

5:00 p.m. Call to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Introduction of Portage School Board & Portage City Council

Statements of Citizens:

PPS & City Points of Pride and Opportunities - summary from Superintendent and City Manager.

1. Portage Public Schools
2. City of Portage

New Business:

1. *Safe Learning Environment* - Update from the Superintendent; discussion of vulnerabilities; next steps; review committee; update from City Manager on role of Public Safety Department.
2. *Public Media Network* – Update from City Manager; discussion of opportunities; next steps; review committee; report back.
3. *Idaho/Lovers/Zylman Street Reconstruction* – Update from City Manager; discussion of design collaborations with PPS and the neighborhood; update school project; report back.
4. *Other.*

Final Statements of Citizens.

Final Statements by President VanAntwerp and Mayor Randall.

Adjournment.

**Portage Public Schools
Joint Meeting with Portage City Council
September 17, 2018**

District Points of Pride

1. Student Success
 - Staff
 - Early Childhood Education
 - MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Support)
 - IB (International Baccalaureate)
2. Secondary Facilities
 - High Schools / Middle Schools
 - Athletics
3. Commitment to Continuous Improvement
 - Standards of Service Excellence / District Services Survey
 - Employee Engagement
 - Student Engagement
 - Parent Satisfaction

District Challenges

1. Changing Demographics
 - English Language Learners
 - Poverty
 - Staffing for Diversity
2. Elementary Facilities
 - Newest facilities nearly 10 years old
 - Lacking climate control
 - Shifting population
3. Student Safety
 - Ongoing efforts
 - Safety through design

**City of Portage
Joint Meeting with the Portage Board of Education
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City of Portage – Points of Pride

- 1. Strong Neighborhoods – High quality residential infrastructure.**
- 2. Economic Stability and Growth.**
 - **4.6% unemployment rate – July, 2018; Michigan Bureau of Labor.**
 - **Significant growth from major employers – Pfizer, Stryker.**
 - **Largest tax base in Kalamazoo County - \$2 Billion +.**
 - **Population approaching 50,000 with 4.6% growth since 2010.**
- 3. Quality of Life**
 - **Great school system.**
 - **Great parks system.**
 - **Full scale access to commercial and retail opportunities.**
 - **Strong governmental services.**

City of Portage – Challenges

- 1. Threat to Retail Corridor with the change in shopping habits.**
- 2. Work force development and attraction needed to support industry.**
- 3. Lack of easily developable property.**
- 4. Need to maintain aging public infrastructure.**
- 5. Need to expand senior services – New Senior Center.**