

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 23, 2010 Special and Regular Business Meetings

Call to Order	The special meeting was called to order by President Hollenbeck at 5:35 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Kevin Hollenbeck, Geoff Howe, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp, and Joanne Willson Board Members Absent: Melanie Kurdys Administration Members Present: Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Marsha Wells, and Tom Zahrt
Closed Session	Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Snyder, 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. The Board moved into closed session at 5:35 p.m. The Board returned to open session and called recess at 6:15 p.m.
Call to Order	The regular meeting was called to order by President Hollenbeck at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Administration Building.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Kevin Hollenbeck, Geoff Howe, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp, and Joanne Willson Board Members Absent: Melanie Kurdys Administration Members Present: Denise Bresson, Karla Colestock, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, Dan Vomastek, Marsha Wells, and Tom Zahrt Administration Members Absent: None
Approval of Consent Agenda	President Hollenbeck presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval by the Board of Education: The minutes of the July 12, 2010, Organizational Meeting; August 3, 2010, Special Meeting; August 12, 2010, Policy Governance Retreat; the August 13, 2010, Policy

Governance Retreat; and the Affirmation of the Tentative School Calendar. There being no requests for removal or objections to any items, President Hollenbeck declared approval by general consent.

Required
Approval Items

Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following new teachers: Ms. Sarah Coffman, Ms. Julie Fischhoff, Ms. Rosalie Kirsch, Ms. Kimberly Sinke, Ms. Miriam Thelen, Ms. Rhonda Rasmussen, Ms. Kristen Anderson, Mr. James Carrow, Ms. Jessica Clark, Ms. Diane Fort, Mr. Cory Hinga, Mr Bryan Johnson, Ms. Sarah Robbins, Ms. Julie Scheeler, and Mr. Eric Tundevold, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board of Education certify the following delegates Mrs. Kurdys, Mrs. Willson, and Mr. Howe for the 2010 MASB Delegate Assembly, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board of Education cast a ballot for Mr. Allyn Miller as MASB Board of Director, Region 6, with a friendly amendment to revise the term to three-years, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mrs. Willson, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to purchase of five (5) 77 passenger "IC" brand school buses at the bid price of \$84,404 per unit; and one (1) special needs lift equipped "IC" brand school bus at the bid price of \$99,110 per unit from Midwest Transit Equipment of Michigan in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Portage Public Schools Request for Proposal. Funding for the total purchase cost of \$521,128 would come from the 2008 Bond Fund #1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mr. Howe, seconded by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the qualified low bid of ControlNet L.L.C. of Kalamazoo for District-wide temperature controls and an energy profiling and management system in the amount of \$335,525. All eligible funding for this proposal would come from the 2010/11 Building and Site Sinking Fund. Any balance of funding, as determined necessary by our independent auditors and legal counsel, would come from the 2010/11 General Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education accept the low bid from TJ Construction of Sparta for a District-wide storage building on 12th Street Elementary property

in the amount of \$46,990. Funding for this project would come from the 2008 Bond Fund #2, as presented. An amended motion was offered by Mr. Howe, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Administration will conduct careful consideration of the building with community stakeholders. Both the original and amended motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.