

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY GOVERNANCE RETREAT
PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CONF. RM. #1, 8107 MUSTANG DRIVE,
PORTAGE, MI 49002
JANUARY 12, 2015, 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FACILITIES MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

2. KALAMAZOO REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY MILLAGE

III. ADJOURN

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II. Discussion Items

1. Facilities Master Plan Recommendations

Portage Public Schools • January 12th Facility Planning Board Retreat

Purpose

Discuss the report and recommendations of the facility planning committee, and the next steps to be taken.

Outcomes

- A list of the decisions to be made
- A list of actions/responsibilities/next steps
- A list of the information desired to make the decisions

Facility Planning Committee Report

You have had some time to reflect and consider the recommendations and report prepared by the facility planning committee. What are you thinking at this time?

How and when would the board like to respond to the report? (Possibilities include: acknowledge report, accept report, approve report, etc.)

Facility Proposal

Does the board want to bring a facility proposal to voters?

If so, when does the board want to bring this facility proposal to voters? When will the facility proposal need to be developed? When will the election need to be authorized?

Decisions

What decisions about facilities need to be made by the board to develop a proposal? (Examples include: two or three middle schools, number of elementary schools, new facilities or renovations, timing of the recommendations, in what sequence facilities will be addressed, which facilities are included in the facility proposal, if the facility proposal will be an authorization or list specific projects, etc.)

In what order and when will each of the decisions need to be made?

Actions/Responsibilities

What needs to be done by the board between now and the election?

What needs to be done by the administration between now and the election?

Information

What information does the board need to know to make decisions and develop a facility proposal?

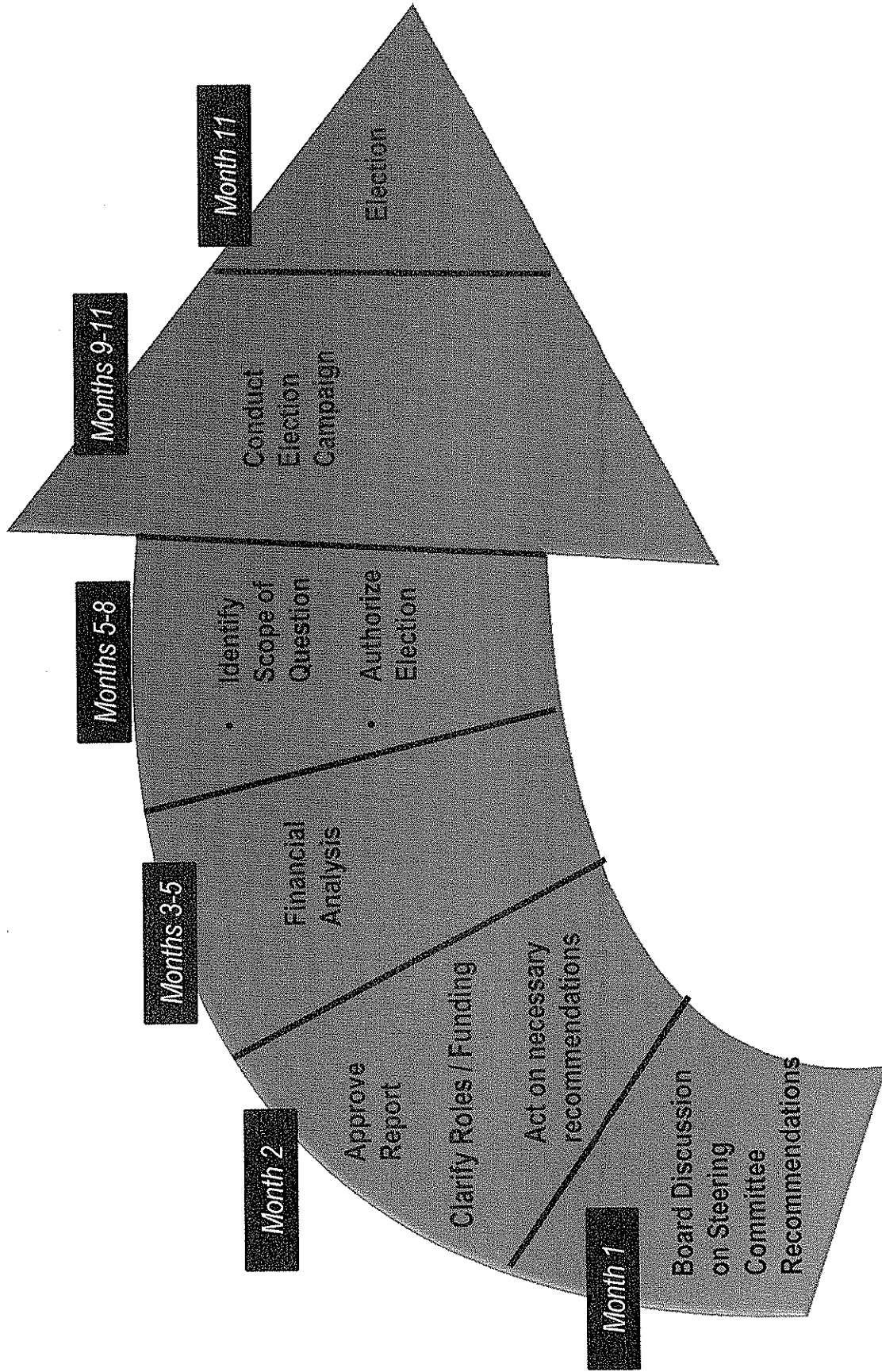
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To: Board of Education
From: Mark Bielang
Date: December 22, 2014
Re: Facilities Steering Committee Recommendations

Listed below are the nine Committee recommendations organized in a slightly different way and a very broad time line of activities necessary to keep the process moving forward.

Rec. Number **Recommendation Summary**

- 1 Thank Committee for recognizing past work
- 2 Acknowledge projects to be addressed (elementaries, middle schools, pools/stadiums
Community High School and technology)
- 2A Replace five oldest elementary schools with four
- 2B Replace three middle schools with two; build a middle school at each high school
- 2C Replace three existing pools with two; build a new pool at each of the two high
schools
- 2D1 Raze the Community High School facility; renovate West Middle School for other
uses; re-locate Curious Kids to West Middle School
- 2D2 Locate Community High School at one of the secondary campuses
- 2E Provide funds for Technology
- 3 Phase projects based on priority (middle school – elementary/pool-stadium)
- 4 Implement plan in a timely manner
- 5 Develop a more detailed financial analysis
- 6 Enlist necessary professional services (Construction Management, Architect,
Marketing, Owners Representative)
- 7 Conduct a Bond election; single or multiple elections
- 8 Continually update/refine facilities master plan
- 9 Continuous community involvement



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2. Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency Millage

TRANSPORTATION REVENUE BALLOT OPTION

Principles of Reform

- 1) Needed funding for roads and bridges
- 2) Protect schools, communities, public transit, rail
- 3) Transportation taxes go to transportation
- 4) Competitive prices at the pump
- 5) Tax relief for lower-income Michiganders

Legislature Approves

Ballot Proposal

- a. Raise Rates on Sales & Use to 7% total
- b. Eliminate Sales Tax on Motor Fuels
- c. Remove Higher Ed from School Aid Fund
- d. Amend Use Tax Distribution

Ballot Proposal May 2015

- 1. Increase General Sales/Use Tax by 1%, from 6% to 7%
\$1.34 B
 - 2. Eliminate Sales Tax on Motor Fuels
(\$752 M)
- Revenue**
- Transportation \$1.3 B
Roads \$1.2 B
Transit/Rail (CTF) \$112 M
 - Schools \$300 M (\$200 pp)
• Locals \$94 M
 - Tax Relief (\$260 M)

Legislature Approves

Additional Tie-barred Bills Effective ONLY If

Ballot Proposal is Approved by Voters

- 1. Wholesale Tax on Motor Fuels
\$1.2 B
Starts October 1, 2015
- 2. Registration Changes
\$95 M
\$45 M Vehicle Reg
\$50 M Heavy Trucks
- 3. Transportation-related Reforms
Warranties
Competitive Bidding
- 4. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
Restoration (tax year 2016)
(\$260 M)



MEMO

To: ESA Legislative Group

From: Matt Kurta

Re: End of Legislative Session Update

Date: December 19, 2014

At roughly 6:45 this morning, concluding a twenty-hour session day that began at 10:00 yesterday morning, the Legislature adjourned for the year, bringing the 2013-2014 legislative session to a close. The 2014 "lame duck" session of the Legislature proved to be every bit as intriguing as promised, with the Legislature finding compromise at long last on a road funding package in addition to number of legislative initiatives either making their way to the Governor's desk or left to die in either the House or Senate. Following is a summary of legislative action this week:

Enacted:

Bi-partisan Road Deal Reached

After multiple meetings this week and last between the Governor and the respective leaders of the House and Senate Republican and Democratic Caucuses, the parties announced a comprehensive deal Thursday morning. The framework of the deal represents five "Principles of Reform" declared by the parties yesterday:

- New, needed funding for roads and bridges,
- Protecting schools, local units of government and public transit,
- Dedicating taxes paid at the pump to transportation,
- Competitive prices at the pump, and
- Tax relief for lower-income individuals

The crux of the deal is a ballot initiative to be placed before voters on May 5, 2015 that will provide an option to increase the sales tax 1% from 6% to 7% and repeal the sales tax on gasoline effective October 1, 2015. The ballot initiative will also specifically state that School Aid Fund dollars cannot

be used for higher education. Should voters approve the ballot initiative, roads will see an additional \$1.3 billion, schools will see both an additional \$300 million (roughly \$200 per-pupil) and a current-year increase in At-Risk funding of \$40 million, local governments will see an additional \$94 million, and lower-income individuals will receive tax relief of roughly \$260 million through expansion of the Earned-Income tax Credit and Homestead Property tax Credit. The state will also conduct a study on the true cost of properly educating a student to the point where he or she can show successful completion of the Michigan Merit Standard, and whether public money is distributed in a way where all children have equal opportunity to succeed in school. Finally, the state will begin requiring online retailers with a "nexus" in Michigan to remit Michigan sales & use tax on online purchases.

Modifying the rate of the state sales tax requires amending the Michigan Constitution, which can only be done either directly by voters or via a 2/3 vote in each chamber with approval by the voters at the next general election. As a 2/3 vote required cooperation and votes from both Republicans and Democrats in both the House and Senate, Democrats were able to negotiate a number of their priorities into the overall deal, but those priorities are tie-barred to successful voter approval of the ballot initiative, meaning that if the ballot proposal fails, the entire deal fails. The details of the deal are as follows:

- House Bill 4251 allows a township to require a county road commission to award road projects through competitive bidding if the township contributes more than 50% of the project costs
- House Bill 4539 eliminates the sales tax on gasoline after October 1, 2015
- House Bill 5477 creates a new 14.9% wholesale tax on gasoline
- House Bill 5493 includes diesel in the new wholesale tax
- House Bill 5167 requires MDOT and local road agencies to bid out certain projects
- House Bill 4630 freezes the depreciation status on certain vehicle registration fees, increases fees on heavier trucks, and creates a new fee for electric vehicle registrations
- House Bill 5460 requires warranties on road projects
- Senate Bill 80 sets aside \$40 million for "at-risk schools", and requires greater disclosure of school district board and administrator expenses
- Senate Bill 847 increases the state Earned Income Tax Credit to 20% of the federal level
- Senate Bill 423 creates the "cost of property educating a student" study
- Senate Bills 658 and 639 enact the "Main Street Fairness" bills for online sales tax
- House Joint Resolution UU puts the 1-cent sales tax increase on the ballot and modifies the distribution of sales tax
- House Bill 5492 exempts gasoline from the use tax and modifies sales tax distribution to the School Aid Fund
- House Concurrent Resolution 39 offers up suggested ballot language to the Board of State Canvassers

The House and Senate passed this package during the wee hours of the morning, though horse-trading for House passage of certain Senate bills was necessary near the end of session in the Senate to secure the final three votes needed for 2/3 passage, one of which was passage of a modified version of Senator Glenn Anderson's (R-Westland) anti-cyber bullying legislation, Senate Bill 78.

Overall, this package is a very good deal for school districts, who will surely be called upon to assist an emerging coalition in selling the package to voters at the ballot box in May. Should voters not approve the package, legislators will need to start again at square one and the status quo will remain.

Not Enacted:

Teacher & Administrator Evaluations:

The House and Senate failed to reach an agreement on teacher & administrator evaluation reforms, meaning effective January 1, at least 50% of annual evaluations will be based on assessments and

student growth. Remaining disagreements center on the degree of local flexibility in evaluation tools, and discussions will continue when the new Legislature reconvenes in January.

Early Warning

The early warning legislation that passed the Senate last week was reported out of the House Financial Liability Reform Committee this week, but did not see action on the House floor. The Governor will address this and overall transparency and accountability in school districts and local government in his State-of-the-State address on January 20.

3rd Grade Reading Retention & A-F Letter Grading

Legislation to require third graders to meet proficiency standards in reading before advancing to fourth grade (House Bills 5111 and 5144) and legislation to set up an A-F grade system for evaluating school performance (HB 5112) did not see action this week in the House, meaning the bills will need to start from scratch in January. Governor Snyder made some very positive comments earlier this week with respect to focusing on earlier intervention and teacher training rather than retention when the Legislature revisits this issue next year.

Critical Shortage

Action on any of a number of bills to address teacher critical shortage will need to wait until next year. Outgoing Sen. Bruce Caswell (R-Hillsdale) deserves credit from the school community for a valiant attempt to find a compromise on the issue in Senate Bill 907.

EAA

Legislation to codify the Education Achievement Authority (House Bill 4369, sponsored by Rep. Lisa Lyons (R-Alto) has passed both chambers, but will die on the Senate floor. While the legislation has seen significant modifications in each chamber since introduction, the Legislature is likely to revisit the issue next year in the greater context of ongoing discussions surrounding the future composition of Detroit Public Schools.

School Bond Loan Fund

A late attempt by the Department of Treasury and outgoing Senator John Pappageorge (R-Troy) to further restrict school district access to the School Bond Loan Fund (SBLF) died in House committee. This legislation would have unnecessarily slowed future school construction to a grinding halt, especially in low- to middle-income suburbs, rural areas, and core cities.

Overall, given the number of legislative challenges facing schools and uncertainty surrounding road funding proposals in lame duck and throughout the past two years, the 2013-2014 session of the Legislature ended on a positive note for us. Next year will certainly bring new challenges in addition to rehashed versions of the challenges noted above. I truly appreciated the opportunity to work with you and advocate on your behalf in Lansing over the past year, and I look forward to continued success when the new Legislature convenes in January. In the meantime, on behalf of Don and the entire team here at Karoub, enjoy a safe, relaxing holiday season with friends and family.

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Millage Per Pupil Estimates
1.5 Mill Levy

District	SE % of Weighted Enrollment*	SE Revenue - 1.5 Mills	Blended K-12 Enrollment*	Estimated Per Pupil
Climax-Scotts	1.40%	151,625	489.36	310
Comstock	6.11%	661,737	1,991.14	332
Galesburg-Augusta	3.08%	333,576	1,048.50	318
Gull Lake	8.78%	951,125	3,263.24	291
KPS	38.36%	4,154,970	12,566.98	331
Parchment	4.97%	538,270	1,702.85	316
Portage	23.73%	2,570,485	8,671.07	296
Schoolcraft	2.92%	316,247	1,079.54	293
Vicksburg	7.40%	801,449	2,672.36	300
Paramount	1.45%	157,041	224.60	699
Oakland	0.62%	67,148	496.10	135
Evergreen	0.15%	16,246	174.40	93
Forest	0.52%	56,318	44.96	1,253
YAA	0.14%	15,163	53.20	285
Lakeside	0.36%	38,989	111.70	349
Total	100.00%	10,830,389	34,590.00	313

*Data from 2014-2015 Revised Special Education Budget Book.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

_____, County(ies) of _____, State of Michigan
(the "School District")

A _____ meeting of the board of education of the Issuer (the "Board") was held in the _____, within the boundaries of the School District, on the _____ day of _____ 20____, at _____ o'clock in the _____.m.

WHEREAS:

1. Due to the erosion of available revenue to fund special education programs, services and related expenses and the corresponding pressure on local school districts' general fund budgets, Kalamazoo RESA's board of education is considering a special education millage proposition to be placed on the May 5, 2015 election ballot; and

2. Section 1274 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and Section 641 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, authorize Kalamazoo RESA to call an election to place a special education millage proposition on the ballot; and

3. Successful passage of special education millage will relieve certain general fund budget pressures on the School District and provide additional revenue to support special education programs, services and related expenses; and

4. This Board desires to express its support for a Kalamazoo RESA special education millage proposition to be voted upon at an election to be held on May 5, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board hereby declares its support for Kalamazoo RESA to call an election for May 5, 2015 to place a special education millage proposition on the ballot and further, supports a special education millage proposition in an amount not to exceed _____ mills for _____ years.

2. This Board further acknowledges that this resolution is not legally binding on Kalamazoo RESA and that it is legally authorized to adjust the millage request and number of years based upon its discretion and judgment, taking into consideration the local constituent school districts expressed support.

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

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of _____, _____ County(ies), Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a _____ meeting held on _____, 20__, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Secretary, Board of Education