

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.)

August 22, 2011 Special and Regular Business Meetings

Call to Order	The special meeting was called to order by President Snyder at 5:17 p.m. in the Instructional Services Conference Room in the Administration Building.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Tom Eddy, Ted Hartridge, Geoff Howe, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp and Joanne Willson Board Members Absent: None Administration Members Present: Karla Colestock, Ric Perry and Tom Zahrt
Closed Session	Motion offered by Mrs. Willson, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, 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 5:17 p.m. The Board returned to open session and recessed at 6:22 p.m.
Call to Order	The regular meeting was called to order by President Snyder at 6:33 p.m. in the Community Room of the Administration Building.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Tom Eddy, Ted Hartridge, Geoff Howe, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp and Joanne Willson Board Members Absent: None Administration Members Present: Denise Bresson, Karla Colestock, Larry Killips, Rob Olsen, Ric Perry, Mark Root, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, Dan Vomastek and Tom Zahrt Administration Members Absent: None
Recognitions	The Board received a Proclamation from the City of Portage honoring Central and Northern High Schools for being ranked as top high schools in the nation; accepted a contribution check in the amount of \$35,000 from the Portage Education Foundation; and recognized Karla Colestock for earning her Michigan School Business Officials Business Manager Certificate.

Reports	The Board received a Superintendent's Report, a Financial Report and shared a Board Committee Report.
Approval of Consent Agenda	President Snyder presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval by the Board of Education: The minutes of the June 20, 2011, Special and Regular Business Meetings, July 11, 2011, Organizational Meeting, July 12, 2011, Policy Governance Retreat, July 13, 2011, Policy Governance Retreat and July 29, 2011, Special Meeting. There being no objections to any items, motion carried unanimously.
Required Approval Items	<p>Motion offered by Mrs. Willson, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following new teachers: Ms. Nancy Jaswik, Ms. Darcie Martin, Ms. Kathryn Oldham, Mr. Chris Palmer, Ms. Kaitlyn Paynich and Ms. Teela Troth-Renda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mr. Eddy, seconded by Mr. Hartridge, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Justin Walker to the position of High School Assistant Principal, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mrs. Willson, seconded by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the following recall from layoff: Mrs. Ann Alburtus, Mr. Josh Bartz, Mr. James Carrow, Ms. Jessica Clark, Ms. Katie Eichstaedt, Ms. Julie Fischhoff, Ms. Kally Graham, Ms. Kayleen Grand, Mr. Brett McNeal, Ms. Dawn Merasco, Ms. Michelle Middlebrooks, Ms. Stacy Reinhart, Ms. Julie Scheeler, Ms. Kristen Shook, Mr. Daniel Stahr, Ms. Lisa Trott, Mr. Eric Tundevold, Ms. Aimee Wendland and Ms. Nicole Zielonka, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Action Item	Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve Regulation #4620, Assignment, Transfer, Layoff and Recall, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.