

## Portage Public Schools Board of Education

**Action Brief:** An informal summary of Board action taken at its recent meeting.  
(Official Board meeting minutes are posted after Board approval.)

### January 11, 2010 Committee of the Whole Work Session

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Vice President Whyte at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	<p>Board Members Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp, and John Whyte</p> <p>Board Members Absent: Dale Posthumus</p> <p>Administration Members Present: Sarah Baker, Michael Batterson, Denise Bresson, Karla Colestock, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, Dan Vomastek, Marsha Wells, and Tom Zahrt</p> <p>Administration Members Absent: None</p>
Discussion Items	<p>The Board discussed the following Bond Project Updates: Construction Manager Report, Classroom Furniture Purchases for Lake Center Elementary, Administration Area/Classrooms/Media Center/Cafeteria/Miscellaneous Furniture Purchases for Lake Center Elementary, Lake Center Elementary Network Infrastructure Bid, and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School Additional Classroom Bid.</p> <p><b>Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education move the Classroom Furniture Purchases for Lake Center Elementary to an action item. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1.</b></p> <p><b>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the Classroom Furniture Purchases for Lake Center Elementary in the amount of \$146,719.39 from the 2008 Bond Fund #2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education move the Administration Area/Classrooms/Media Center/Cafeteria/Miscellaneous Furniture Purchases for Lake Center Elementary to an action item. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1.</b></p> <p><b>Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the Administration Area/Classrooms/Media Center/Cafeteria/Miscellaneous Furniture Purchases for Lake Center Elementary in the amount of \$147,526.01 from the 2008 Bond Fund #2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</b></p>

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education move the request to accept the quote from Netrix for the purchase of additional items to support the District's ongoing technology infrastructure and phone system upgrade for a total of \$175,767.18 to an action item. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1.**

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education accept the quote from Netrix for the purchase of additional items to support the District's ongoing technology infrastructure and phone system upgrade for a total of \$175,767.18, proceeds coming from the 2008 Bond Funds #1 and #2, as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education move the request to accept the general contractor bid from Cornerstone Construction Management of Portage in the base bid amount of \$447,500.00 for the construction of a four classroom addition on 12<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School to an action item. Motion failed for lack of support.**

The Board discussed the Building and Site Sinking Fund Update; the Service Consolidation Plan Resolution; and the Great Start Readiness Program Resolution.

**Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education move the Race to the Top Resolution, as presented, to an action item. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution which endorses, with qualifications, the District's pursuit of eligibility for federal 'Race to the Top' funds, as presented. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.**

The Board discussed revisions to the November 23, 2009, Regular Business Meeting Minutes.

**Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education move the revised Minutes of the November 23, 2009, Regular Business Meeting to an action item. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board approve the revised Minutes of the November 23, 2009, Regular Business Meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with one abstention.**

Action Item

**Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the recommended adoption of the JumpStart curriculum for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to be delivered by**

**Prevention Works under the supervision of our middle school science teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Closed Session

**Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Polderman, 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 8:45 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.