

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOVERNANCE RETREAT MINUTES**

August 2, 2008

The governance retreat meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Saturday, August 2, 2008, was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by President Johnson in the Terrace Room of the MSU - W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, 3700 E. Gull Lake Drive, Hickory Corners, Michigan.

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

Board Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Marsha Wells, Superintendent, and Eric Craymer, Growth Management Consulting

POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Mr. Eric Craymer, Growth Management Consulting, continued the extensive training session as the Board moved forward in making a transition to a Carver Governance model. Development of a new set of governance policies continued.

FUTURE POLICY DEVELOPMENT STEPS

It was agreed that the next training sessions would take place on Monday, August 18, 2008 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and August 25, 2008 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. with the location to be determined.

OTHER

Superintendent Wells updated the Board regarding a few operational items.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wells
Secretary Pro Tem