

## 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 30, 2012 Regular Business Meeting

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Call to Order	The regular meeting was called to order by President Snyder at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Administration Building.
Roll Call	Board Members Present: Tom Eddy, Geoff Howe, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp and Joanne Willson  Board Members Absent: Ted Hartridge  Administration Members Present: Karla Colestock, Larry Killips, Rob Olsen, Ric Perry, Mark Root, Craig Ross, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff and Dan Vomastek  Administration Members Absent: Lynne Cowart
Recognitions	The Board recognized the Portage Rotary Club support for Community High School. MiCase recognized Tom Zahrt with the Award for Collaborative Excellence.
Reports	The Board received a Superintendent's Report, a Financial Report and shared Board Committee Reports.
Approval of Consent Agenda	<b>President Snyder presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval by the Board of Education: The minutes of the December 12, 2011, Special and Regular Business Meetings, December 22, 2011, Special Meeting, January 9, 2012, Policy Governance Retreat, and January 16, 2012, Special Meeting and Committee of the Whole Work Session, and the Policy 2.4, Financial Planning/Budgeting. There being no objections to items, motion carried unanimously.</b>
Required Approval Items	<b>Motion offered by Mrs. Willson, seconded by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following new teachers: Ms. Chelsea Crouch, Ms. Rachel Mancino-Smith and Ms. Laurie Waldvogel, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</b>  <b>Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by President Snyder, that the Board of Education approve the three-year extension of the Custodial Services Contract with Grand Rapids Building Services, Inc., as presented. It is further recommended that the Board of Education not approve the Day-Time Staff Option, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</b>

Action Items

**Motion offered by Mr. Howe, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 275 document cameras for use with Technology Enhanced Classroom systems from Netrix in an amount not to exceed \$54,628.75, monies coming from the 2008 Bond Funds #1 and #2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Howe, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 50 laptop computers from Insight Public Sector for an amount not to exceed \$29,820.50, proceeds coming from the 2008 Bond Fund #1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Howe, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 136 large screen displays from Troxell Communications, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$321,920.16, funds coming from the 2008 Bond Fund #1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Howe, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the recommended changes and additions to the science curriculum that were approved by the District Curriculum and Instruction Council (CIC) on December 14, 2011, and are supported by the Administration, as presented. Mr. Van Antwerp offered a friendly amendment, adopted by general consent, to change the word “approve” to “affirm”. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Eddy, seconded by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the nomination of Ms. Patti Chen to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee at KRESA (Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency). This appointment would be for a three-year term expiring in the 2014-15 school year, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, seconded by Mr. Eddy, that the Board of Education approve the Collaborative Marketing Effort Proclamation, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by President Snyder, that the Board of Education approve the West Middle School Kitchen Equipment Purchase Recommendation, as presented. Mrs. Willson offered a friendly amendment, adopted by general consent, to add “Purchase One – South Bend GSX-10HE Two Compartment Floor Model, Gas Fired Convection Steamer with 10 pan capacity from the lowest qualified bidder, Great Lakes West, for a total cost of \$11,365.22 and Purchase Two – South Bend KTLG-40, 40 gallon Gas Fired Tilting Steam Jacketed Kettles from the lowest bidder, Great Lakes West, for a**

**cost of \$31,423.92, from the Food Services Fund". Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the Policy 2.5, Financial Condition and Activities, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.