

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 20, 2009**

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools held on Thursday, August 20, 2009, was called to order at 7:20 a.m. by President Whistler in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building, 8111 S. Westnedge, Portage, 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; Kevin Harty, Legal Counsel; Tom Noverr, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; and Ric Perry, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion offered by Mr. Posthumus, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations strategy [Section 8 (c) 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 7:22 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:15 a.m.

The Administration provided the Board with an update regarding the status of implementing expanded walk zones. The Board also briefly reviewed the options involved in seeking a Sinking Fund Millage Renewal.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wells  
Secretary Pro Tem