



**Parchment, Michigan
January 26, 2015**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Parchment School District, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School, 1916 East G Avenue, Parchment, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Heaney, Vice President.

MEMBERS PRESENT Doug Heaney, Shannon Stutz, Nancy Lenz, Cheryl Balmer, Ben Tanis and John Madaras

MEMBERS ABSENT Tom Andrews

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, Scott Karaptian, Sonja LeRoy, George Stamas, Jason Misner, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Sarah Neumann, Kristy Mattern, Tom Novak, Karen Stevens, Ray Koole, Jennifer Barker, Shani Thorne, Jennifer Chiechi, Erin Burkett, Don Banner, Chris Tanis, Blakeley Mays, Tina Maxwell, Chris Gaudard, Jeff Sullivan, Winnie Sopjes, Scott McDaid, Danielle McDonald, Andy McDonald, Holly Henderson and others

CONSENT AGENDA Shannon Stutz moved to approve the agenda with the changes to the minutes as noted from December 15, 2015. Doug Heaney was not in attendance. Ben Tanis supported. All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Regular minutes of December 15, 2014
Organizational meeting minutes of January 7, 2015
 - Financial Reports

November Expense (Gen. Fund):\$	1,483,891.45
(Payroll related \$841,014.86)	
Hot Lunch	\$ 163,710.23
Trust & Agency	\$ 6,120.63
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,653,722.31

RECOGNITIONS Superintendent Miller thanked our school board members for the time and work they invest for the good of our students and the school district. Our school board members develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They bear the responsibility and oversight of a \$16 million dollar budget and 6 facilities. They look out for the best interest of our students and make decisions with their best interest in mind.

Parchment High School
1916 East G Avenue
Parchment, MI 49004
(269) 488 1100

Parchment Middle School
307 North Riverview Drive
Parchment, MI 49004
(269) 488 1200

Central Elementary
516 North Orient Street
Parchment, MI 49004
(269) 488 1000

North Elementary
5535 Keyes Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 488 1400

Northwood Elementary
600 Edison Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 488 1300

Barclay Hills
Education Center
1125 East Mosel Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 488 1470

Preschool &
Childcare Center
600 Edison Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 488 1360

RECOGNITIONS
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Superintendent Miller quoted long-time news anchor Tom Brokaw "There is place in America to take a stand—It is public education. It is the underpinning of our cultural and political system. It is the great common ground. Public education after all is the engine that moves us as a society toward a common destiny...It is public education where the American dream begins to take shape".

Superintendent presented certificates to each board member thanking them for their dedication.

COMMENTS

There were no comments on agenda items.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING
REPORT**

Principal Scott Karaptian introduced Danielle McDonald, Student Council President. Danielle highlighted some of the events the student council is involved in: food drive, Panther Pawlooza, winter formal, and working on a senior trip to Cedar Point. Scott Karaptian elaborated on the Panther Pawlooza mentioning that since the high school switched to the Pawlooza format, attendance has increased from approximately 100 at the traditional open house to 1000 at the Pawlooza.

The high school has received an advisor through the College and Career Action Network (CACAN), Mrs. Dominique Hunt. Mrs. Hunt also works at Barclay Hills Education Center. While at the high school she welcomes the freshmen, works on EDP's, reviews the ACT Explore/PLAN results with students, works with students on Career Cruising, and other college activities. Scott discussed the opportunities of Early Middle College (EMC) for students next year and into the future. There will be eight courses of study.

Mrs. Becky Edds, school counselor, ran a College Application Week, with approximately 88% of students applying for college. Scott shared the National Student Clearinghouse Statistics from 2007 to November 2014, 62% of Parchment students enrolled in college and 81% enrolled or returned for a second year.

Scott has applied for a Michigan State Police Competitive Safety Initiative Grant for the amount of approximately \$43,000, he should find out in March if the grant will be awarded. This grant would pay for some additional security items, not only for the high school, but for the district as well. Scott also briefly reviewed the high school's school improvement plan which is aligned to the district improvement plan. Lastly, Scott announced that Mrs. Schmitt will be piloting a Microsoft Academy in her BMA classes this year with hopes for a complete roll-out for next year.

**CURRICULUM
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Shannon Stutz reported that the committee had met and discussed the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the new requirements. The high school is requesting approval for a new class: Leadership. Sarah Neumann also spoke about the possibility of piloting eSpark at the elementary buildings next year.

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Nancy Lenz said that the committee met and discussed the 2014-2015 mid-year budget adjustments. After the committee reviewed each line item it was recommended, with their support, to be presented to the full board for approval.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Miller shared a video, *Success in the New Economy*, written and narrated by Kevin Fleming. In the video, the old adage of you must have a four year college to be successful was discussed. The video supported continuing education but also highlighted the importance of two year associates degrees and trade school education.

Superintendent Miller mentioned that we had a book challenged by a parent "Curious George Takes a Job" by H.A. Rey. Per board policy a committee was selected and reviewed the concerns and recommended the book should remain in our library but with the assurance his son couldn't check it out.

**ACTION ON KRESA
SPECIAL ED.
MILLAGE
RESOLUTION**

Shannon Stutz moved to approve the KRESA Regional Special Education Millage Resolution as presented. Nancy Lenz seconded the motion.

AYES: Doug Heaney, Shannon Stutz, Nancy Lenz, Cheryl Balmer, Ben Tanis and John Madaras

NAYES: None

Motion carries: 6 – 0

**ACTION ON TRIP
REQUEST**

Nancy Lenz moved to approve the request for the High School Student Council to travel to the State Conference. Ben Tanis seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON HIGH
SCHOOL COURSE
CHANGE**

Ben Tanis moved to add **Leadership** Course to the high school curriculum. Shannon Stutz seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON '14-15
BUDGET
ADJUSTMENT**

Nancy Lenz moved to accept the 2014-15 budget adjustments as presented. John Madaras seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON KRESA
SPECIAL EDUCATION
PARENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Ben Tanis moved to approve Latrieva Boston for the KRESA Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. Cheryl Balmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

COMMENTS

Karen Stevens welcomed the new board members and gave an update of activities going on in the buildings, Battle of the Book's is at North and Central Elementary, all the elementary buildings made cards for troops, and congratulated Winnie Sopjes and Kim Palms for being awarded some grant monies for classroom activities/field trips. She thanked teachers for the extra time they put in to get their room ready for learning. Jennifer Barker was recognized for being selected as the Parchment Education Association Teacher of the Year Award.

Ben Tanis thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the school board, he takes the job seriously. His goal for being on the board is to have the best learning environment possible. We can do this if we work together. Let this be "the best year ever."

Chris Tanis thanked the teachers for what they do and want them to know they are valued and appreciated.

Scott McDaid talked about a concern a high school teacher brought to the board in September and then again referenced in October by Shannon Stutz. Has this concern been followed up, are we doing what is best for kids? He asked if teachers had the tools to be the best they can be, and that includes prep time, time to work with students individually, time to call parents, and classroom materials.

Jennifer Chiechi shared some fundraising that is being done for Parchment Alumni – Abby Nyberg class of 2010.

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Northwood Elementary.

MASB Board Member Conference in Lansing, February 13 & 14, 2015.

Board Planning Session, Saturday, March 28, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District


Shannon Stutz, Secretary

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