

## Portage Public Schools Board of Education

**Action Brief:** An informal summary of Board action taken at its recent meeting.  
(Official Board meeting minutes are posted after Board approval.)

### September 28, 2009 Special and Regular Business Meeting

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Call to Order	The special meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Whistler at 5:10 p.m.
Special Meeting Roll Call	Board Members Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Rusty Rathburn, Randy Van Antwerp, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte  Board Members Absent: Dale Posthumus  Administration Members Present: Karla Colestock, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Marsha Wells  Other Guests: Representative Tonya Schuitmaker  Superintendent Wells led a continuation of the discussion related to short and long range financial planning related to the anticipated shortfall in State funding for public schools.  The special meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
Regular Meeting Roll Call	The regular meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Whistler at 6:35 p.m.  Board Members Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Rusty Rathburn, Randy Van Antwerp, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte  Board Members Absent: Dale Posthumus  Administration Members Present: Michael Batterson, Denise Bresson, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, Dan Vomastek, and Marsha Wells
Approval of Consent Agenda	<b>Motion offered by Mr. Whyte, supported by Mrs. Kurdys that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented.</b>  Included on the Consent Agenda was the approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2009, Special Meeting; August 24, 2009, Regular Business Meeting; September 10, 2009, Special Meeting; September 14, 2009, Committee Of The Whole Work Session; and September 21, 2009, Special Meeting.  <b>Motion carried unanimously.</b>
Required Approval Items	<b>Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following new</b>

	<p>teachers: Ms. Hannah Gagie, Ms. Gwen Harkins, Mr. Colin Killmer, and Ms. Sarah Zygadlo, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the revision to the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Agreement, as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Angie Foster and Ms. Mary Barkholz-Ingber to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee at KRESA, for a three-year term, which will expire in 2012, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Action Items	<p>Motion offered by Mr. Whyte, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education award the Lake Center Elementary Technology Infrastructure bid to Buist in an amount not to exceed \$201,927, proceeds coming from the 2007 Bond Fund #2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Van Antwerp, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 553 desktop computers from Trivalent Group, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$374,060.26, proceeds coming from the 2007 Bond Fund #1, as presented.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys to table the computer purchases. Motion failed for lack of support.</p> <p>Motion to approve desktop computers carried by a vote of 5-1.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 252 laptop computers from Trivalent Group, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$251,246.52, proceeds coming from the 2007 Bond Fund #1 and #2, as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1.</p> <p>Motion offered by Mrs. Polderman, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 173 netbook computers from Trivalent Group, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$119,344.05, proceeds coming from the 2007 Bond Fund #1, as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1.</p>
Items of Information	<p>Trustees came to a consensus to move Agenda Request 5, Utilization of The Educational Baldrige Express Survey by the Board to a future agenda.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</p>