

PORTAGE LAKES JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board Meeting Minutes
Portage Lakes Career Center
4401 Shriver Rd. Uniontown, OH 44685
Thursday, April 16, 2026
6:00pm

Present: David Cohen, Green; Dan Fouser, Coventry; Dave Hofer, Springfield; Jason Jividen, Manchester; Parker Mason, Springfield; Laura McGraw, Coventry; Richard Sponseller, Manchester; John Sulek, Coventry

Absent: Eric Chojnacki, Green

1 Call to Order

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

2 Roll Call

Eric Chojnacki
David Cohen
Dan Fouser
Dave Hofer
Jason Jividen
Parker Mason
Laura McGraw
Richard Sponseller
John Sulek

Minutes:

Mr. Chojnacki was absent. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Mason joined the meeting at 6:03 PM. All other members were present.

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Visitor's Comments

Minutes:

No visitor's comments.

5 Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

5.1 Minutes

It is recommended that the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2026, as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-31

Motioned: Dave Hofer

Seconded: Jason Jividen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

5.2 Financial Reports

It is recommended that the board approve the financial reports, check register, bank reconciliation, and comparative financial report for the month of March 2026, as presented, subject to audit.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-32

Motioned: Parker Mason

Seconded: Dave Hofer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

5.3 Grant Funding

It is recommended the board approve the following grant funding to Portage Lakes Career Center.

Lozick Family Foundation Grant, awarded to Portage Lakes Career Center ManuWeld program, with a funding total of \$20,000.00.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-33

Motioned: Richard Sponseller

Seconded: Laura McGraw

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6 Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

6.1 Highlights of this past month's activities

The Career Center Students of the Month are:
 Noah McDuffie, Junior, Automation & Electronics--Coventry
 Shagun Patel, Senior, Cosmetology--Green
 Becca Lee, Senior, Dental Assisting--Manchester
 Corbin Ilg, Junior, Building Trades--Springfield

Minutes:

Mr. Clark recognized the Students of the Month. It is the time of year for certifications for Cosmetology, HVAC and Med Tech. Metallus Automation interviewed Automation students for summer internships, Automation visited Stark Truss, NTHS tapping this month with the induction ceremony on April 22nd, Law program visited Stark County Jail and will have a mock trial with a Circuit Court Judge and local attorneys.

Mr. Colyer, HVAC Instructor, spoke about the HVAC program, the equipment and curriculum used by the students.

Mrs. Tripney attended the Northeast Region Spring Conference on March 30th at Coffin Career Center where Board Member Mr. Hofer received the OSBA Star Award in Training, was designated a Master Board Member, honored as a 15 year Board Member, and is the President-Elect for our region. She also shared that 39 High School Seniors are now out on placement. Her Adult Education update included our student retention is currently at 80%. There are already 130 students enrolled for the Fall programs.

6.2 Master Contract Ratification

It is recommended that the board approve ratification of the Master Contract between Portage Lakes Career Center Board of Education and the Portage Lakes Education Association for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-34

Motioned: Parker Mason

Seconded: David Cohen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6.3 Administrative and Exempt Salary Schedule

It is recommended that the board approve the Administrative and Exempt Salary Schedule as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-35

Motioned: Dave Hofer

Seconded: Jason Jividen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6.4 Retirement

Mary Ann Morena, Teacher, retirement effective 6/30/2026

It is recommended that the board approve the retirement listed above.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-36

Motioned: Parker Mason

Seconded: Laura McGraw

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6.5 Employment

Administrative Contract

Krista Haubert, Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator, 260 days, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2029

Marsha Keim, Practical Nursing Coordinator, 220 days, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2029

Adult Education

Kimberle Fete, Evening Administrator, \$50.00 per hour, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Exempt Confidential Employee Contract

Teri Hohan, Assistant to the Treasurer I (Payroll), \$31.50 per hour, not to exceed 1360 hours per year, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Support Staff Contracts

Rebecca Beaver, Paraprofessional--Second 2 year contract, 7/1/2026-6/30/2028

Brandie Kresowaty, Student Services Administrative Assistant-- Second 2 year contract, 7/1/2026-6/30/2028

Nicholas Mack, Custodian/Maintenance-- First 2 year contract, 7/1/2026-6/30/2028

Sarah Murphy, Administrative Assistant-- Third 2 year contract, 7/1/2026-6/30/2028

Gary Pepper, Custodian/Maintenance-- Second 2 year contract, 7/1/2026-6/30/2028

Benjamin Stanford, Custodian/Maintenance, Salary Group III, Step 4, 260 days, effective 4/20/2026-6/30/2026, with benefits

Michelle Truman, Administrative Assistant-- Third 2 year contract, 7/1/2026-6/30/2028

Christian Wagner, Custodian/Maintenance-- First 2 year contract, 7/1/2026-6/30/2028

High School (One-Year Limited Contract)

Daniel Allais, Substitute Daytime Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$340.00 per day, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Kyle Anker, Substitute Daytime Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$300.00 per day, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Edgar Beverage, Substitute Daytime Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$300.00 per day, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Daniel Bickett, Substitute Daytime Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$300.00 per day, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

High School One-Year Limited Contracts 2026-2027 School Year

- Ron Balis
- Jaime Bowser
- Brian Bricker
- Harold Britt
- Jeremy Burdick
- Shaan Colyer
- Diane Forrest
- Ann Fritz
- Rachel Householder

- Michael Mariana
- Dan Pernod
- Jessica Russell
- Jason Toth

It is recommended that the board approve the employment contracts listed above.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-37

Motioned: Dave Hofer

Seconded: Richard Sponseller

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6.6 Separation Agreement and Release

It is recommended that the board approve the attached resolution authorizing the separation agreement and release of Jenna Lewis-Andrico.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-38

Motioned: Parker Mason

Seconded: Jason Jividen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		

Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6.7 Electricity Purchase Program of the Ohio Schools Council

Recommend approval of a resolution Authorizing the School District Board to Enter into the Electricity Purchase Program of the Ohio Schools Council.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-39

Motioned: Richard Sponseller

Seconded: Dave Hofer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6.8 Donation

Wrenchway-- \$500.00 to Automotive Technology program

Recommend approval of the donation mentioned above.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-40

Motioned: Dan Fouser

Seconded: David Cohen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

7 New Business

Minutes:

No new business.

8 Board Members--Informal

9 Adjournment

Next Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-41

Motioned: Jason Jividen

Seconded: Laura McGraw

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Dave Hofer, Springfield	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

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