

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES**

December 15, 2008

The policy development meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Monday, December 15, 2008, was called to order at 4:37p.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, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte

Board Trustees Absent: None

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

POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

With the assistance of Mr. Craymer, the Board discussed the Bylaw draft revision pertaining to School Board Vacancy and the draft of a new policy - Policy 2.11, Long Term Asset Planning.

Mr. Craymer guided the Board through a minor revision to the Bylaws, a review of Board Policy 3.1 and agenda item requests. It was agreed that a revision to the Bylaws would be brought forward for approval in January, that review of Board Policy 3.1 would continue later in the year and that the Board would defer consideration of any Board member agenda item requests until the process of developing District End Statements was completed.

Mr. Craymer guided the Board through a discussion regarding end statements. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

The Board determined that its next policy governance session would be held on January 12, at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wells
Secretary Pro Tem