

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.)

May 21, 2012 Regular Business Meeting

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, Ted Hartridge, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp and Joanne Willson Board Members Absent: Geoff Howe Administration Members Present: Sarah Baker, Karla Colestock, Nancy Haas, Rob Olsen, Ric Perry, Craig Ross, Tom Vance and Gail Van Daff Administration Members Absent: Lynne Cowart, Larry Killips, Patricia Koeze, Mark Root and Dan Vomastek
Recognitions	The Board recognized the Northern High School Forensics Team and three students who captured individual state titles.
Public Hearing	Held a Public Hearing on the Freedom From Bullying-Harassment Policy.
Reports	The Board received a Superintendent's Report, a Financial Report, Citizen Comments, Board Comments and shared Board Committee Reports.
Approval of Consent Agenda	President Snyder presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval by the Board of Education: The minutes of the April 11, 2012, Special Meeting, April 16, 2012, Regular Business Meeting, April 23, 2012, Policy Governance Session, April 25, 2012, Special Meeting and May 7, 2012, Special Meetings and Committee of the Whole Work Session; Recommendation to Set Public Hearing on Proposed 2012/13 Budget; Renewal of Chartwells Food Service Management Contract For 2012/13; and Recommended 2012/13 Breakfast and Lunch Prices. There being no objections to items, motion carried unanimously.
Required Approval Items	Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Eddy, that the Board of Education adopt the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency General Fund Operating Budget Resolution for the 2012/13 school year, as presented. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Action Items

Motion offered by Mrs. Willson, seconded by Mr. Hartridge, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to accept the proposal of Huntington National Bank for tax exempt term loans in the amount of \$631,062.00 at a fixed interest rate of 1.99% and adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the issuance of installment purchase contracts to Holland Bus Company and Cole Buick for bus and van financing and authorizes the Superintendent or Business Manager to execute this financing agreement, as presented. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion offered by Mr. Eddy, seconded by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve Policy 5400 Freedom from Bullying-Harassment regulation, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Hartridge, that the Board of Education approve the addition of Varsity boys and girls Alpine Racing Teams as a cooperative, self-funded, school sponsored winter sport for Portage Central and Northern High Schools beginning in the 2012/13 school year, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mrs. Willson, seconded by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Houghton Mifflin Reading Program, *Journeys*, for Kindergarten through Fifth Grades (pending the CIC recommendation on May 16, 2012). 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. Mrs. Willson offered a friendly amendment to remove the wording (pending the CIC recommendation on May 16, 2012) from the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.