

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES**

**February 23, 2009**

The policy development meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Monday, February 23, 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, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte

Board Trustees Absent: Melanie Kurdys

Others Present: Marsha Wells, Superintendent

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

Board President Shirley Johnson briefly reviewed with the Board the feedback that she had received from members regarding Policy 3.3 Board Member Code of Conduct and Policy 3.8 Board Committee Principles. There was agreement that no revisions to the policies were needed. There was consensus that the Board was not in full compliance with these policies and that it would renew its efforts to do so in moving forward.

Discussion occurred related to Policy 2.11 Long Term Asset Development. It was agreed that the Administration would seek further clarification of 'long term asset' from an accounting perspective before proceeding further. President Johnson led a discussion about the policy development process and sought feedback about other options regarding how policy drafts could be constructed in a more efficient manner.

In future agenda planning, it was verified that a date would be set in April in order to discuss to focus on the District's areas of support for struggling students. It was also determined that the Owner Linkage Committee should draft a description of its charge to be discussed at the next work session on March 9.

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