

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

June 9, 2011

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Portage Public Schools held on Thursday, June 9, 2011, was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Hollenbeck in the Professional Development Center of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge.

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

Board Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Ric Perry and Kim Perry

The Board held a dinner meeting with Dr. Richard Perry.

The Board recessed at 6:30 p.m.

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Portage Public Schools held on Thursday, June 9, 2011, was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Hollenbeck in the Community Room of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge. He welcomed an audience of 20 people.

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

Board Trustees Absent: None

COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

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.

Ms. Wendy Pennell, 9101 Vanderbilt, a parent and District paraprofessional, shared concern for the 2011/12 projected first and fourth grade class sizes at Moorsbridge Elementary.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE INTERVIEW

The Board conducted an interview with Dr. Richard Perry for the interim Superintendent position.

The Board recessed at 7:53 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:05 p.m. in the Professional Development Center.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Interim Superintendent Finalist Next Steps. Trustees reviewed public comment sheets from the June 8 and June 9 interviews. President Hollenbeck led the Board's discussion pertaining to site visits to Comstock and Portage Schools. He reported that the Executive Committee had met to discuss potential contract language as well as potential compensation. President Hollenbeck confirmed he will contact legal counsel for clarification of Dr. Standish's restrictions for employment due to retirement. President Hollenbeck shared the Agenda of the Special Meeting planned for Monday, June 13, 2011 as follows: an open session for public comment, a closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining followed by an open session to discuss the interim Superintendent candidates.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Van Antwerp
Secretary Pro Tem