

## 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.)

### October 12, 2009 Committee of the Whole Work Session

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Closed Session	<p>The closed session was called to order by President Whistler at 5:01 p.m.</p> <p>Board Members Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Randy Van Antwerp, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte</p> <p>Board Members Absent: None</p> <p>Others Present: Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Marsha Wells, Tom Zahrt, and Kevin Harty</p> <p><b>Motion offered by Mr. Posthumus, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy [Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act]. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.</b></p> <p>The Board moved into closed session at 5:01 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to open session at 6:15 p.m.</p>
Call to Order	<p>The Committee of the Whole Work Session meeting was called to order by President Whistler at 6:29 p.m.</p>
Roll Call	<p>Board Members Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Randy Van Antwerp, Jennifer Whistler, and John Whyte</p> <p>Board Members Absent: None</p> <p>Administration Members Present: Michael Batterson, Denise Bresson, Karla Colestock, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, Dan Vomastek, Marsha Wells, and Tom Zahrt</p> <p>Administration Members Absent: None</p>
Discussion Items	<p>The Board received a presentation on and discussed the Kalamazoo County Early Childhood Education program. The Board also discussed the following Bond Project Updates: Lake Center Elementary Traffic Signal recommendation, Central High School Technology Infrastructure, and a financial update on the Bond Projects; District Financial Planning; District</p>

	Strategic Priorities; and Agenda Request Item #5, Utilization of The Educational Baldrige Express Survey.
Action Item	<b>Motion offered by Mr. Posthumus, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association Women’s Lacrosse Cooperative Agreement for the 2009/10 school year with the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Portage Public Schools Board of Education supports the Cooperative Agreement between Northern High School and Central High School for Women’s Lacrosse for the 2009/10 school year. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.</b>
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.