denise Bresson, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Dan Vomastek, Marsha Wells and Tom Zahrt
Public Hearing	Held the Public Hearing on not offering breakfast service at West Middle School for the 2009/10 school year. Seeing no one come forward, President Whistler closed the Public Hearing.
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items, deferring the July 13, 2009, Organizational Meeting Minutes and Policy 3.9, Board Committee Structure to the September meeting, as presented. Included on the Consent Agenda was the approval of the Minutes of July 15, 2009, Policy Development Session, the revised August 7, 2009, Policy Development Session, and Policy And Bylaw Revisions. Motion carried unanimously.
Required Approval Item	Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following new teachers: Mr. Christopher Andrews, Ms. Angelique Biehl, Ms. Jessica Bierlien, Ms. Sarah Bird, Ms. Katie Brennan, Ms. Kaleen Grand, Ms. Trisha Howrigan, Ms. Joann Hurst, Ms. Kylie Johnson, Ms. Tanya Lasley, Ms. Christine Pratt, Ms. Kristen Shook, and Ms. Kristin Tuinier, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Tom Zahrt to the position of Director of Human Resources, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion offered by Mr. Posthumus, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Gail Van Daff

	<p>to the position of Director of Special Education, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Mike Huber to the position of Assistant Principal at Northern High School for the 2009/10 school year, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution, Amendment #1 to the Building and Site Sinking Fund Appropriations Act for the 2009/10 fiscal year, as presented. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.</p>
	<p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution requesting voter consideration at the November 3, 2009, General Election of a .5000 millage rate for a renewal Building and Site Sinking Fund (BSSF) that would begin in the school year 2010/11 and run through school year 2014/15, as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the Resolution failed by a vote of 3-3.</p>
	<p>Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, to initiate the planning process for proposing a Building and Site Sinking Fund millage renewal for the May election. Motion failed for lack of support.</p>
<p>Agenda Action Items</p>	<p>Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education certify the following delegate(s) Mrs. Kurdys for the 2009 MASB Delegate Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education cast a ballot for Mr. Allyn Miller as MASB Board of Director, Region 6, one-year term. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>Motion offered by Mr. Posthumus, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education cast a ballot for Ms. Debbie Squires as MASB Board of Director, Region V, three-year term. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Items of Information</p>	<p>Trustees agreed to move Agenda Request 1, Overview Presentation of Kalamazoo County-wide 4 year old Pre-school Initiative to a future agenda.</p>
	<p>Trustees agreed to forward Agenda Request 2, Specific Inquiries for Information to the Owner's Linkage Committee for further development before returning to the Board.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.</p>