

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

December 2, 2009

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice President Posthumus in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge, Portage, Michigan.

Board Trustees Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn,
Randy Van Antwerp, and John Whyte

Board Trustees Absent: None

Administration Present: Marsha Wells, Superintendent; Ric Perry, Assistant Superintendent
of Instruction; and Tom Zahrt, Director of Human Resources

Guests Present: Kevin Harty, Legal Counsel

CLOSED SESSION

Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Whyte, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy [Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act]. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

The Board moved into closed session at 8:00 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:30 a.m.

The Board discussed the process for reviewing potential candidates for Board appointment. It was agreed that the Board will conduct interviews with the finalists at the special meeting scheduled for December 7 and that the financial presentation will be postponed to December 14, if current discussions with union leaders continue to be productive.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent
Recording Secretary