

PORTAGE LAKES JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board Meeting Minutes
Portage Lakes Career Center
4401 Shriver Rd. Uniontown, OH 44685
Thursday, May 21, 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

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:

All 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 April 16, 2026, as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-42

Motioned: Jason Jividen

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

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-43

Motioned: Richard Sponseller

Seconded: Parker Mason

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

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Jason Jividen, Manchester	X		
Parker Mason, Springfield	X		
Laura McGraw, Coventry	X		
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

5.3 Stark County Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing

It is recommended that the board approve the resolution requesting inclusion in the Stark County Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program (SCSCOG).

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-44

Motioned: Dave Hofer

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		

5.4 Scholarship Donations

Donald and Virginia Power to the DVP Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00

Michael Morrison to the George Garman Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00

It is recommended that the board approve the above mentioned scholarship donations.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-45

Motioned: Laura McGraw

Seconded: Eric Chojnacki

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		

5.5 FY26 Appropriation Amendment #2

It is recommended that the board approve the amendments to the FY26 fund-level appropriations as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-46

Motioned: Jason Jividen

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		

5.6 Fund Transfer

It is recommended that the board approve the following fund transfer.

From: 001-0000 General Fund \$22,556

To: 499-9025 ODHE RAPIDS 7 \$22,556

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-47

Motioned: Dave Hofer

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		

6 Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

6.1 Highlights of this past month's activities

The Career Center Students of the Month are:

Piper Philips, Junior, Dental Assisting--Coventry

Zander Robey, Senior, Building Trades--Green

Brayla Behrens, Senior, Design, Communication & Marketing--Manchester

Johnny Jaynes, Senior, Automotive Technology--Springfield

Minutes:

Principal Clark's update included NTHS Induction Ceremony, PLCC Prom at Raintree Country Club, Building Trades and Welding visit to the Carpenters Union, Automation visited Marathon Oil Refinery, Scholarship Recognition event, and Senior Send off Parade which had the best ever turnout. Congratulations to the following SkillsUSA State Competition Placers: Job Interview - Jenna Porter, Springfield 2nd Place, Customer Service - Maely Jodon, Springfield 3rd Place, Related Technical Math - Zach Powell, Springfield 2nd Place, Welding Fabrication Team 3rd Place - Brayden Jarvis, Green, Jace Keenan, Coventry, and Mason VanBuskirk, Green.

Superintendent Tripney provided an update on Adult Education. Currently, there are 161 students enrolled for next school year. Cosmetology, daytime Esthetics and HVAC programs are full and have waitlists. Student retention for the current school year is 80%. The following Adult Education Students of the Month were recognized: March - HVAC William Harouff, April - Esthetics Brittany Schroeder, and May - Welding Bryce Talkington.

6.2 2026-2027 Adult Education Staff Handbook

It is recommended that the board approve the 2026-2027 Adult Education Staff Handbook as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-48

Motioned: Eric Chojnacki

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		

6.3 2026-2029 Adult Education Salary Schedule

It is recommended that the board approve the 2026-2029 Adult Education Salary Schedule as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-49

Motioned: Dave Hofer

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		

6.4 Non-Renewals

Adult Education Contracts

- Pauline Bennett, Full Time Phlebotomy Technician Instructor
- Samantha Fickes, Emergency Dispatch Instructor
- Leslie Hayman, Emergency Dispatch Instructor
- Amy Keller, Practical Nursing Instructor

It is recommended that the board approve the non-renewal of the contracts listed above.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-50

Motioned: Jason Jividen

Seconded: David Cohen

Eric Chojnacki, Green	X		
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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 Resignations

Adam Adloff, HVAC Instructor, effective 6/30/2026

Evelyn Berger, Cosmetology Instructor, effective 8/22/2026

Ron Krager, HVAC Instructor, effective 6/30/2026

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-51

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		

6.6 Retirement

Laura Campriani, Adult Education Instructor, effective June 30, 2026

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-52

Motioned: Jason Jividen

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		

6.7 Employment

Adult Education Contracts (In accordance with the Adult Education Staff Handbook)

Daniel Allais, Evening Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$42.50 per hour, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Kyle Anker, Evening Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$37.50 per hour, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Ron Balis, Automotive Technology Consultant, \$37.50 per hour, 100 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Ashley Basso, Practical Nursing Instructor, 220 days per year, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Pauline Bennett, CPR Instructor, \$37.50 per hour, 100 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Pauline Bennett, Phlebotomy Instructor, \$37.50 per hour, 400 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Edgar Beverage, Evening Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$40.00 per hour, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Daniel Bickett, Evening Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$40.00 per hour, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Aphdin Cadile, Evening Nail Technician Instructor, \$30.00 per hour, 850 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Elizabeth Cadile, Evening Esthetician Instructor, \$30.00 per hour, 800 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Shaan Colyer, HVAC Consultant, \$37.50 per hour, 50 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no

benefits

Ann Fritz, Math Tutor, \$30.00 per hour, 100 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Angela Harper, Esthetics Instructor, 200 days per year, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Cynthia Humbert, Practical Nursing Administrative Assistant, \$22.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Michael Mariana, Welding Instructor and Consultant, \$37.50 per hour, 200 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Laura McVay, Enrollment and Partnerships Manager, 240 days per year, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Charles Parke, Evening Receptionist/Monitor, \$23.00 per hour, as needed, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Charles Saler, Substitute Evening Coordinator of Safety & Security, \$43.50 per hour, 200 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Teaira Shabaya-Davis, Dental Assisting Instructor, \$37.50 per hour, 750 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Kelcey Showalter, Office Manager, 240 days per year, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Dawn Simpson, Cosmetology Instructor, 215 days per year, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Jerry Syme, Welding Instructor, \$37.50 per hour, 750 hours maximum, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, no benefits

Dawn Tindell, Practical Nursing Instructor, 220 days per year, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

High School (One-Year Limited Contracts)

Kyle Adams, Digital Media Technologies Instructor, Master's Column, Step 10, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Holly Henderson, Culinary Arts Instructor, Master's Column +30, Step 10, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Jennifer Sombrio, Medical Technician Instructor, Bachelor's Column, Step 5, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Shawna Svab, Pre-Nursing Instructor, Master's Column, Step 10, with benefits, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

Support Staff Contracts

Greta Brandau, Paraprofessional, Salary Group IV, Step 4, effective 8/13/2026- 6/30/2027, with benefits

Alison Knight, Paraprofessional, Salary Group IV, Step 4, effective 8/13/2026- 6/30/2027, with benefits

Tabetha Kridler, Paraprofessional, Salary Group IV, Step 4, effective 8/13/2026- 6/30/2027, with benefits

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-53

Motioned: Laura McGraw

Seconded: Dan Fouser

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		

6.8 Extended Time and Supplemental Contracts

Extended Time for 2026-2027 School Year

- Bridget Comes-- 5 days
- Ilario Cursaro-- 10 days
- Holly Henderson-- 10 days
- Allyson Himmelright-- 10 days
- Jason Magda-- 5 days
- Shawna Svab-- 10 days
- Jason Toth-- 6 days

LPDC Stipends for 2026-2027 School Year

- Gregg Clark
- Tina Saley
- Jeremy Burdick
- Amy Eibel
- Ann Fritz

Supplemental Contract (Amended)

Rebecca Beaver, Restaurant Operations, \$200.00 per day, as needed, effective 4/27/2026-5/29/2026

Supplemental Contracts for 2026-2027 School Year

Rebecca Beaver, Restaurant Operations, \$150.00 per day, as needed, effective 10/1/2026-5/27/2027

Allyson Himmelright-- National Technical Honor Society Advisor

Allyson Himmelright-- Prom/Dance Advisor

Sarah Murphy-- Skills USA Advisor

It is recommended that the board approve the supplemental and extended time contracts listed above.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-54

Motioned: David Cohen

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		

6.9 Purchased Services Contract (NEONet)

It is recommended that the board approve a DTS Services Agreement (063495-DTS-2627) contract with Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology for technology support services, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-55

Motioned: Dan Fouser

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		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

6.10 Memorandum of Understanding (Stark State College)

It is recommended that the board approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Stark State College as presented.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-56

Motioned: Jason Jividen

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		

6.11 SkillsUSA Ohio Grant Award

It is recommended that the board approve the Event Bus Funding Assistance Scholarship grant award in the amount of \$1,940.71 for SkillsUSA Ohio transportation expenses.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-57

Motioned: Richard Sponseller

Seconded: Eric Chojnacki

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		

6.12 Donations

David Hawk--\$250.00 to Welding program

Oak Clinic--Various needles, gloves, vials and equipment with estimated value of \$800.00 for LPN Lab

Sei Bello Spa and Salon--Water Cooler with estimated value of \$75.00 for Adult Education

Cosmetology Salon

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

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-58

Motioned: Dave Hofer

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		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Richard Sponseller, Manchester	X		
John Sulek, Coventry	X		

7 New Business

Minutes:

No new business.

8 Board Members--Informal

9 Adjournment

Next Meeting
 Thursday, June 18, 2026
 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Result: Approved

Resolution: 26-59

Motioned: Laura McGraw

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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