

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 5, 2010

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Portage Public Schools held on Monday, April 5, 2010, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice President Whyte in the Community Room of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge. He welcomed an audience of 12 people and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Trustees Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp, and John Whyte

Board Trustees Absent: None

Administration Present: Denise Bresson, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, and Dan Vomastek

Administration Absent: Karla Colestock, Marsha Wells, and Tom Zahrt

COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Whyte opened the comments and communications portion of the meeting and asked if there were any citizens who would like to speak to the Board. Mrs. Polderman explained guidelines the Board uses for this portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Jennifer Whistler, 7567 Muirfield Drive, a former Board member and parent, reiterated concern regarding Board relations and shared support for appointing a Trustee with experience.

Mrs. Linda Lueth, 7649 MacArthur, a former Board member, shared support for the appointment of a Trustee with Board experience.

Mrs. Ann Austin, 15597 Portage Road, a citizen, spoke in support of the Board and shared concerns with the Board vacancy process and science curriculum.

Ms. Judi Santek, 7537 Autumn Street, a citizen, spoke in support of the Board.

Mrs. Shirley Johnson, 7249 Prestwick Lane, a former Board member, shared support for the appointment of a Trustee with Board experience.

Vice President Whyte thanked the other 14 citizens who applied and acknowledged the high caliber of applications received for this vacant position on the Board. He urged those candidates to consider running for election to the Board in the future.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY CONSIDERATION

The Board conducted an interview with Dr. Kevin Hollenbeck for the vacant Trustee position.

Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Kevin Hollenbeck to the open position on the Board through June 30, 2011.

Mrs. Kurdys shared her concerns regarding previous contacts with Dr. Hollenbeck and his commitment to represent the community.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried by a vote of 5-1.

Vice President Whyte welcomed Dr. Hollenbeck and commented on Dr. Hollenbeck's experience, strengths, and willingness to serve the District.

Dr. Hollenbeck affirmed his Oath of Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent
Recording Secretary