

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY GOVERNANCE RETREAT
VIRTUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021, 4:00 PM
AGENDA**

VISION STATEMENT

An exceptional, continuously improving learning culture with high expectations, committed to all!

MISSION STATEMENT

Portage Public Schools will educate all students to achieve their potential.

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II. Revisions/Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as printed (or as amended).

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IV. Discussion Items

2. Social Media Bylaw Revisions

0143.1 – **PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

- B. ~~A Board member's personal or private use of social media may have unintended, Negative consequences to the Board member and/or the District, including possible violations of the Open Meetings Act and issues relating to creating a public record. Postings to social media should be done in a manner sensitive to the Board member's responsibilities, applicable District policies, and legal obligations.~~
- B. *Board members may choose to engage on social media for personal reasons and for purposes of community interaction with the District. Board members are representatives of Portage Public Schools and recognize they are held to a higher standard of conduct than the general public with regard to ethics and standards of conduct when using social media.*

Board members must operate within appropriate guidelines when using social media, therefore Board members will:

- 1. Clarify that he/she is speaking as an individual Board member and not as an official spokesperson for the Board.*
- 2. Avoid posting or engaging in communication that violates the Open Meetings Act, State or federal laws, issues relating to the creation of a public record or violates BYLAW 144.2 BOARD MEMBER ETHICS, including abiding by and supporting all majority decisions of the Board.*
- 3. Avoid deliberating District business with other Board members and District employees.*
- 4. Not communicate confidential information that has not been released to the public.*
- 5. Not damage the reputation of the District, employees, students, or their families.*
- 6. Direct complaints or concerns presented online to the Superintendent.*
- 7. Comply with the District's acceptable use policy when using District-issued devices and technology resources, including direct internet access on a personal device.*

0167.5 – USE OF ELECTRONIC MAIL AND TEXT MESSAGES

Emails ~~is a~~ and text messages are forms of communication that could conflict with the Open Meetings Act.

Under no circumstances shall Board members use ~~E-mails~~ emails or text messages to discuss among themselves Board business that is only to be discussed in an open meeting of the Board, is part of an executive session, or could be considered an invasion of privacy if the message were to be monitored by another party.

There should be no expectation of privacy for any messages sent by ~~E-mail~~ text or email. Messages that have been deleted may still be accessible on the hard drive, if space has not been occupied by other messages. Messages, deleted or otherwise, may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, unless an exemption would apply.

0167.6 – USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media, as defined in Bylaw 0100, shall not be used to conduct any form of Board business. *A Board member's personal or private use of social media may have unintended, negative consequences for the Board member and/or the District, including possible violations of the Open Meetings Act and issues related to the creation of a public record. Postings to social media should be done in a manner sensitive to the Board member's responsibilities, applicable District policies, and legal obligations. Refer to **BYLAW 0143.1 PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF BOARD MEMBERS.***

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