

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

ADDENDUM

MAY 21, 2012

COMMUNITY ROOM

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

8111 S. WESTNEDGE, PORTAGE, MI

6:30 P.M.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MAY 16, 2012, 6:30 P.M.**

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Action Items

3. Recommended Purchase of Reading Program for Kindergarten Through Fifth Grades (Revised Enclosure #9)

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Houghton Mifflin Reading Program, *Journeys*, for Kindergarten through Fifth Grades. Implementation of Kindergarten, First and Second Grades would happen in the 2012/13 school year with Grades Three, Four and Five following in the 2013/14 school year. The total cost is \$420,090, as presented.



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To: Ric Perry, Superintendent
From: Nancy A. Haas
Date: May 21, 2012
Re: Recommended Purchase of Reading Program for Kindergarten through Fifth Grades
(Revised 05/21/2012)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Houghton Mifflin Reading Program, *Journeys*, for Kindergarten through Fifth Grades. Implementation of Kindergarten, First and Second Grades would happen in the 2012-2013 school year with Grades Three, Four and Five following in the 2013-2014 school year. The total cost is \$420,090.00.

BACKGROUND

The current Houghton Mifflin program is over 10 years old, difficult to find replacement components in print, and is not tied to the Common Core State Standards.

The Reading Committee membership of grade level team leaders, classroom teachers, reading specialists, special education and title one teachers, media and technology integration specialists, school psychologist and administrators, met on 12-19-11 to discuss our needs, recommend an evaluation tool, and participate in reading program presentations.

We researched other Language Arts programs, looked for the best fit for Portage and narrowed the selections to Scott Foresman *Reading Street* and Houghton Mifflin *Journeys*. Both programs were in each elementary school for one week for previewing. We had 263 staff and 31 parent evaluation forms completed. These were considered in the decision making process.

Originally the time line was to field test the selected program in the fall. Due to the recommendation of Houghton Mifflin, which teachers are somewhat familiar with, and the need to purchase additional Kindergarten materials in the fall, the administration recommends full implementation for Kindergarten through second grade in the 2012-2012 school year, followed by grades Three, Four and Five in 2013-2014. Young Fives will continue to use the current Houghton Mifflin program that is three years old and should be available for the next ten years. The cost includes teacher editions for not only our teachers, but our Reading Consultants, Special Ed and Title 1 teachers, etc.

The total cost of this proposal is \$420,090, to be paid over three budget years: \$13,349 to be paid from the 2011-2012 budget (teacher editions needed for June training), \$196,741 to be paid from the 2012-2013 budget and \$210,000 to be paid from the 2013-2014 budget.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have on this recommendation.