

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 9, 2009**

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, was called to order at 7:35 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; and Ric Perry, Assistant  
Superintendent of Instruction

Guests Present:               Tom Haroldson, *Kalamazoo Gazette*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mrs. Kurdys, 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 7:35 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:50 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent  
Recording Secretary