

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL RM #1136, 8135 S. WESTNEDGE, PORTAGE, MI 49002
JULY 21, 2025, 6:30 PM
AGENDA**

VISION STATEMENT

We are inspired to be an exceptional community grounded in fostering strengths, growth, and lifelong learning. Every student. Every future.

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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**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 30, 2025**

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of Portage Public Schools held on Monday, June 30, 2025, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Van Antwerp. The meeting was held in Room #1136 of Portage Central High School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Trustees Present: Emily Crawford, Kimberly Larson, Terri Novaria, Mary Lou Rohwer, Bo Snyder, Mark Stevenson, Randy Van Antwerp

Board Trustees Absent: None

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion offered by Mrs. Novaria, seconded by Dr. Stevenson, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended to add two action items, Recognition for Retiring Superintendent Mark Bielang and Execution of Approved Superintendent Contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET HEARING

The budget hearing began at 6:32 p.m.

Review of 2025-26 Proposed Budget & Comments/Questions Regarding the Proposed Budget

By law, school districts must have their budget for the upcoming school year adopted by July 1 each year. The state typically has not finalized their budget by that time, which requires schools to develop their budget based on assumptions on what funding the state will provide. That holds true this year. The state has not finalized their budget as of this meeting.

Ms. Paula Johnson, Director of Finance, and Ms. Samantha Stevens, Business Manager, provided a presentation on the 2025-26 proposed budget.

Trustees were appreciative of the conservative approach to the budget.

There were no questions or comments from the public related to the budget. The budget hearing concluded at 6:52 p.m.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Bond Project Update

Mr. Johnny Edwards, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, provided an update on elementary bond construction progress.

At the Central Elementary site, demolition continues with completion expected late this week, and contractors are working on punch list items.

At the Haverhill Elementary site, contractors are working on punch list items inside, while outside, concrete and playground work is happening.

For the Woodland Elementary project, construction fencing is in place around the site, above grade abatement is complete, demolition equipment will be mobilized yet this week, and demolition will begin early next week.

Matt's Law Report

Dr. Michael Pascoe, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Assessment, reviewed the annual bullying report for 2024-25. The report covered bullying data for the current school year vs the last, anti-bullying strategies, procedures/practices to improve consistency and accuracy of the data, and information that is reviewed annually with building administrators. Dr. Pascoe responded to questions from Trustees.

COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

President Van Antwerp opened the floor to public comment, and hearing none, he opened the floor to Trustee comments. There were no comments from Trustees.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Van Antwerp presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval by the Board of Education: (1) the June 16, 2025 Committee of the Whole Work Session & Closed Session; (2) approve the purchase of eight video surveillance servers from Dell Technologies in an amount not-to-exceed \$175,000.00, the funds for which will come from the 2023 Bond Fund; (3) approve the purchase of uninterruptible power supplies from Vector Tech Group in an amount not-to-exceed \$57,150.00, the funds for which will come from the 2023 Bond Fund; (4) approve the purchase of musical instruments for band, orchestra, choir, and elementary music classrooms, as presented, for a total cost of \$369,576.00, the funds for which will come from the 2019 Unallocated Contingency Bond Fund; (5) approve the purchase of equipment for the Technical and Applied Science classrooms at Central, North, and West Middle Schools, as presented, for a total cost of \$30,315, the funds for which will come from the 2019 Unallocated Contingency Bond Fund; (6) approve the purchase of equipment for the Technical and Applied Science classrooms at Central, North, and West Middle Schools, as presented, for a total cost of \$30,315, the funds for which will come from the 2019 Unallocated Contingency Bond Fund; and (7) approve the revisions to Bylaws 0131.1 and 0166.1, Policy 1.0, Executive Limitations 2.10, and Sheet G of the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation Instrument, as presented.

There being no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

REQUIRED ACTION ITEMS

Amended Budget Appropriation Resolution for 2024-25

Motion offered by Ms. Larson, seconded by Mrs. Rohwer, that the Board of Education approve the resolutions for the General Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Building & Site Sinking Fund, and School Service Funds budgets for 2024-25, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

2025-26 Budget Resolutions

Motion offered by Dr. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. Crawford, that the Board of Education approve the resolutions for the General Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Building & Site Sinking Fund, and School Services Funds budgets for 2025-26, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Set 2025 Tax Rates

Motion offered by Mrs. Novaria, seconded by Dr. Stevenson, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Set 2025 Tax Rates for Summer and Winter Taxes, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Resolution to Submit Bond Proposal

Motion offered by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Novaria, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Submit School Improvement Bond Proposition for the November 4, 2025 Election, as presented.

Mr. Johnny Edwards provided an overview of a presentation he provided to the Board in May. Mr. Edwards covered bond construction history for Phases I and II, what has changed, and progress to date on Phase III. In order to complete the elementary bond work and to address other district-wide improvements (including PCEC facility, technology and bus purchases), a bond proposal of \$132,400,000 is proposed for the November 4, 2025 election. One of the positives of bringing this bond proposal to voters this fall is the annual debt millage required to pay the debt serve on the District’s proposed and outstanding bonds is *estimated to remain at or below the 2025 levy of 6.85 mills*. Mr. Edwards addressed questions from Trustees.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Contract Extensions

Superintendent Bielang reviewed the recommendation.

Motion offered by Mrs. Rohwer, seconded by Dr. Stevenson, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to issue administrator contract extensions, as presented, not to

extend beyond June 30, 2027, and with additional compensation in the aggregate, as approved by the Board as part of the initial 2025/2026 budget.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Agreement between PPS & WPLL

Superintendent Bielang shared background information and reviewed the recommendation to enter into an agreement with West Portage Little League to manage, maintain, support and improve the 12th Street Complex as an athletic facility for community use.

Motion offered by Mrs. Novaria, seconded by Mrs. Rohwer, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Portage Public Schools and West Portage Little League, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Superintendent Contract

President Van Antwerp noted a revision made to the contract. There were no questions or discussion regarding the contract.

Motion offered by Dr. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. Crawford, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent Contract of Employment with Johnny Edwards for a three-year period July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Retiree Proclamation

Motion offered by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Novaria, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-25 Retiree Proclamation, as presented.

Mrs. Novaria read the proclamation aloud.

Trustees shared positive remarks regarding the retiring administrators – Jeanine Mattson Gearhart, Chris Riker and Mark Bielang.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition for Retiring Superintendent Mark Bielang

The resolution was read aloud, with each Trustee reciting a portion.

Motion offered by Mrs. Rohwer, seconded by Mrs. Novaria, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Distinguished Service by Mark Bielang, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Van Antwerp presented Mr. Bielang with a copy of the resolution. Trustees shared remarks of recognition and appreciation for Mr. Bielang's 12 years of service to Portage Public Schools and the community, and wished him all the best in retirement.

Superintendent Bielang was appreciative of the recognition and Trustee remarks. Superintendent Bielang expressed his gratitude to the Board, administration and staff – together we accomplished good things around the District, and our partnership with Studer Education helped take us to the next level.

Execution of Approved Superintendent Contract

President Van Antwerp, Mr. Johnny Edwards, and Board Secretary Novaria met at the podium and signed the Board-approved superintendent contract with Mr. Edwards.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Revisions to Operational Policies 5610 & 5611

Per Superintendent Bielang, the proposed policy changes were initiated by administration to provide consistency in language and more accurately capture existing practices. The Board opted to move this item to action as captured below.

Motion offered by Mrs. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Rohwer, to move the discussion item Revisions to Operational Policies 5610 & 5611 to action.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Ms. Larson, seconded by Dr. Stevenson, to approve the revisions, as presented, to Operational Policy 5610 - Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students and Operational Policy 5611 - Due Process Rights.

The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Atkinson
Recording Secretary

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2024/25 AMENDED BUDGET #2**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the General Fund appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25. A resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditures of appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the General Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25 is as follows:

	<u>Actual 2023/24</u>	<u>Amended Budget #1 2024/25</u>	<u>Amended Budget #2 2024/25</u>
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	22,303,113	27,151,123	27,151,123
REVENUES:			
Local Sources	30,295,814	31,943,757	32,165,562
State Sources	91,152,396	87,689,780	91,145,752
Federal Sources	4,357,211	1,902,758	1,936,408
Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	<u>97,609</u>	<u>142,202</u>	<u>171,964</u>
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	<u>125,903,030</u>	<u>121,678,497</u>	<u>125,419,686</u>
Total Available to Appropriate	<u>148,206,143</u>	<u>148,829,620</u>	<u>152,570,809</u>

Be it further resolved that \$126,308,930 of the total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction:			
Basic Programs	61,739,012	61,415,355	62,048,155
Added Needs	<u>11,370,219</u>	<u>11,611,102</u>	<u>12,177,979</u>
Total Instruction	<u>73,109,231</u>	<u>73,026,457</u>	<u>74,226,134</u>
Supporting Services:			
Pupil	10,540,191	11,250,648	11,289,224
Instructional Staff	7,607,205	8,616,533	8,489,806
General Administration	857,093	863,210	865,823
School Administration	6,317,731	6,449,290	6,648,458
Business Services	1,183,759	1,279,393	1,392,855
Operations and Maintenance	10,236,692	10,774,358	10,748,731
Transportation	3,987,122	4,981,447	4,623,269
Central Services	3,351,742	3,991,590	4,171,182
Athletics	<u>2,301,707</u>	<u>2,156,746</u>	<u>2,510,151</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>46,383,242</u>	<u>50,363,215</u>	<u>50,739,499</u>
Community Services	<u>1,481,766</u>	<u>1,283,153</u>	<u>1,343,297</u>
Other Financing Use - Debt Service	<u>80,781</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure Appropriation	<u>121,055,020</u>	<u>124,672,825</u>	<u>126,308,930</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>4,848,010</u>	<u>(2,994,328)</u>	<u>(889,244)</u>
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	<u>\$ 27,151,123</u>	<u>\$ 24,156,795</u>	<u>\$ 26,261,879</u>

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2024/25 AMENDED BUDGET #2**

Be it further resolved that no board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2024/25 AMENDED BUDGET #1**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the Debt Retirement appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25. A resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditures of appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the Debt Retirement Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25 is as follows:

	<u>Actual 2023/24</u>	<u>Adopted Budget 2024/25</u>	<u>Amendment #1 2024/25</u>
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	6,162,051	7,317,957	7,318,954
REVENUES:			
Local Property Taxes* (6.85 mills for all years)	19,297,941	20,505,062	20,713,089
Payment in lieu of Personal Property Taxes-State Sources	1,413,378	1,200,000	1,426,678
Industrial Facilities Tax	506,895	475,000	590,691
Pilot payment in lieu of tax	37,412	38,000	38,987
Other Tax Revenues	1,854	3,000	5,175
Interest Income - Investments	278,960	100,000	299,625
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,574	9,000	13,444
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	<u>21,547,015</u>	<u>22,330,062</u>	<u>23,087,689</u>
Total Available to Appropriate	<u>27,709,066</u>	<u>29,648,019</u>	<u>30,406,643</u>

*In compliance with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, this includes a tax levy of 6.85 mills on all property classifications.

Be it further resolved that \$20,634,194 of the total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:			
Principal Payments	11,595,000	12,320,000	12,320,000
Interest Payments	8,792,154	8,277,194	8,277,194
Fees	2,500	2,500	2,000
Tax Refunds	458	10,000	35,000
Total Expenditures	<u>20,390,112</u>	<u>20,609,694</u>	<u>20,634,194</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>1,156,903</u>	<u>1,720,368</u>	<u>2,453,495</u>
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	<u>\$ 7,318,954</u>	<u>\$ 9,038,325</u>	<u>\$ 9,772,449</u>

Be it further resolved that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2024/25 AMENDED BUDGET #1**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the Building and Site Sinking Fund appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25. A resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditures of appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the Building and Site Sinking Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25 is as follows:

	<u>Actual 2023/24</u>	<u>Adopted Budget 2024/25</u>	<u>Amendment #1 2024/25</u>
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	6,181,045	5,987,325	6,470,123
REVENUES:			
Tax Levy* (.4988 mills for 23/24 and .4983 mills for 24/25)	1,394,021	1,489,000	1,491,814
Payment in Lieu of Personal Property Tax from State Sources	133,018	130,000	134,269
Industrial Facilities Tax	19,019	19,000	42,969
Interest Income	135,049	90,000	140,594
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	770	-	967
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,724	2,775	2,836
Collection of Prior Year Taxes	165	-	10,970
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	<u>1,684,766</u>	<u>1,730,775</u>	<u>1,824,419</u>
Total Available to Appropriate	<u>7,865,811</u>	<u>7,718,100</u>	<u>8,294,542</u>

*In compliance with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, this includes a tax levy of .4988 mills on all property classifications.

Be it further resolved that \$1,475,606 of the total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

Major Projects

Northern AEF Parking Lot	472,484	-	-
CHS Pool Roofing Project	-	-	10,000
Gym Floor Refinishing	192,075	109,000	109,506
12th Street Elementary Roof	10,423	-	223,912
LCE Sign	-	-	27,385
CHS Push Door System	3,200	-	-
CHS Weight Room Flooring	11,422	-	-
NHS Weight Room Flooring	20,083	-	-
WMS Weight Room Flooring	8,186	-	-
NMS Kitchen Flooring	-	4,000	18,750
CHS Baseball/Softball Improvement	8,900	-	-
12th Street Kiln Exhaust Project	1,095	25,000	25,000
LCE Kiln Exhaust Project	1,095	25,000	25,000
CHS Auditorium Acoustical Project	-	12,000	6,000
NHS Auditorium Acoustical Project	-	12,000	6,000
PCEC Boiler Replacement	37,353	460,000	273,668
PCEC Roof Replacement	-	-	302,100
12th Street Clock Wiring	-	-	5,000
LCE Clock Wiring	-	-	4,370
Stable Fire Alarm System	1,342	-	12,078
12th Street Elementary Sign	13,000	65,000	62,000
Portage Northern Skylight Repair	-	25,000	24,837
LCE Interior/Exterior Lighting	-	-	34,000
Northern Curtain Wall (Facelift)	395,760	-	-
Total Major Projects	<u>1,176,418</u>	<u>737,000</u>	<u>1,169,606</u>

	Actual 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Amendment #1 2024/25
Ongoing Projects			
Roof Repair	15,556	35,000	35,000
Glass	6,094	10,500	5,000
Fencing	734	25,000	6,000
Sidewalk Concrete Repair	-	30,000	3,500
Casework	344	5,000	-
Asbestos Abatement	17,615	75,000	110,000
Asphalt Repair	2,140	30,000	20,000
Carpet Replacement	34,890	60,000	12,500
District Mechanical	122,310	150,000	105,000
District Electrical	18,568	36,750	5,000
Total On-Going Projects	<u>218,250</u>	<u>457,250</u>	<u>302,000</u>
Exterior Door Replacement			
Various Exterior Doors At All Buildings	-	5,000	-
Other Projects			
Grounds replacement-playgrounds	-	35,000	1,000
Drinking Fountains	998	3,000	-
Total Other Projects	<u>998</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Tax Refunds	<u>22</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,395,687</u>	<u>1,243,250</u>	<u>1,475,606</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>289,078</u>	<u>487,525</u>	<u>348,813</u>
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	<u><u>\$6,470,123</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,474,850</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,818,936</u></u>

Be it further resolved that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for the performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL SERVICE FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2024/25 AMENDED BUDGET #1**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the School Service Fund appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25. A resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditures of appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the School Service Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2024/25 is as follows:

	Food Service		Bookstore		School Activities	
	Adopted 2024/25	Amendment #1 2024/25	Adopted 2024/25	Amendment #1 2024/25	Adopted 2024/25	Amendment #1 2024/25
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	2,474,668	3,256,019	-	-	1,226,401	1,239,496
REVENUES:						
Local Sources	520,600	509,972	17,500	17,390	1,775,000	1,750,000
State Sources	1,915,198	2,311,906	-	-	-	-
Federal Sources	2,257,471	2,170,900	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	4,693,269	4,992,778	17,500	17,390	1,775,000	1,750,000
Total Available to Appropriate	7,167,937	8,248,797	17,500	17,390	3,001,401	2,989,496

Be it further resolved that \$5,199,643 of the Food Service total, \$16,101 of the Bookstore total and \$1,700,000 of the School Activities total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:						
Food Service	5,287,121	5,079,643	-	-	-	-
Bookstore	-	-	17,500	16,101	-	-
Student Activities	-	-	-	-	1,690,000	1,700,000
Outgoing Transfer to General Fund for Indirect Costs	120,000	120,000	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures and Outgoing Transfers	5,407,121	5,199,643	17,500	16,101	1,690,000	1,700,000
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	(713,852)	(206,865)	0	1,289	85,000	50,000
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	<u>\$ 1,760,816</u>	<u>\$ 3,049,154</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,289</u>	<u>\$ 1,311,401</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,496</u>

Be it further resolved that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to the appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for the performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2025/26 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the General Fund appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26. A resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditures of appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the General Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26 is as follows:

	<u>Actual 2023/24</u>	<u>Amended Budget #2 2024/25</u>	<u>Adopted Budget 2025/26</u>
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	22,303,113	27,151,123	26,261,879
REVENUES:			
Local Sources	30,295,814	32,165,562	32,106,017
State Sources	91,152,396	91,145,752	89,415,376
Federal Sources	4,357,211	1,936,408	1,203,264
Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	<u>97,609</u>	<u>171,964</u>	<u>130,000</u>
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	<u>125,903,030</u>	<u>125,419,686</u>	<u>122,854,657</u>
Total Available to Appropriate	<u>148,206,143</u>	<u>152,570,809</u>	<u>149,116,536</u>

*In compliance with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, this includes a tax levy of 17.5695 mills on Non-Homestead property.

Be it further resolved that \$126,001,867 of the total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction:			
Basic Programs	61,739,012	62,048,155	62,275,661
Added Needs	<u>11,370,219</u>	<u>12,177,979</u>	<u>12,339,549</u>
Total Instruction	<u>73,109,231</u>	<u>74,226,134</u>	<u>74,615,210</u>
Supporting Services:			
Pupil	10,540,191	11,289,224	11,482,290
Instructional Staff	7,607,205	8,489,806	8,472,843
General Administration	857,093	865,823	873,106
School Administration	6,317,731	6,648,458	6,601,287
Business Services	1,183,759	1,392,855	1,309,382
Operations and Maintenance	10,236,692	10,748,731	11,051,081
Transportation	3,987,122	4,623,269	5,707,490
Central Services	3,351,742	4,171,182	3,531,171
Athletics	<u>2,301,707</u>	<u>2,510,151</u>	<u>1,937,324</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>46,383,242</u>	<u>50,739,499</u>	<u>50,965,974</u>
Community Services	<u>1,481,766</u>	<u>1,343,297</u>	<u>298,755</u>
Other Financing Use - Debt Service	<u>80,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,928</u>
Total Expenditure Appropriation	<u>121,055,020</u>	<u>126,308,930</u>	<u>126,001,867</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>4,848,010</u>	<u>(889,244)</u>	<u>(3,147,210)</u>
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	<u>27,151,123</u>	<u>26,261,879</u>	<u>23,114,669</u>

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2025/26 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Be it further resolved that no board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated. This appropriations resolution will take effect on July 1, 2025.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND #41 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2025/26 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the Building and Site Sinking Fund appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26. A resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditures of appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the Building and Site Sinking Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26 is as follows:

	<u>Actual 2023/24</u>	<u>Amendment #1 2024/25</u>	<u>Adopted 2025/26</u>
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	6,181,045	6,470,123	6,813,936
REVENUES:			
Tax Levy at .4988 mills for 23/24, .4983 for 24/25, 0 mills for 25/26	1,394,021	1,491,814	-
Payment in Lieu of Personal Property Tax from State Sources	133,018	134,269	-
Industrial Facilities Tax	19,019	42,969	-
Interest Income	135,049	140,594	65,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	770	967	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,724	2,836	-
Collection of Prior Year Taxes	165	10,970	200
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	<u>1,684,766</u>	<u>1,824,419</u>	<u>65,200</u>
Total Available to Appropriate	<u>7,865,811</u>	<u>8,294,542</u>	<u>6,879,136</u>

*In compliance with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, this includes a tax levy of 0 mills on all property classifications for 2025/26.

Be it further resolved that \$1,829,734 of the total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

Major Projects:

Asphalt Projects:			
Northern AEF Parking Lot	472,484	-	-
CHS Pool Roofing Project	-	10,000	-
Gym Floor Refinishing	192,075	109,506	84,000
Administration Building Canopy	-	-	25,000
12th Street Elementary Roof	10,423	223,912	-
LCE Sign	-	27,385	-
CHS Push Button Door System	3,200	-	-
CHS Weight Room Flooring	11,422	-	-
NHS Weight Room Flooring	20,083	-	-
WMS Weight Room Flooring	8,186	-	-
NMS Kitchen Flooring	-	18,750	-
CHS Baseball/Softball Improvement	8,900	-	-
12th Street Kiln Exhaust Project	1,095	25,000	-
LCE Kiln Exhaust Project	1,095	25,000	-
CHS Auditorium Acoustical Project	-	6,000	-
NHS Auditorium Acoustical Project	-	6,000	-
PCEC Boiler Replacement	37,353	273,668	177,112
PCEC Roof Replacement	-	302,100	201,400
12th Street Clock Wiring	-	5,000	-
LCE Clock Wiring	-	4,370	-
Stable Fire Alarm System	1,342	12,078	-
12th Street Elementary Sign	13,000	62,000	62,000
Portage Northern Skylight Repair	-	24,837	-
LCE Interior/Exterior Lighting	-	34,000	859,222
Northern Curtain Wall (Facelift)	395,760	-	-
Total Major Projects	<u>1,176,418</u>	<u>1,169,606</u>	<u>1,408,734</u>

	<u>Actual 2023/24</u>	<u>Amendment #1 2024/25</u>	<u>Adopted 2025/26</u>
On-Going Projects			
Roof Repair	15,556	35,000	35,000
Glass	6,094	5,000	10,000
Fencing	734	6,000	5,000
Sidewalk Concrete Repair	-	3,500	20,000
Casework	344	-	5,000
Asbestos Abatement	17,615	110,000	95,000
Asphalt Repair	2,140	20,000	30,000
Carpet Replacement	34,890	12,500	-
District Mechanical	122,310	105,000	150,000
District Electrical	18,568	5,000	16,000
Total On-Going Projects	<u>218,250</u>	<u>302,000</u>	<u>366,000</u>
Exterior Door Replacement			
Various Exterior Doors At All Buildings	-	5,000	-
Other Projects			
Grounds replacement-playgrounds	-	1,000	-
Drinking Fountains	998	-	50,000
Total Other Projects	<u>998</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Tax refunds	22	3,000	5,000
Total Expenditures	<u>1,395,688</u>	<u>1,480,606</u>	<u>1,829,734</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>289,078</u>	<u>343,813</u>	<u>(1,764,534)</u>
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	<u>\$6,470,123</u>	<u>\$6,813,936</u>	<u>\$5,049,402</u>

Be it further resolved that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for the performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated. This appropriations resolution will take effect on July 1, 2025.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND #42 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2025/26 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the Building and Site Sinking Fund appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26. A resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditures of appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the Building and Site Sinking Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year

	Adopted 2025/26
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	-
REVENUES:	
Tax Levy at .4980 mills for 25/26	1,560,252
Payment in Lieu of Personal Property Tax from State Sources	-
Industrial Facilities Tax	43,000
Interest Income	12,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	200
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,900
Collection of Prior Year Taxes	-
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	1,618,352
Total Available to Appropriate	1,618,352

*In compliance with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, this includes a tax levy of .4980 mills on all property classifications for 2025/26.

Be it further resolved that \$500,000 of the total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:	
Technology Chrome Books	250,000
Transportation Vans	250,000
Total Major Projects	500,000
Tax refunds	5,000
Total Expenditures	505,000
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	1,113,352
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	\$1,113,352

Be it further resolved that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for the performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated. This appropriations resolution will take effect on July 1, 2025.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2025/26 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the Debt Retirement appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26. A resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditures of appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the Debt Retirement Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26 is as follows:

	<u>Actual 2023/24</u>	<u>Amendment #1 2024/25</u>	<u>Adopted Budget 2025/26</u>
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	6,162,051	7,318,954	9,039,322
REVENUES:			
Local Property Taxes (6.85 mills for all years)	19,297,941	20,505,062	21,425,362
Payment in lieu of Personal Property Taxes-State Sources	1,413,378	1,200,000	1,420,000
Industrial Facilities Tax	506,895	475,000	116,000
Pilot payment in lieu of tax	37,412	38,000	40,000
Other Tax Revenues	1,854	3,000	2,500
Interest Income - Investments	278,960	100,000	175,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,574	9,000	9,000
	<u>21,547,015</u>	<u>22,330,062</u>	<u>23,187,862</u>
Total Revenues and Other Transactions			
	<u>27,709,066</u>	<u>29,649,016</u>	<u>32,227,184</u>
Total Available to Appropriate			

*In compliance with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, this includes a tax levy of 6.85 mills on all property classifications.

Be it further resolved that \$23,726,717 of the total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:			
Principal Payments	11,595,000	12,320,000	13,705,000
Interest Payments	8,792,154	8,277,194	10,009,717
Fees	2,500	2,500	2,000
Tax Refunds	458	10,000	10,000
	<u>20,390,112</u>	<u>20,609,694</u>	<u>23,726,717</u>
Total Expenditures			
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>1,156,903</u>	<u>1,720,368</u>	<u>(538,855)</u>
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	<u>\$ 7,318,954</u>	<u>\$ 9,039,322</u>	<u>\$ 8,500,466</u>

Be it further resolved that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated. This appropriations resolution will take effect on July 1, 2025.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL SERVICE FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION
2025/26 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Be it resolved that this resolution shall be the School Service Fund appropriations of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26. A resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditures of appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by Portage Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the total unappropriated fund balance and total revenues to be available for appropriations in the School Service Fund of Portage Public Schools for the fiscal year 2025/26 is as follows:

	Food Service		Bookstore		School Activities	
	Amendment #1 2024/25	Adopted 2025/26	Amendment #1 2024/25	Adopted 2025/26	Amendment #1 2024/25	Adopted 2025/26
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1	2,474,668	1,760,816	-	-	1,239,496	1,239,496
REVENUES:						
Local Sources	520,600	482,100	17,390	20,500	1,750,000	1,775,000
State Sources	1,915,198	2,381,950	-	-	-	-
Federal Sources	2,257,471	2,150,189	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues and Other Transactions	4,693,269	5,014,239	17,390	20,500	1,750,000	1,775,000
Total Available to Appropriate	7,167,937	6,775,055	17,390	20,500	2,989,496	3,014,496

Be it further resolved that \$5,762,761 of the Food Service total, \$18,000 of the Bookstore total and \$1,675,000 of the School Activities total available to appropriate is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

EXPENDITURES:						
Food Service	5,287,121	5,642,761	-	-	-	-
Bookstore	-	-	16,101	18,000	-	-
Student Activities	-	-	-	-	1,750,000	1,675,000
Outgoing Transfer to General Fund for Indirect Costs	120,000	120,000	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures and Outgoing Transfers	5,407,121	5,762,761	16,101	18,000	1,750,000	1,675,000
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	(713,852)	(748,522)	1,289	2,500	0	100,000
Total Fund Balance (Assigned and Unassigned), End of Year, June 30 (Estimate)	\$ 1,760,816	\$ 1,012,294	\$ 1,289	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,239,496	\$ 1,339,496

Be it further resolved that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of funds except pursuant to the appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement previously adopted. Changes in the amount appropriated shall require approval by the Board of Education.

Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget as adopted by the Board of Education and shall hold the directors and department heads responsible for the performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated. This appropriations resolution will take effect July 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO SET 2025 TAX RATES
FOR SUMMER AND WINTER TAXES**

Portage Public Schools

Be it resolved that millage rates for the Portage Public School District, Kalamazoo County District #45, be set as follows for the 2025/26 fiscal year, and that the Board of Education President and Secretary be authorized to certify the following rates:

City of Portage

In Mills

	<u>2025 Summer Tax Rate</u>	<u>2025 Winter Tax Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
Operating (Non-Homestead Only)	17.5695	0	17.5695
Building & Site Sinking	0.4980	0	0.4980
Debt Retirement	<u>6.8500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6.8500</u>
 Total School Tax Rate	 <u>24.9175</u>	 <u>0</u>	 <u>24.9175</u>

City of Kalamazoo, Pavilion Township, Texas Township

In Mills

	<u>2025 Summer Tax Rate</u>	<u>2025 Winter Tax Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
Operating (Non-Homestead Only)	0	17.5695	17.5695
Building & Site Sinking	0	0.4980	0.4980
Debt Retirement	<u>0</u>	<u>6.8500</u>	<u>6.8500</u>
 Total School Tax Rate	 <u>0</u>	 <u>24.9175</u>	 <u>24.9175</u>

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION
(NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION DATE)**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Portage Public Schools, County of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan (the “School District”), held in the School District on June 30, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern time.

PRESENT: Members: Emily Crawford, Kimberly Larson, Terri Novaria, Mary Lou Rohwer, Mark Stevenson, Randy Van Antwerp

ABSENT: Members: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Snyder and supported by Member Novaria:

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the School District for the purpose of erecting and completing new school buildings and other facilities, including buildings to replace existing elementary schools; remodeling, equipping, reequipping, furnishing and refurbishing and constructing additions to school buildings and other facilities in the school district; acquiring school buses; acquiring and installing instructional technology, technology infrastructure and equipment in and connecting new and existing school district building and other facilities; and acquiring, preparing, developing, and improving sites, including playfields, playgrounds, school buildings and other facilities and structures? (collectively, the “Projects”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the School District is of the opinion that in order to finance the Projects, a school improvement bond proposition, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A (the “Bond Proposal”), should be submitted to the electors at the school election to be held November 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable for the School District to borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Thirty-Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$132,400,000) pursuant to the Bond Proposal, and if authorized by the qualified electors of the School District, issue bonds of the School District in multiple series, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Projects, including costs of issuing such bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to submit the Bond Proposal to the School District’s electors on November 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Bond Proposal to be submitted to the School District's electors on November 4, 2025, it is necessary for the Board of Education to certify the wording of the Bond Proposal to the Clerk of Kalamazoo County (the “School District Election Coordinator”), as required by Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bond Proposal is hereby certified to the School District Election Coordinator for submission to the School District's electors on November 4, 2025. The Superintendent or his designee, on behalf of the Secretary of the Board of Education, is hereby authorized and directed to file this resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the School District Election Coordinator to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission by no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 12, 2025.

2. The School District Election Coordinator is hereby authorized and directed to: (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the November 4, 2025 election; and (b) have prepared and printed ballots for submitting the Bond Proposal at the November 4, 2025 election, which ballots shall be in the form appearing in Exhibit A, or the propositions shall be stated as proposals on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Crawford, Larson, Novaria, Rohwer, Snyder, Stevenson, Van Antwerp

NAYS: Members: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION
FOR RETIRING EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the following certified and classified employees have announced their intention to retire from Portage Public Schools, namely,

Mark Bielang, Jeanine Mattson-Gearhart, and Chris Riker.

WHEREAS, they have faithfully served and supported the students and staff of this community; and

WHEREAS, they supported great teaching and learning in classrooms; and

WHEREAS, they took phone calls or answered e-mail at all hours of the day; and

WHEREAS, appropriate recognition of their dedicated and devoted service shall come to the attention of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Board of Education of the Portage Public Schools takes great pleasure in recognizing the contributions of these administrators, and expresses its sincere gratitude for their contributions to Portage Public Schools, and further wishes them a healthy, happy, and rewarding retirement.

Proclaimed this 30th day of June, 2025
Portage Public Schools' Board of Education

**Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of
Distinguished Service by Mark Bielang**

WHEREAS, Mark Bielang began his service to Portage Public Schools as Superintendent in 2013 and has served in that role with distinction.

WHEREAS, Mark repaired the governance of the District by practicing Policy Governance with fidelity and adopting district-wide policies to uphold the highest standards of teaching and learning while fostering a safe and effective school environment.

WHEREAS, Mark engaged with the community and facilitated the two largest bond proposals in District history. The first in 2015 (\$145MM) constructed two new middle schools, natatoriums at the two high school campuses, and new stadiums and athletic facilities at each high school. The second in 2021 (\$175MM) began the replacement of the five oldest elementary schools and other aging facilities.

WHEREAS, Mark led the District through the uncertainties of the pandemic in 2020-21 by making instructional alternatives available to meet the needs of students and families and returning to in-person learning as soon as law permitted.

WHEREAS, Mark facilitated the District Values Team and developed the Strategic Commitments and the Commitment to Equity as the foundation for future growth.

WHEREAS, Mark was awarded the prestigious WMU Golden Apple Award in 2021 for his accomplishments as a school leader and, most recently, he was awarded the Difference Maker Award by the Huron Consulting Group for his steady leadership and commitment to continuous improvement. His national educational presence has brought recognition to the District.

WHEREAS, Mark has approached his work with the heart of a leader as he worked tirelessly to make Portage Public Schools the best place for students to learn, teachers to teach, staff to work, and for parents to send their children to receive a high-quality education. From his early days as a leader, he has listened to students to better understand their needs and has helped PPS to serve: Every student. Every future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage Public Schools' Board of Education acknowledges and sends its gratitude to Mark Bielang for his distinguished service and contributions to the District, staff, students, community, and to the Board of Education. And, even though Mr. Bielang enjoys public comment, he will never be subjected to it again!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is saved in the permanent minutes of the Portage Public School's Board of Education, and a copy is given to Mark Bielang.

Adopted on this 30th day of June 2025 Portage School's Board of Education.

Randy Van Antwerp, President
Bo Snyder, Vice President
Terri Novaria, Secretary

Emily Crawford, Trustee
Kimberly Larson, Trustee
Mary Lou Rohwer, Trustee
Mark Stevenson, Trustee

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM #1136
JULY 21, 2025, 6:30 P.M.**

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IX. Action Items

1. Affirmation of School Calendar Through September 2025

Recommended Motion

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education affirm that the District shall operate through September 2025, within the framework of the 2025/26 school calendar that reflects the Board of Education’s current school calendar proposal, as presented.

Johnny Edwards
Superintendent
Phone: 269.323.5182
jedwards@portageps.org

To: Board of Education
From: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent
Date: July 21, 2025
Subject: Affirmation of School Calendar through September 2025

RECOMMENDATION

This is to affirm that the District shall operate through September 2025, within the framework of the 2025/26 school calendar that reflects the Board of Education's current school calendar proposal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A monthly District calendar will be established and affirmed by the Board until a school calendar is approved between the Board and the PEA.

The key dates related to the opening of the school year are as follows:

August 19-21	All Teachers Report/Meetings/Professional Development
August 19	Elementary School Open Houses (except Woodland)
August 19	Middle School Open Houses
August 20	High School and Woodland Elementary Open Houses
August 25	School Begins, Half-Day for Students
August 29	Labor Day Recess
September 1	Labor Day Recess

This information will be communicated to staff and parents through various means. Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
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IX. Action Items

2. New Administrator Appointment (OP 3120)

Recommended Motion

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the following administrator appointment for Portage Public Schools:

- _____ (name), Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Bradley D. Galin, MBA, SPHR
Director of Human Resources
Phone: 269.323.5152
bgalin@portageps.org

To: Board of Education
From: Bradley Galin, MBA, SPHR
Date: July 21, 2025
Re: Administrator Appointment Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following administrator for the Portage Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

Russell Gerbers:

Mr. Russell Gerbers is being recommended as the new Assistant Superintendent of Operations for the Portage Public Schools.

For the last seven years, Mr. Gerbers has served as the Director of Technology for the Byron Center Public Schools. Prior to that, Mr. Gerbers worked for the Kenowa Hills School District as the Technology Director, a year as Athletic Director, and started his career in Kenowa Hills in 2002 as a math teacher.

Mr. Gerbers graduated from the University of South Florida and then obtained his master's from Grand Valley State University. In addition to his formal education and school experience, Mr. Gerbers earned the Operations Director and Chief Technology Officer certifications via the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) organization. Mr. Gerbers' starting annualized salary in the role will be \$139,041.

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IX. Action Items

3. New Teacher Appointments (OP 3120)

Recommended Motion

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of following teachers for Portage Public Schools:

- **Kourtney Bakalyar – Central High ESI Teacher**
- **Katie Czirr – Northern High ESI Teacher**
- **Megan Hall – Northern High Media Specialist**
- **Graham Howard – Northern High Health/PE Teacher**
- **Jason Milan – Central High ESI Teacher**
- **Samara Munoz – Lake Center Elementary Third Grade Teacher**
- **Kyra Reese – 12th Street Elementary Second Grade Teacher**
- **Suzanne Wofford – Lake Center Elementary Second Grade Teacher**
- **Emma Chester – Northern High Spanish Teacher**
- **Emily Stewart – School Social Worker**
- **Nicholas Stawowy – Northern High School Counselor**
- **Blake Schuster – Angling Road Elementary PE Teacher**
- **James Rissi – Northern High Biology Teacher**
- **Jaylin Bethke – Northern High Math Teacher**
- **Julie DeGraff – West Middle Science Teacher**
- **David Peters – STA/KHC/SMLS Music Teacher**
- **James Pierucci – Music Teacher for St. Augustine, Hackett & St. Michaels**
- **Ashley Stack – Central High Social Studies Teacher**
- **Grace Wiesner – West Middle Math Teacher**
- **Samantha Schatz – Northern High Family & Consumer Science Teacher**
- **Jenny Maske – Music Teacher for Kalamazoo Country Day School & St. Michaels**
- **Parker Bailey – North Middle Social Studies Teacher**
- **Angela Boynton – Central High Social Studies Teacher**
- **Hannah Stuart – Angling Road Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher**
- **Erin Kissinger – Central Middle Media Specialist**
- **Evan Jones – Angling Road Elementary Art Teacher**
- **Madison McAllister – Central High Art Teacher**
- **Abigail Shambo – Angling Road Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher**
- **Shannon Howard – West Middle Spanish Teacher**
- **Teresa Cooper – Instructional Consultant ELA**

Bradley D. Galin, MBA, SPHR
Director of Human Resources
Phone: 269.323.5152
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To: Board of Education
From: Bradley D. Galin, MBA, SPHR
Date: July 21, 2025
Re: Teacher Appointment Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following teachers for the Portage Public Schools:

Kourtney Bakalyar– (CHS ESI Teacher) – Kourtney comes to PPS from WMU where she has served as the Autism Services Center Director for a decade. Kourtney has a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, a Master's degree in Evaluation, Measurement and Research, and an Ed.D. in Special Education all from Western Michigan University.

Katie Czirr– (NHS ESI Teacher) – Katie comes to PPS from Kalamazoo Public Schools and Niles Community Schools before that. Katie has a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, a Master's in Special Education both from Grand Valley University.

Megan Hall– (NHS Media Specialist) – Megan has worked for PPS since 2016. She served as an ESI Teacher until June of 2023, most recently she was a Media Department Secretary at NHS. Megan has a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Education Leadership/Autism. She has recently completed the Wayne State experimental school library media specialist program to add the ND endorsement to her teaching certificate.

Graham Howard– (NHS Health/PE Teacher) – Graham was a PPS Intern Teacher during the 2024-25 school year and has been a regular substitute teacher in the district. Graham has a Bachelor's degree Physical and Health Education from Western Michigan University.

Jason Milan– (CHS ESI Teacher) – Jason has been working as a paraprofessional at PPS since early 2025. Jason has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Western Michigan University and is currently enrolled in alternative route program to add the Learning Disability endorsement to his Michigan teaching certification.

Samara Munoz– (LCE 3rd Grade Teacher) – Samara was a PPS Intern Teacher during the 2024-25 school year and has been a regular substitute in the district. Samara has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Western Michigan University.

Kyra Reese– (TWL 2nd Grade Teacher) – Kyra comes to PPS from Parchment School District where she has served as a Title Teacher. Kyra has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Elementary Education both from Western Michigan University.

Suzanne Wofford– (LCE 2nd Grade Teacher) – Suzanne comes to PPS from Hamilton County Schools in Tennessee and Chicago Public Schools before that. Suzanne has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Northern Michigan University.

Emma Chester– (NHS - Spanish Teacher) – Emma comes to PPS after subbing in the Grand Rapids with Edustaff that. Emma has a Bachelor's in Communication from Hope College and is enrolled in the Teachers of Tomorrow Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program.

Emily Stewart– (School Social Worker) – Emily comes to PPS from Bronson Methodist Hospital where she has worked since 2023. Emily has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Work from Western Michigan University.

Nicholas Stawowy– (NHS School Counselor) – Nicholas comes to from Parchment Schools. Nicholas has a general studies Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's degree in School Counseling from Grand Canyon University.

Blake Schuster– (ANG PE Teacher) – Blake comes to PPS from Mt. Pleasant where he completed his student teaching. Blake has a Bachelor's degree in Education from Central Michigan University.

James Rissi– (NHS Biology Teacher) – James comes to PPS from Marshall High School and Western High School in Parma before that. James has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Biological Science from Michigan State University.

Jaylin Bethke– (NHS Math Teacher) – Jaylin comes to PPS from Michigan Virtual Academy and Morley Stanwood High School before that. Jaylin has a Bachelor's from Ball State University.

Julie DeGraff– (WMS Science Teacher) – Julie comes to PPS from Kalamazoo Public Schools and Baltimore County Public Schools before that. Julie has a Bachelor's degree in Science from Western Michigan University, a Master's degree in Education from Our Lady of the Lake University in Texas.

David Peters– (STA/KHC/SMLS Music Teacher) – David comes to PPS from the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo and Dexter Community Schools before that. David has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music from Michigan State University.

James Pierucci– (STA/KHC/SMLS Music Teacher) – James comes to PPS after subbing through Edustaff since 2024. James has a Bachelor's a degree in Health and Physical Education from Western Michigan University.

Ashley Stack– (CHS Social Studies Teacher) – Ashley comes to PPS from Mattawan Schools. Ashley has a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies from Western Michigan University.

Grace Wiesner– (WMS Math Teacher) – Grace comes to PPS from Kalamazoo Public Schools. Grace has a Bachelor's in Education from Hope College and a Master's in Education from Bellarmine University.

Samantha Schatz– (NHS FACs Teacher) – Samantha comes to PPS from her student teaching internship in Kalamazoo Public Schools and her pre-internship at NHS before that. Samantha has a Bachelor's in Family and Consumer Sciences/Education from Western Michigan University.

Jenny Maske– (KCDS & SML Music Teacher) – Jenny comes to PPS due to our partnership with the non-public schools. She has passed the MTTC for Music Education and is enrolled in an alternative route to teacher certification program. Jenny has a Bachelor’s in Music from Concordia University.

Parker Bailey– (NMS Soc Studies Teacher) – Parker comes to PPS from Tutor Time Learning Center. Parker has bachelor’s degree in elementary education with a social studies focus from Western Michigan University.

Angela Boynton– (CHS Soc Studies Teacher) – Angela has been working at PPS as a paraprofessional. She has a bachelors and Master’s degree from Western Michigan University.

Hannah Stuart– (ANG 5th Grade Teacher) – Hannah comes to PPS after completing her intern teaching position at Cooper Elementary in Plainwell. She has a bachelors degree from Grand Valley State University.

Erin Kissinger– (CMS Media Specialist) – Erin has been at PPS first as a Media Secretary and most recently as the Principal’s Secretary at CMS. She has a bachelor’s degree from Grand Valley State University.

Evan Jones– (ANG - Art Teacher) – Evan comes to PPS after subbing in the Lakeview School District. He has a bachelor degree in Fine Arts from Bowling Green State University.

Madison McAllister– (CHS – Art Teacher) – Madison comes to PPS from Fremont High School. She has a bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University.

Abigail Shambo– (ANG – 5th Grade) – Abigail comes to PPS from Three Rivers Community Schools and is a previous PPS Intern Teacher. Abigail has a Bachelor’s degree in Education from Western Michigan University.

Shannon Howard– (WMS Spanish Teacher) – Shannon comes PPS from Vicksburg Community Schools and Harper Creek Schools before that. She has a bachelor’s degree from Grand Valley State University.

Teresa Cooper– (Instructional Consultant ELA) – Teresa comes to PPS from Calhoun ISD and Battle Creek Public Schools before that. She has a bachelor’s degree from University of Michigan and a Master’s degree from Michigan State.

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X. Discussion Items

1. Staff Chromebook Purchase (OP 6320)

Should the Board opt to move this discussion item to action, the following recommendations are provided:

Motion to Move to Action:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board move the Staff Chromebook Purchase discussion item to action.

Recommended Motion to Approve:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the purchase, as presented, of 100 staff Chromebooks from CDWG in the amount of \$44,347.00, the funds for which will come from the 2023 Bond Fund.

To: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent

From: Ryan Miller, Director of Information and Technology

CC: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance

Date: July 21, 2025

Re: Staff Chromebook Refresh Order for 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 100 staff Chromebooks from CDWG in the amount of \$44,347. The funds for these Chromebooks will come from the 2023 bond fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This recommendation is for the annual purchase of replacement Chromebooks for our teaching staff. We currently have enough licenses for these devices, so we do not need to purchase any additional licenses for staff devices at this time.

We are once again selecting the HP G-series Chromebook with a 14-inch display for our teacher devices. These Chromebooks feature premium processors and memory designed to keep up with the demands of our teachers. We have had the most success with parts availability with these devices, and they have proven to be more durable than other devices at similar price points.

BIDDING PROCESS

These items were selected through the REMC Bid Save process, and therefore did not require the formal bidding process. I have enclosed the device quote for your convenience and consideration.

If the Board of Education is comfortable, it would be appreciated if this recommendation could be approved at the July 21, 2025 Board meeting. I would be happy to answer any questions that the Board may have on this purchase.

Enclosure



Thank you for choosing CDW. We have received your quote.

QUOTE CONFIRMATION

CHRIS TEUGH,

Thank you for considering CDW•G for your technology needs. The details of your quote are below. **If you are an eProcurement or single sign on customer, please log into your system to access the CDW site.** You can search for your quote to retrieve and transfer back into your system for processing.

For all other customers, click below to convert your quote to an order.

Convert Quote to Order

QUOTE #	QUOTE DATE	QUOTE REFERENCE	CUSTOMER #	GRAND TOTAL
PMPN273	7/9/2025	TEACHER CHROMEBOOKS	196615	\$47,297.00

QUOTE DETAILS				
ITEM	QTY	CDW#	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE
HP Fortis G11 14" Chromebook - HD - Intel N-Series N200 - 8 GB - 64 GB Flas Mfg. Part#: 9R3K3UT#ABA Contract: REMC Computers 2025 (REMC COMP 2025)	100	7774419	\$443.47	\$44,347.00
Google Chrome Education Upgrade Mfg. Part#: CROS-SW-DIS-EDU-NEW Electronic distribution - NO MEDIA Contract: REMC Computers 2025 (REMC COMP 2025)	100	5988499	\$29.50	\$2,950.00

SUBTOTAL	\$47,297.00
SHIPPING	\$0.00
SALES TAX	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$47,297.00

PURCHASER BILLING INFO	DELIVER TO
Billing Address: PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACCOUNTING OFFI 8107 MUSTANG DR PORTAGE, MI 49002-5577 Phone: (269) 323-5000 Payment Terms: NET 30-VERBAL	Shipping Address: PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TECH DEPT 8107 MUSTANG DR PORTAGE, MI 49002-5577 Phone: (269) 323-5000 Shipping Method: UPS Ground (Indy 1-2 day)
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2. Interactive Flat Panels for New CEL & HAV (OP 6320)

Should the Board opt to move this discussion item to action, the following recommendations are provided:

Motion to Move to Action:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board move the Interactive Flat Panels discussion item to action.

Recommended Motion to Approve:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the purchase, as presented, of 12 Smart RX Interactive Flat Panels from Forte, Inc. in the amount of \$67,314.00, the funds for which will come from the 2023 Bond Fund.



To: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent

From: Ryan Miller, Director of Information and Technology

CC: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance

Date: July 21, 2025

Re: Interactive Flat Panels for CEL & HAV Common Areas

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 12 Smart RX Interactive Flat Panels from Forte, Inc. in the amount of \$67,314. The funds for these Interactive Flat Panels will come from the 2023 bond fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Interactive flat panels (IFPs) are the ideal technology solution for the common areas in our new elementary schools. They provide a future-ready instructional tool that enhances collaboration, supports differentiated instruction, and integrates seamlessly with our current educational technology platforms. IFPs deliver clear, vibrant visuals in any lighting condition and require minimal upkeep. Compared to standard TVs, IFPs offer touch interactivity, integrated educational software, and greater classroom utility beyond passive viewing.

Priorities:

- Seamless Integration with Current Technology Systems
 - Native Google Workspace integration
 - Native Microsoft integration
- Ease of Use, Adoption, & Implementation for Students & Staff
 - NFC Reader - Login with PPS ID Badge
 - Lumio Software
 - Professional Development (Live / In Person) included with purchase
- Rugged, Reliable, & Dependable
 - 7 Year Extended Warranty
 - Expected Lifespan of physical panel is 10+ years
 - OPS expansion provides additional years of service

BIDDING PROCESS

These items were selected through the REMC Bid Save process, and therefore, did not require the formal bidding process. I have enclosed the device quote and additional resources for your convenience and consideration.

If the Board of Education is comfortable, it would be appreciated if this recommendation could be approved at the July 21, 2025 Board meeting. I would be happy to answer any questions that the Board may have on this purchase.

Enclosures

Quote



Reference Number: 1371829
Date: July 09, 2025

Portage Public Schools -- 75" SMART RX panels with SMART carts

REMC QUOTE

Prepared By: Ben Kevern
Phone:
Email: ben.kevern@ourforte.com

FORTÉ
48679 Alpha Drive, Suite 140, Wixom, MI 48393
Phone: (469)359-4081
Fax: (248)957-6151

COMPANY

Portage Public Schools
8135 South Westnedge Avenue
Portage, MI 49002

Contact: Ryan Miller
Phone:
Email: rlmiller@portageps.org
Account Number: PPS0014

PROJECT SITE

Portage Public Schools - Portage, MI Site
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Portage, MI 49002

Contact: Ryan Miller
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Account Number: PPS0014

INVOICE TO

Portage Public Schools
8135 South Westnedge Avenue
Portage, MI 49002

Contact:
Phone:
Email: rlmiller@portageps.org
Account Number: PPS0014

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SUMMARY

Equipment	\$67,164.00
Integration	\$0.00
PRO Support	\$0.00
Lift Gate Delivery	\$150.00
Tax	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$67,314.00

Unless otherwise specified. The prices quoted reflect a discount for a cash payment (i.e., check, wire transfer) made by Customer in full within the time stated for payment on each invoice. Discount only applies to new items included on the invoice, and only applies if the balance on the invoice is paid in full.

All returned equipment is subject to a restocking charge. The prices are valid for 15 days and may be locked in by signing this Retail Sales Agreement.

FORTÉ's prices/rates provided in this quote and/or agreement do not reflect any applicable tariffs imposed by foreign or domestic governmental authorities. FORTÉ's prices are subject to change should applicable tariffs result in any price increase to the equipment purchased under this agreement.

Overdue balances are subject to a finance charge of 1.5% per month, or interest at the highest rate permitted by applicable law. In the event FORTÉ must pursue collection of unpaid invoices, Customer agrees to pay all of FORTÉ's costs of collection, including its attorneys' fees.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DETAIL

<u>Model #</u>	<u>Mfg</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Extended</u>
ED-SW-5	SMART	SMART Learning Suite, 5 year subscription	12	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
FSE-510-W	SMART	SMART Electric Height Adjustable Floor Stand, FSE-510-W, UL Listed, White	12	\$1,149.00	\$13,788.00
		SMART Board RX275 Interactive Display bundle which includes:	12	\$4,298.00	\$51,576.00
RX275	SMART	SMART Board RX075 series interactive display with iQ	12		
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	12		
EOW4-SBID-75-7Y	SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 75" interactive display 4 years 4 to 7	12		

Lift Gate Delivery

\$150.00

Total:

\$67,314.00

Interactive Flat Panel (IFP) Fact Sheet

WHY IFPs?

Interactive flat panels (IFPs) are the ideal technology solution for the common areas in our new elementary schools. They provide a future-ready instructional tool that enhances collaboration, supports differentiated instruction, and integrates seamlessly with our current educational technology platforms. IFPs deliver clear, vibrant visuals in any lighting condition and require minimal upkeep. Compared to standard TVs, IFPs offer touch interactivity, integrated educational software, and greater classroom utility beyond passive viewing.

Key Features / Benefits:

- **Enhanced Interactivity:** Touch-enabled for up to 20+ simultaneous users, fostering collaboration and hands-on learning.
- **Superior Visibility:** Bright, anti-glare displays that are clear in all lighting conditions—no need to darken the classroom.
- **Minimal Maintenance:** No bulbs to replace, no filters to clean, and fewer components prone to failure compared to projectors.
- **Built-in Educational Tools:** Many IFPs include whiteboarding software, screen sharing, and direct integration with educational platforms like Google Classroom and Microsoft 365.
- **Instant On/Off:** Reduces instructional downtime compared to the warm-up/cool-down cycles of projectors.
- **Long-Term Cost Savings:** Lower energy consumption and reduced maintenance lead to a lower total cost of ownership over time.
- **Consistent User Experience:** Standardized equipment across classrooms simplifies teacher training and IT support.
- **Multi-Device Connectivity:** Supports connections from Chromebooks, laptops, tablets, and document cameras wirelessly or via HDMI/USB-C.
- **Durability:** Designed for frequent classroom use, with hardened glass screens and longer device lifespans (typically 7–10 years or more).
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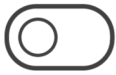
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3. MASB 2025 Annual Leadership Conference

MASB 2025 Annual Leadership Conference & Delegate Assembly Oct 23-26, 2025 – Grand Traverse Resort

For more information, visit the [conference web page](#).

Conference Registration / Rates

Conference Registration Rates

Register by Aug. 29 and save! 

Main Conference \$440

\$465 after Aug. 29, 2025.

Includes Thursday Welcome Reception, Friday and Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, General Sessions and Clinic Sessions.

Friday One-Day Conference \$249

\$275 after Aug. 29, 2025.

Includes Friday ONLY Breakfast, Lunch, General Session and Clinic Sessions.

Virtual Conference \$249

Includes access to event mobile app and livestreaming of Friday and Saturday General Sessions.

Saturday One-Day Conference \$249

\$275 after Aug. 29, 2025.

Includes Saturday ONLY Breakfast, Lunch, General Sessions and Clinic Sessions.

Schedule at a Glance

Th, Oct 23 - Board CBA classes 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. (must register for each CBA desired; (use link above to view CBA class schedule)
- Pre-conference session - MI Council School Attys Fall Conf 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (registration required separate of conference)
- Delegate Assembly 7-8:30 p.m. (attended by local Board-selected delegates)

F, Oct 24 – General Session-Embracing Innovation . . . George Couros, 8:30-10 a.m.
- Clinic Sessions A* - 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Clinic Sessions B* - 2-3 p.m.

Sat, Oct 25 – General Session-Leading through Complexity . . . Matt Lehrman, 8:30-10 a.m.
- Clinic Sessions C* - 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Legislative update (by MASB), 12:15-1pm
- Clinic Sessions D* - 1:15-2:15 p.m.

*Clinic sessions are in-person only; list of sessions not available 7.15.25; sessions included in cost of conference

Accommodations

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa
Hotel \$199/night & Tower \$259/night
Reservation deadline is 9/24/25. Rooms likely to be gone much sooner!

For registration, reach out to Barb with full details please.

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XI. Closed Session

1. Discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy (OMA)

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education move into closed session to discuss collective bargaining strategy, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act 15.268, Section 8(c).

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XII. Post-Closed Action

Recommended Motion

**Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education
approve _____.**