

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES**

February 9, 2009

The policy development meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Monday, February 9, 2009, was called to order at 5:15 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, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte

Board Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Marsha Wells, Superintendent

POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

The Board discussed Policy 1.0 Global Ends and determined revisions to be made to the policy. It was agreed that the revised policy would be brought forward in the February 9 Work Study Session as action so that the new policy could be posted on the District web site.

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's Monitoring Report for Policy 2.5 Financial Conditions and Activities. Through the discussion, the Board indicated it would like more elaboration on internal control mechanisms that are in place, but found that the Superintendent's interpretation was justifiable, reasonable and addressed all aspects of the policy. There was discussion about the potential need for additional policy language and it was agreed to defer that discussion to a later point.

The Board discussed the role of the Owner Linkage Committee and directed its members to bring a draft of future activities for the Board's consideration.

With other agenda items remaining to be discussed, it was agreed that the Board President would set a future policy governance session.

ACTION ITEM

Motion offered by Mrs. Whistler, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education accept the Monitoring Report of Policy 2.5 Financial Conditions and Activities. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wells
Secretary Pro Tem