

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GOVERNANCE POLICY RETREAT MINUTES**

July 11, 2007

The governance meeting of the Board of Education for Portage Public Schools was held in the Parfet Board Room at The Radisson, 100 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Johnson at 3:10 p.m.

Board Trustees Present: Tom Eddy, Shirley Johnson, Melanie Kurdys, Wendy Mazer, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, and Jennifer Whistler

Administrative Staff Present: Marsha Wells, Superintendent

Others Present: Dr. Tim Quinn, President, Michigan Leadership Institute; and Sarita Chourey, Kalamazoo Gazette

**Governance Team Standards of Practice.** Dr. Quinn facilitated the discussion as part of the conclusion of the superintendent search process conducted on behalf of the school Board by the Michigan Leadership Institute. The school Board reviewed standards of board governance utilized by peak performing governance teams throughout the nation and examined examples from several other school Boards, including Fort Worth, Texas, and Atlanta, Georgia, as they identified those that they anticipated using for their operating procedures for the upcoming year with the new Superintendent. The Board members and Superintendent also discussed communication protocols, as well as a framework for the new Superintendent to become acquainted with District employees and members of the community.

**Future Governance Steps.** A draft of governance team standards of practice discussed will be formally constructed for subsequent review and validation by the school Board and Superintendent.

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Wells  
Secretary Pro Tem