



Parchment, Michigan

March 23, 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, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Barclay Hills Educational Center, 1125 East Mosel Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tom Andrews, President.
- MEMBERS PRESENT** Tom Andrews, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Nancy Lenz, Cheryl Balmer, and Ben Tanis
- MEMBERS ABSENT** none
- OTHERS PRESENT** Matthew Miller, Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, Scott Karaptian, Sonja LeRoy, Jason Misner, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Sarah Neumann, Amy Hansen, Tom Novak, Karen Stevens, Tina Maxwell, Cheryl Tiernan, Kathy Nyberg, Dodi Leckie, Scott McDaid and others
- CONSENT AGENDA** Nancy Lenz moved to approve the agenda with support from John Madaras. All voted aye – motion carried.
- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Regular minutes of February 23, 2015
 - Closed Board minutes of January 29, 2015
 - Closed Board minutes of February 16, 2015
 - Resignation/retirement request from Michael Beals, High School Teacher, effective March 13, 2015
 - Financial Reports
 - Feb. vendor bills: \$ 1,294,219.64
 - (Payroll related \$854,986.68)
 - Hot Lunch \$ 610.59
 - Trust & Agency \$ 6,832.64
- GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS** \$ 1,301,662.87

COMMUNICATIONS none

COMMENTS Tom Novak commented that he appreciated School Board members, Tom Andrews and John Madaras for stopping into his classroom.

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

**BARCLAY HILLS
EDUCATIONAL
CENTER
BUILDING
REPORT**

Principal Tina Maxwell shared the mission and belief statement for Barclay Hills Educational Center. Barclay's staff has a heart for their students. Mrs. Maxwell has four school improvement goals:

- 1) Student at Barclay Hills will become proficient writers
- 2) All students will improve their ability to apply mathematical models to problem situations
- 3) All students will be able to read at grade level, or make significant improvements in their reading, by program completion
- 4) All students will demonstrate behaviors they need for success in the workplace

Some initiatives that Barclay offers are: Collins Writing, Comprehension Toolkit (Reading), academic Vocabulary, Multi-tier support system (MTSS), Positive Behavior Supports (RAPS), College/Career Readiness, and EFA Partnership.

Mrs. Maxwell shared the data from the School Wide Information System (SWIS) which tracks other referrals. Mrs. Maxwell was pleased to share overall that referrals have been reduced each year. She attributes this to the RAPS program and staffing.

Mrs. Maxwell mentioned some of the highlights for the year which included: 30 students in Parchment Virtual Academy, Spanish being offered, (non-virtual) College/Career Coach through KRESA, grant from Kalamazoo Community foundations to host a Peace During War Sessions (nine weeks), 24 current students accepted to KVCC for next school year.

**FACILITIES
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Tom Andrews reported that the committee had met and discussed the proposals for the District Wireless Project and Middle School Outdoor Sign.

The committee is recommending the approval of both to the full board.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Miller mentioned the Q&A Fast Fact sheet available regarding the KRESA Special Education Millage. The Q&A Fast Fact sheet was sent to regular absentee voters the middle of March and will be sent to all Panther Press residents soon. Tim Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, will be visiting the high school to register eligible students.

On a positive, our February count was up approximately 20 students compared to our October 2014 count. Hopefully this will stay stable for the October 2015 count starting an upward trend.

**ACTION ON
SCHOOL BOARD
SECRETARY**

Tom Andrews, Board President, entertained nominations for the newly vacated school board secretary seat.

Nancy Lenz moved with support from Cheryl Balmer that John Madaras be named Secretary.

All voted aye – motion carried.

**ACTION ON TRIP
REQUEST**

Cheryl Balmer moved to approve the request for the High School Student Education for Employment (EFE) Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) to attend State Leadership Conference. John Madaras seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON
DISTRICT
WIRELESS
PROJECT**

Nancy Lenz moved to approve the proposal from Optimal Solutions for the district’s wireless project. John Madaras seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON
MIDDLE SCHOOL
OUTDOOR SIGN**

John Madaras moved to approve the proposal from Burkett Sign’s for the outdoor sign at the middle school. Doug Heaney seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the orientation of the sign and meeting city ordinance. The sign will be perpendicular to the road and is compliant with city code even though it is not required to be.

Ayes – 4
Nays – 2
Motion carried

**NEOLA POLICY
APPROVAL**

Doug Heaney moved to approve the listed NEOLA policies for a 2nd reading. Ben Tanis seconded the motion.

1420; 2370.01; 3220; 5830; 7540.03; 7540.03; 7540.04; 8325; 8330; 8500; 8510; 8540; 9211; 9800

AYES: Tom Andrews, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Nancy Lenz, Ben Tanis, and Cheryl Balmer

NAYES: None

Motion carried: 6 - 0

COMMENTS

Karen Stevens mentioned some highlights going on in the buildings.
Elementaries: Megan Stensland’s Battle of the Books team went to the top 4 championship round, Literacy Night at North Elementary, Robin Brown and Kim Ramlow created focus boards for Science, 4th graders took part in Junior Achievement (JA), staff held a breakfast and books for March is Reading Month, Nicole Stachelski took students to hear the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra (KSO) and had a “petting zoo” with the instruments.

Middle School: Jodi Heaney and Julie Hahn presented at the State Science Teacher Conference last month. Ray Koole will be a judge at the State finals Geography Bee and Cece Mallet has been working on high interest lower level information reading sources to use in 10% summary work for writing.

High School: Ryan Kasperski has an after-school jazz band.

General: \$375.00 was raised for PEA Scholarship fund with the Jeans for Scholarship Day.

Nancy Lenz thanked the PEA for providing the PEA Scholarships

**ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:45 p.m. Ben Tanis moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations, per Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act. John Madaras supported the motion.

AYES: Tom Andrews, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Nancy Lenz, Cheryl Balmer, and Ben Tanis

NAYS: None

Motion carries: 6 – 0

**RETURN TO
OPEN SESSION**

At 7:55 p.m. Ben Tanis moved to return to open session with a second by Nancy Lenz.

AYES: Tom Andrews, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Nancy Lenz, Cheryl Balmer and Ben Tanis

NAYES: None

Motion carries: 6 – 0

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

Board Planning Session, Saturday, March 28, 2015

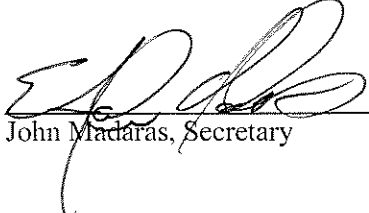
Revisiting the ½ credit for Physical Education

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District


John Madaras, Secretary

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