

# PORTAGE LAKES JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
Portage Lakes Career Center  
4401 Shriver Rd. Uniontown, OH 44685  
Thursday, February 20, 2025  
6:00pm

**Present:** Eric Chojnacki, Green; David Cohen, Green; Dan Fouser, Coventry; Donnie Furlong, Springfield; Dave Hofer, (Springfield); Jason Jividen, Manchester; Parker Mason, Springfield; Laura McGraw, Coventry; Richard Sponseller, Manchester

## 1 Call to Order

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**Minutes:**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

## 2 Roll Call

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Eric Chojnacki  
Dave Cohen  
Dan Fouser  
Donnie Furlong  
Dave Hofer  
Jason Jividen  
Parker Mason  
Laura McGraw  
Richard Sponseller

**Minutes:**

All members were present.

## 3 Pledge of Allegiance

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## 4 Visitor's Comments

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**Minutes:**

No visitor comments.

## 5 Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

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**Minutes:**

The Board approved to waive the exit conference for the FY2024 Financial Audit.

### 5.1 Minutes

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Recommend approval of the minutes of the organizational and regular meeting of January 16, 2025, as presented.

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-013

**Motioned:** Jason Jividen

**Seconded:** Richard Sponseller

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield			X
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

### 5.2 Financial Reports

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Recommend approval of the financial reports, check register, bank reconciliation, and comparative financial report for the month of January 2025, as presented, subject to audit.

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-014

**Motioned:** Donnie Furlong

**Seconded:** Dan Fouser

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

### 5.3 Amounts and Rates

Recommend approval of a resolution accepting the Fiscal 2026 Amounts and Rates as determined by the Summit County Budget Commission, and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Summit County Fiscal Office, as presented.

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-015

**Motioned:** Eric Chojnacki

**Seconded:** David Cohen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

## 6 Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

## 6.1 Highlights of this past month's activities

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The Career Center Students of the Month are:  
 Kayla Munn, Junior, Fire Academy--Coventry  
 Paul Okoye, Senior, Design, Communication and Marketing--Green  
 Becca Lee, Junior, Dental Assisting--Manchester  
 Ethan Crady, Senior, Cyber Academy--Springfield

**Minutes:**

Mr. Clark presented the students of the month. Mrs. Tripney discussed the new Adult Ed programs added for 2025-2026 and tuition costs. Mrs. Redmond gave a brief update on the number of students participating in the upcoming SkillsUSA (State) competition.

Mr. Britt and students did a demonstration of the APEX Officer simulator.

## 6.2 Employment

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Adult Education

*Shaan Colyer*, HVAC Consultant, \$50.00 per hour, 50 hours maximum, effective 2/1/2025-6/30/2025, no benefits

*Anne Papacostas*, Part-Time Practical Nursing Clinical/Lab Instructor, \$37.50 per hour, not to exceed 28 hours per week, 375 hours maximum, effective 2/20/2025-6/30/2025, no benefits

Support Staff

*Gregory Hegal*, Custodian/Maintenance, Salary Group III, Step 4, 260 days, effective 2/10/2025-6/30/2025, with benefits

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

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-016

**Motioned:** David Cohen

**Seconded:** Jason Jividen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		

Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
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### 6.3 Resignation

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*Eric McCown, Custodian/Maintenance, effective 2/13/2025*

**It is recommended that the board approve the resignation listed above.**

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-017

**Motioned:** Donnie Furlong

**Seconded:** Parker Mason

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

### 6.4 Adult Education Tuition

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**2025-2026**

Practical Nursing (1120 hours) \$18,495.00

Phlebotomy Technician (138 hours) \$2,500.00

Dental Assisting (600 hours) \$8,995.00

CNA (96 hours) \$1,200.00

Cosmetology (1500 hours) \$18,495.00

Hair Design (1000 hours) \$13,495.00

Esthetician (600 hours) \$9,995.00

Nail Technician (200 hours) \$2,995.00

Welding (600 hours) \$9,495.00

HVAC (600 hours) \$9,495.00

Automation and Electronics (600 hours) \$9,495.00  
 Emergency Dispatch (96 hours) \$1,750.00  
 Sterile Processing (220 hours) \$2,995.00  
 Drone Pilot (60 hours) \$500.00  
 IT Fundamentals (80 hours) \$1,000.00

*Alumni of PLCC's four partner districts, as well as veterans, and immediate family members of PLCC staff, can apply for a one-time \$1,000 scholarship toward full-time program enrollment or a one-time \$250 scholarship toward part-time enrollment.*

**It is recommended that the board approve the 2025-2026 Adult Education tuition rates listed above.**

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-018

**Motioned:** Laura McGraw

**Seconded:** Dave Hofer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

## 6.5 Field Trip

Skills USA to Columbus, OH, March 17, 2025-March 19, 2025

**It is recommended that the board approve the field trip listed above.**

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-019

**Motioned:** Richard Sponseller

**Seconded:** Eric Chojnacki

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

## 6.6 Board Meeting Date Change

**It is recommended that the board approve to move the June Regular Board of Education meeting from June 19 to June 26, 2025 due to the Juneteenth holiday.**

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-020

**Motioned:** Donnie Furlong

**Seconded:** Jason Jividen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

## 6.7 Equipment Donations

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Anonymous--Various drill bits, mill tooling, and bits for Welding Lab (Estimated value \$1,500.00)

Eleet Cryogenics, Inc.--Stainless steel and aluminum drops for Welding Lab (Valued at \$200.00)

Dr. Michael Mead DDS--Disposable gowns and used lab jackets for Dental Assisting Lab (Estimated value \$460.00)

Myers Tire Supply--610 boxes (one pallet) of size large nitrile gloves for industrial labs (Valued at \$12,007.24)

Ohio Gratings, Inc.--3/8" Steel plate, 2 spools aluminum wire for MIG welding, 2 spools steel wire for MIG welding for Welding Lab (Valued at \$690.43)

**It is recommended that the board approve the equipment donations listed above.**

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-021

**Motioned:** Dan Fouser

**Seconded:** Laura McGraw

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

## 6.8 Equipment Disposal

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Canon Printer PLCC tag #000075

**It is recommended that the board approve disposal of the equipment listed above.**

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-022

**Motioned:** Donnie Furlong  
**Seconded:** Richard Sponseller

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

## 7 New Business

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## 8 Board Members--Informal

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## 9 Adjournment

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Next Meeting  
 Thursday, March 20, 2025  
 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 25-023

**Motioned:** Laura McGraw

**Seconded:** Donnie Furlong

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		

Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		
Donnie Furlong, Springfield	X		
Dave Hofer, (Springfield)	X		
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

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