

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 28, 2008**

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Monday, April 28, 2008, was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by President Johnson in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge.

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

Board Trustees Absent: Tom Eddy

Administration Present: John Manske, Legal Counsel; Vickie Herzberg, Human Resources Manager; and Marsha Wells, Superintendent

Mr. John Manske informed the Trustees that upon employee contact with the administration, this discussion will be held in closed session.

The Board returned to open session at 8:10 a.m.

**ACTION ITEM**

**A motion was offered by Mrs. Whistler, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education approve the resolution as presented. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.**

A motion was offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Posthumus, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

The Board returned to closed session at 8:15 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent  
Recording Secretary

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Portage Public Schools employed Amy Foerster as a probationary teacher for the 2007-2008 school year; and,

WHEREAS, during her period of employment, Amy Foerster has been evaluated by appropriate administrators; and,

WHEREAS, said administrators and the Superintendent of Schools have recommended that Amy Foerster not be re-employed for the 2008-2009 school year as a result of unsatisfactory performance; and,

WHEREAS, the probationary teacher's administrators and the Superintendent of Schools have indicated that Amy Foerster's performance has been unsatisfactory in the areas of planning/preparation; management of student behavior; establishing a culture of learning; and relative to engaging students in learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools hereby determines that the above-cited reasons constitute unsatisfactory performance of Amy Foerster's duties and responsibilities.

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools in so finding that Amy Foerster's performance has been unsatisfactory determines that she will not be re-employed for the 2008-2009 school year and that her services will be discontinued at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to provide Amy Foerster with a copy of this Resolution.

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
It's President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
It's Vice President