

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOVERNANCE RETREAT MINUTES**

August 25, 2008

The governance retreat meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Monday, August 25, 2008, was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Johnson in the Professional Development Center of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge, Portage, 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, led an extensive training session as the Board moved forward in making a transition to a Carver Governance model. Development of a new policy structure was continued.

OTHER

The Trustees discussed the August 4, 2008 meeting minutes and the degree of transparency necessary was considered.

A motion was offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Whistler, that the Board of Education move the Minutes of the August 4, 2008 Committee Of The Whole Work Session to an action item. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mrs. Whistler, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2008 Committee Of The Whole Work Session. Motion carried with President Johnson, Mrs. Mazer, Mrs. Polderman, Mr. Posthumus, Mr. Rathburn, and Mrs. Whistler voting in favor of the motion; Mrs. Kurdys voting against.

CLOSED SESSION

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 property acquisition. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

The Board moved into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wells
Secretary Pro Tem