

## 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 19, 2010 Special and Regular Business Meetings

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Call to Order	The special meeting was called to order by Vice President Whyte at 5:32 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Kevin Hollenbeck (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp, and John Whyte  Board Members Absent: None  Administration Members Present: Marsha Wells
Closed Sessions	<b>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Whyte, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy [Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act]. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.</b>  The Board moved into closed session at 5:33 p.m.  The Board returned to open session at 5:58 p.m.  <b>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged material [Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act]. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.</b>  The Board moved into closed session at 5:59 p.m.  The Board returned to open session at 6:23 p.m. and called a recess at 6:23 p.m.
Call to Order	The regular meeting was called to order by Vice President Whyte at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Administration Building.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Kevin Hollenbeck, Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp, and John Whyte  Board Members Absent: None

Administration Members Present: Sarah Baker, Karla Colestock, Tom Noverr, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, Dan Vomastek, Marsha Wells, and Tom Zahrt

Administration Members Absent: Denise Bresson and Ric Perry

Organizational  
Item

**Mrs. Polderman nominated Mr. Whyte for the position of Board President. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Polderman announced Mr. Whyte will assume the office of President.**

**Mr. Van Antwerp nominated Dr. Hollenbeck for the position of Board Vice President. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Mrs. Polderman announced that Dr. Hollenbeck would assume the office of Vice President.**

Approval of  
Consent Agenda

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Dr. Hollenbeck, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented.**

Included on the consent agenda was the approval of the Minutes of the March 22, 2010, Special and Regular Business Meeting, March 25, 2010, Special Meeting, and April 5, 2010, Special Meeting, and the Staff Appreciation Week Proclamation.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Action Items

**Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education grant permission for the Central High School students to travel to Peru in June 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education award the Central and Northern High Schools' Audio/Visual Technology Project as follows: Classroom AV to Central Interconnect of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$574,464.80; Small System AV to I.Comm of Wixom, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$68,731.51; and Large System AV to TPC Technologies of Niles, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$212,997.60. These awards, totaling \$856,193.91, will be funded from the 2008 Bond Fund #1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education accept all bid categories for the Asbestos Abatement at Lake Center Elementary School from Martin and Associates of Portage, Michigan, for a base bid of \$42,407.00. Funding for this project will come from the 2008 Bond Fund #2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Central Tile and Terrazzo of Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the amount of \$61,385.00 for the replacement of carpeting at Moorsbridge Elementary contingent upon passage of the Building and Site Sinking Fund (BSSF) millage renewal on May 4, 2010. This purchase will be allocated to the 2009/10 BSSF, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.