

# PORTAGE LAKES JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
Portage Lakes Career Center  
4401 Shriver Rd. Uniontown, OH 44685  
Thursday, March 19, 2026  
6:00pm

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

## 1 Call to Order

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**Minutes:**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM.

## 2 Roll Call

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

**Minutes:**

All members were present.

## 3 Pledge of Allegiance

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## 4 Visitor's Comments

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**Minutes:**

No visitor's comments.

## 5 Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

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**Minutes:**

PLCC has received a clean audit for Fiscal 2025. The audit report will be released by the Auditor of State's Office within the next two weeks.

**Motioned:** Parker Mason  
**Seconded:** Dave Hofer

## 5.1 Minutes

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

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 26-25

**Motioned:** Parker Mason  
**Seconded:** Dave Hofer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
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		

## 5.2 Financial Reports

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

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 26-26

**Motioned:** Parker Mason  
**Seconded:** Jason Jividen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
David Cohen, Green	X		
Dan Fouser, Coventry	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
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

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### 6.1 Highlights of this past month's activities

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The Career Center Students of the Month are:

Adam Amedeo, Senior, Fire Academy--Coventry

Isabelle Fast, Junior, Automotive--Green

Logan Clites, Junior, Building Trades--Manchester

Marissa Butler, Senior, Sports Medicine--Springfield

#### Minutes:

Mr. Clark shared that the last few months of the school are jam packed. Out of 21 regional SkillsUSA competitions, PLCC students placed in the top 4 in 12 of the competitions, earning them a trip to the state competitions May 5th & 6th in Columbus. Seven of the seventeen pieces of artwork from our region for the State Exhibition of the Ohio Governor's Art Awards were from PLCC DCM students. A welding photo by LeShauna Golden from Green was chosen to be in the special exhibition at ODEW. Metallus, Inc. representatives shared that they are starting a new program called automation technician apprenticeship based on the interviews they had with our Automation and Electronics students.

Superintendent, Mrs. Tripney, and Treasurer, Mrs. Young, presented the first annual State of PLCC. The presentation included finances, solar array update, 4-year capital plan, High School and Adult Education achievement, enrollment, and statistical updates.

Board members toured the Welding Lab seeing demonstrations of the plasma cutter and robotic welder. Following the meeting they had an opportunity to try welding with the assistance of the PLCC welding students.

### 6.2 Retirement

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Maureen Paczak, Teacher, retirement effective 6/30/2026

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

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 26-27

**Motioned:** Dave Hofer

**Seconded:** Richard Sponseller

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
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 Employment

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Support Staff Contract

Nicholas Mack, Custodian/Maintenance, Salary Group III, Step 4, 260 days, effective 3/5/2026-6/30/2026, with benefits

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

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 26-28

**Motioned:** Jason Jividen

**Seconded:** David Cohen

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
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 Board Policy Updates (First Reading Waived)

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EBDE- Procurement and Administration of Overdose Reversal Drugs/Revision

EDEC- Artificial Intelligence/Revision (Required)

EFD- Misbranded Foods and Cultivated-Protein Food Products/New Policy (Required)

**It is recommended that the board approve the board policy updates listed above.**

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 26-29

**Motioned:** Laura McGraw

**Seconded:** Dave Hofer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
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

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**Minutes:**

No new business.

## 8 Board Members--Informal

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## 9 Adjournment

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Next Meeting  
Thursday, April 16, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

**Minutes:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**Result:** Approved

**Resolution:** 26-30

**Motioned:** David Cohen

**Seconded:** Parker Mason

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
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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