

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 19, 2011

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Portage Public Schools held on Thursday, May 19, 2011, was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by President Hollenbeck in the Community Room of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge. He welcomed an audience of 4 people.

Board Trustees Present: Kevin Hollenbeck, Geoff Howe, Melanie Kurdys, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder and Randy Van Antwerp

Board Trustees Absent: Joanne Willson

Administration Present: Tom Vance, Community Relations Manager

Others Present: Tom Eddy; Ted Hartridge; Craig Misner, Michigan Leadership Institute; and Dale Schreuder, Michigan Leadership Institute

COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

President Hollenbeck clarified background information and legal opinion of allowing the newly elected Trustees, Mr. Eddy and Mr. Hartridge, into closed session meetings. Mrs. Kurdys requested that a revision to this practice be made in the Board Bylaws.

President Hollenbeck opened the comments and communications portion of the meeting and asked if there were any citizens who would like to speak to the Board. Seeing no one come forward, President Hollenbeck closed this portion of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, seconded by Mrs. Kurdys, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing applications for employment [Section 8 (f) of the Open Meetings Act]. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

The Board moved into closed session at 5:09 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 6:40 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by Mr. Howe, that the Board of Education invite the following candidates (by number) #2, #5, #8 and #9 to interview for the Interim Superintendent position.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Mr. Schreuder led a discussion modifying interview questions with all Trustees. After speaking with all candidates, Dr. Misner confirmed the Interim Superintendent interviews as follows:

Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6 p.m. with Dr. Sandra Standish

Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 7:45 p.m. with Dr. Linda Thompson

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 6 p.m. with Mr. Robert Olsen

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7:45 p.m. with Dr. Richard Perry

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Kent
Recording Secretary