

PORTAGE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on

October 21, 2019

North Middle School Community Room 209
1100 W. Milham, Portage, MI

- I. Start of Meeting – Portage Public School and Portage District Library Board members and staff gathered for the special linkage meeting of the boards which started at 6:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call
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| <i>Library Board Present:</i> | Michele Behr, Cara Terry, Donna VanderVries, Ted Vliek, and Tom Welsh |
| <i>Library Board Absent:</i> | Carol Bale (excused), Jeanne Friedman |
| <i>Library Staff Present:</i> | Library Director Christy Klien, Quyen Edwards, and Colin Whitehurst |
| <i>PPS School Board Present:</i> | Randy Van Antwerp, Terri Novaria, Celeste Shelton-Harris, Kurt Droppers, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Joanne Willson |
| <i>PPS Staff Present:</i> | Superintendent Mark Bielang |
| <i>Policy Governance Trainer</i> | Gary Goscenski |
- III. Agenda
- Portage Public School Board President Van Antwerp welcomed the group and called the special meeting to order. He reminded the group that they were gathered to receive feedback on the way the PPS School Board uses Policy Governance under a conversation moderated by the School Board's Policy Governance Trainer Gary Goscenski and turned the floor over to him.
- IV. Discussion Items
- The following topics were discussed:
1. *Overview of How PPS Uses Policy Governance*
 2. *Share PPS Mission, Vision, & Ends Statements*
- Mission: Portage Public Schools will educate all students to achieve their potential.
Vision: An exceptional, continuously improving learning culture with high expectations, committed to all!
Global Ends Statement: Portage Public Schools will educate all students to achieve their potential, at a level such that the results justify the costs.
Ends: The following ends statements are listed in priority order.
- 1.1 Students demonstrate a mastery level of core curriculum standards greater than in prior years, with the long-term goal of approaching or exceeding the highest performing comparable communities.
 - 1.2 Students have critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration skills to equip them to learn and to lead with confidence.
 - 1.3 Students will have knowledge and skills necessary to succeed at post-secondary institutions and in the world of work.
 - 1.4 Students are ethically aware and culturally sensitive to prepare them to be responsible citizens.
 - 1.5 The District will actively build a culture of collaboration and service to the community.
3. *Share What Demonstrates Ends Being Achieved*
 4. *Other Linkage Discussions / Questions*
- XII. Adjournment –
- Portage Public School Board President Van Antwerp Whitehurst thanked trustees for attending and dismissed the group at 8:30 PM.
Superintendent Mark Bielang invited any interested attendees to join him on an informal tour of the new North Middle School building.

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