

PORTAGE LAKES JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board Meeting Minutes
Portage Lakes Career Center
4401 Shriver Rd. Uniontown, OH 44685
Thursday, March 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

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

2 Roll Call

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

Minutes:

All members were present at roll call, except for Mr. Jividen who arrived at 6:05 PM and Mr. Mason who arrived at 6:13 PM.

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Visitor's Comments

Minutes:

No visitor comments.

5 Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

5.1 Minutes

Recommend approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2025, as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-024

Motioned: David Cohen

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		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

5.2 Financial Reports

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-025

Motioned: Donnie Furlong

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		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

5.3 Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER ELECTRIC ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND POWER4SCHOOLS' ENDORSED ELECTRIC SUPPLIER, ENGIE RESOURCES LLC.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Schools Council, Ohio School Board Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (the "Associations") each carries out cooperative purchase programs and promotes cooperative arrangements and agreements among its member school districts and government agencies or private persons; and

WHEREAS, the Associations collectively do business under the trade name "Power4Schools" ("P4S") for the purpose of endorsing competitive retail electric service ("CRES") providers to supply retail electric energy services to the Associations' members; and

WHEREAS, the members of, and other participating public schools associated with, the Associations desire to purchase retail electric energy services from the CRES provider that has received the endorsement of P4S, ENGIE Resources LLC ("ENGIE"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of this School District (the "District"), as a member of one of the Associations, pursuant to this resolution desires to authorize the execution and delivery or extension by the District of a Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement and Sales Confirmation between the District and ENGIE (the "Power Sales Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, will purchase electricity generation for its school facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PORTAGE LAKES CAREER CENTER, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board authorizes and directs the Treasurer to execute and deliver, in the name of the District and on its behalf, the Power Sales Agreement, substantially in the form now on file with this Board, with any changes that are not inconsistent with this resolution and that may be acceptable to the Treasurer whose acceptance shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such document by the Treasurer.

Section 2. Monies adequate to pay amounts due under the Power Sales Agreement for the current fiscal year are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-026

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		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

5.4 Fund to Fund Transfers

Recommend approval of the following fund to fund transfer.

From: Fund 001-0000 - General Fund \$3,000

To: Fund 011-9002 - Customer Service \$3,000

(Transfer funds to cover expenses incurred)

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-027

Motioned: Donnie Furlong

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		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

5.5 FY25 Appropriation Amendment #2

Recommend approval of the following amendments to FY25 fund-level appropriations:

- General Fund (001): +\$82,355
 - Awarded Career Awareness Funds for Home School
- One Net (451): +\$1,000
 - Awarded funding for technology
- Carl Perkins (524): +\$9,355.24
 - Awarded additional federal funding
- Customer Service (011): +3,000
 - Transfer funds from General Fund
- Student Activities (499): +\$53,484
 - Awarded Talent Ready Grant from Ohio Higher Ed

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-028

Motioned: Richard Sponseller

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		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

5.6 Grant Funding

Recommend approval of the following grant funding to Portage Lakes Career Center.

K-12 Connectivity Grant (Fund 451), awarded to Portage Lakes Career Center, with a funding total and permanent appropriation in the amount of \$1,000.

Talent Ready Grant (Fund 499), awarded to Portage Lakes Career Center, with a funding total and permanent appropriation in the amount of \$53,484.

Carl Perkins Grant (Fund 524), awarded to Portage Lakes Career Center, with a funding total and permanent appropriation in the amount of \$141,061.20

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-029

Motioned: Laura McGraw

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		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

5.7 Contract Approval

Recommend the approval of a contract with Strategic Solutions to provide professional services and imaging software, with an annual cost of \$13, 295 per year. First year software cost is \$14,290.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-030

Motioned: Laura McGraw

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		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		

6 Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

6.1 Highlights of this past month's activities

The Career Center Students of the Month are:
 Connor Jermont, Junior, Automotive Technology--Coventry
 Avalyn Buck, Senior, Welding--Green
 Cadyn Mettler, Senior, Welding--Manchester
 Andrew Berry, Senior, Engineering Processes--Springfield

Minutes:

Mr. Clark presented the students of the month and provided an update on the success of the Career Fair. Mrs. Saley presented information and statistics from the Climate Survey that was sent to students, parents, and staff members. Notably, the results indicated that all parties feel very safe and supported at PLCC. It also indicated that students and staff would like to be more involved in the decision making processes of PLCC. Mrs. Saley will be sharing the survey with interested Board Members so that they can use the tool at their own district. Mrs. Tripney provided an update on Adult Education. PLCC will be graduating a total of 199 adult students from our programs this year. Enrollment for the 2025-2026 Adult Ed programs is already at 116 students. Over 80 employers attended the Career Fair and the survey results indicate that a majority of the employers plan to interview and potentially hire PLCC students. Mrs. Redmond commended the 30 students who represented PLCC at the Skills USA State Competition in Columbus. The Welding Fabrication team received a Bronze metal, the Technical Drafting team received Silver, and the Pre-Nursing, Community Service received Gold and will be moving on to the national competition this summer.

6.2 Employment

Adult Education

Dale Dunlevy, HVAC Consultant, \$50.00 per hour, 50 hours maximum, effective 2/24/2025-6/30/2025, no benefits

James Forquer, HVAC Instructor, \$37.50 per hour, 175 hours maximum, effective 3/12/2025-6/30/2025, no benefits

Nichlos Wiker, HVAC Instructor, \$37.50 per hour, 175 hours maximum, effective 3/10/2025-6/30/2025, no benefits

Support Staff

John Beaver, Custodian/Maintenance, Salary Group III, Step 4, 260 days, effective 3/7/2025-6/30/2025, with benefits

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-031

Motioned: David Cohen

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		

6.3 Resignations

Gregory Hegal, Custodian/Maintenance, effective 3/7/2025

Kim Robinson, Adult Education Program Manager, effective 3/31/2025

Michele Zinck, Adult Education Instructor, effective 3/28/2025

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-032

Motioned: Laura McGraw

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		

6.4 Donation

Ascarrunz Acres \$100.00 to Welding Lab

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-033

Motioned: Parker Mason

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		

7 New Business

Minutes:

No new business.

8 Board Members--Informal

9 Adjournment

Next Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 25-034

Motioned: David Cohen

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		

The Portage Lakes Joint Vocational School District is an equal opportunity educational institution. Employment and educational programs are offered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, military status, ancestry, age, genetic information or any other legally protected characteristic and provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The district prohibits harassment of individuals in any form. Any alleged act of discrimination or harassment should be referred to Mr. Gregg Clark, Title IX Coordinator, Portage Lakes Career Center, 4401 Shriver Road, Uniontown, OH 44685, phone: 330-896-8200 or email: gclark@plcc.edu.