

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES**

**July 15, 2009**

The policy development meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by President Whistler in the Back Ballroom of the Kalamazoo Country Club, 1609 Whites Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Board Trustees Present:       Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn,  
Randy Van Antwerp, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte

Board Trustees Absent:       None

Others Present:               Marsha Wells, Superintendent and Mike Washburn, Facilitator

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

President Whistler guided the Board through a review of Board Governance Policies 3.1-3.10 as well as its governing by-laws. Agreement was reached on several changes. A recommitment was made to adhere to its governance policies in the upcoming year. A draft of the changes will be brought forward to the next policy governance session for further review.

Facilitator Mike Washburn then assisted the Board in its reflection of the challenges it faced collectively and as individual Board members in the prior year. The meeting concluded with a discussion regarding how to strengthen their effectiveness as a governing body to best serve the community.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wells  
Secretary Pro Tem