

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 6, 2008

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Johnson in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge.

Board Trustees Present: Tom Eddy, Shirley Johnson, Melanie Kurdys, Wendy Mazer, Deb Polderman, and Jennifer Whistler

Board Trustees Absent: Dale Posthumus

Administration Present: John Manske, Legal Counsel; Tom Noverr, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Ric Perry, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; Tom Vance, Community Relations Manager; and Marsha Wells, Superintendent

Others Present: Julie Mack, Kalamazoo Gazette

Superintendent Wells thanked the Trustees for their attendance at this special meeting and explained this enables our payroll department to expedite processing procedures. She asked Mr. John Manske, Legal Counsel, to share key elements of the tentative contract that was ratified yesterday by the Education Association membership.

ACTION ITEM

A motion was offered Mrs. Whistler, supported by Mr. Eddy, that the Board of Education ratify the Portage Education Association contract for the 2007/08 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

In order to proceed with strengthening the policy governance process, President Johnson affirmed the Board's earlier direction to obtain a consultant to assist with the Board's transition to the Carver Model. After Trustee comments were shared, Superintendent Wells asked the Board members to forward any thoughts pertaining to this consultant to Mrs. Whistler, the chair of the Policy and Personnel Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent
Recording Secretary