



**Parchment, Michigan
February 27, 2017**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Parchment School District, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, was held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment North Elementary, 5535 Keyes Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Madaras, President.

MEMBERS PRESENT John Madaras, Dodi Leckie, Rhonda Newman, Cherie Balmer, Michelle Ammon, and Annette Sorensen

MEMBERS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, George Stamas, Sonja LeRoy, Nicole Berish, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Sarah Neumann, Christina Reich, Tina Maxwell, Amy Hansen, Tom Novak, Cheryl Tiernan, Cheryl Schmitt, Sandy Burnham, and others

CONSENT AGENDA Dodi Leckie moved to approve the consent agenda with support from Rhonda Newman.

All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda –
 - Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2017; Special Board meeting minutes of February 20, 2017
 - Financial Reports

Jan. Expense (Gen. Fund): \$ 1,478,659.71
(Payroll related \$776,662.66)

Hot Lunch \$ 62,914.82

Trust & Agency \$ 11,222.78

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 1,552,797.31

COMMUNICATIONS None

RECOGNITIONS None

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

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**NORTH ELEM.
BUILDING
REPORT**

Principal Marcy Patterson thanked the board again for the help given to them for the playground equipment and that the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has worked hard to fully reimburse the school.

North Elementary, mission statement is that “North Elementary will empower students of all academic levels by providing the tools they need to be successful in the future. We will create a positive environment which promotes S.T.A.R. behaviors; safe, truthful, always respectful and responsible. We will strive to build an educational partnership between student, home, school, and community.

Marcy Patterson shared the School Improvement Goals for North Elementary.

- GOAL: All students will achieve proficiency in Reading
- GOAL: All students will achieve proficiency in Math
- GOAL: All students will achieve proficiency in Writing
- GOAL: All students will achieve proficiency in Science
- GOAL: All students will achieve proficiency in Social Studies

The School Improvement major strategies are Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s), Response to Intervention (RTI)/Multi-tiered system of support, and improving instructional strategies.

North Elementary has mentoring opportunities for students through Kid’s Hope, Big Brothers Big Sisters and High School reading buddies. They also continue to have, Girls on the Run, Battle of the Books, Western Michigan University tutoring, and before school tutoring.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

None

**OTHER SPECIAL
REPORTS**

Tom Novak, Energy/Learning Environment Manager, presented an overview of August 1 – February 1, showing a savings of \$103,281. This savings is the difference between Expected Energy Cost and Actual Energy Cost. We have accomplished this by changing habits and culture with our staff.

Mr. Novak also shared a procedure he has put in place to expedite processing custodial and building concerns.

**ACTION ON TRIP
REQUEST**

Cherie Balmer moved to approve the request for High School Student Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) to attend the State Competition in Grand Rapids. Annette Sorensen seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON TRIP
REQUEST**

Dodi Leckie moved to approve the request for the High School Student Council to attend Michigan Association of Student Councils State Conference (MASC) in Traverse City. Annette Sorensen seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON TRIP
REQUEST**

Rhonda Newman moved to approve the request for high school students to attend the America’s Beauty Show in Chicago, IL. Dodi Leckie seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON TRIP
REQUEST**

Dodi Leckie moved to approve the request for the high school students to attend the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference in Traverse City. Rhonda Newman seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON MASB
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
NOMINATION**

Michelle Ammon moved to nominate and vote for Scott Ward for the Region 6 MASB Board of Directors. Cherie Balmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
NON-AGENDA
ITEMS**

Jennifer Barker gave an update of PEA activities.

Sarah Neumann mentioned that the school district would be having an AdvancED External Review March 13-15.

Cheryl Schmitt thanked the board for the support of the DECA trip.

George Stamas mentioned activities going on at the High School, many sports, band, and hosting the Boys District Basketball tournament.

Amy Hansen shared that the number of DNR’s work based learning jobs available this year is up.

**PREVIOUS BOARD
MEETING
FOLLOW-UP**

Board member Cherie Balmer commented that she thought the recent Board Workshop was very good and informative.

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Elementary Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



Cherie Balmer, Secretary

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