

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GOVERNANCE RETREAT MINUTES**

**August 18, 2008**

The governance retreat meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Monday, August 18, 2008, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Johnson in the Professional Development Center of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge, Portage, Michigan.

Board Trustees Present: Shirley Johnson, Melanie Kurdys, Wendy Mazer, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, and Jennifer Whistler

Board Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Marsha Wells, Superintendent, and Eric Craymer, Growth Management Consulting

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

Mr. Eric Craymer, Growth Management Consulting, led an extensive training session as the Board moved forward in making a transition to a Carver Governance model. Development of a new policy structure was initiated.

**FUTURE POLICY DEVELOPMENT STEPS**

The training session was set to continue on August 25, 2008.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wells  
Secretary Pro Tem