



Parchment, Michigan

March 28, 2016

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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 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment North Elementary, 5535 Keyes Drive, 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, Dodi Leckie, and Ben Tanis

MEMBERS ABSENT none

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, Sonja LeRoy, Jason Misner, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Sarah Neumann, Amy Hansen, Tina Maxwell, Karen Stevens, DeAnna Phillips, Sheriff Richard Fuller, Richard Riley, Matthew DeNoon, Misty DeNoon, Michael DeNoon, Nate Watson (Public Financial Management), Christopher Iamarinio (Thrun Law), and others

CONSENT AGENDA Doug Heaney moved to approve the agenda with support from Ben Tanis. All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Regular minutes of February 22, 2016
 - Financial Reports

Feb. vendor bills:	\$ 1,391,234.30
(Payroll related \$890,992.11)	
Hot Lunch	\$ 68,822.04
Trust & Agency	\$ 8,829.54

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 1,468,885.88

RECOGNITIONS: Superintendent Matthew Miller introduced Sheriff Fuller who gave Richard Riley, a high school student, a Citizen Letter of Commendation. Richard Riley was recognized for performing the Heimlich maneuver and successfully clearing the obstruction from Matthew DeNoon airway during lunch at the high school.

COMMENTS Karen Stevens asked about the agenda for the April 12 board work session. Tom Andrews responded that the agenda has not been determined at this time and that she would get one when it became available.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT Tom Andrews reported that the committee had met and discussed the MASB Superintendent Evaluation tool and agreed to all categories and adjusted percentage of weights.

Parchment High School
1916 East G Avenue
Parchment, MI 49004
(269) 488.1100

Parchment Middle School
307 North Riverview Drive
Parchment, MI 49004
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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

Principal Marcy Patterson thanked the board again for the help given to them for the playground equipment and that the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is working hard at fundraising to reimburse the school.

North Elementary, along with Central, is celebrating the news of no longer being a Focus School. North has increased achievement of their lower 30% of students.

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. North held a Literacy Night this year and had 183 in attendance.

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), Response to Intervention (RTI)/Multi-tiered system of support, and improving instructional strategies.

North Elementary has implemented a new behavior system which allows the student to regain good standing during the day. This new system has decreased referrals significantly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Miller introduced Nate Watson from Public Financial Management and Christopher Iamarinio from Thrun Law. They went through the bond refunding documents and explained this was one of the best most profitable bond refunding that they had seen. Parchment School District taxpayers will save approximately \$4 million over the life of the bonds or about 11%.

Sarah Neumann presented an update and overview of Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development, and Focus Schools. The focuses for 2015-16 were:

- Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
- Instructional Support via Coaching
- Multi-tiered Systems of Support
- Enhanced PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) implementation

Looking ahead, they hope to go deeper in each of the above by working on vertical alignment, coaching for Science, enhancing the multi-tiered structure at the K-5 level and adding systems and resources for 6-12.

The District Professional Development (PD) plan for 2016-17 includes:

- Marzano iObserve (Learning Science International-LSI) with PLC support
- Instructional Coaching
- Technology

Mrs. Neumann shared highlights from our District MSTEP Data. All grades showed levels of proficiency in ELA (English Language Arts) that were above, or significantly above, State averages.

Mrs. Neumann is anticipating summer work to be done at all grade levels and most all core subjects.

eSpark was piloted this year with great results. eSpark has individualized pathways and is an “app” based program. eSpark focuses on: reading and skill development, problem solving, communication of ideas and concepts, and deeper understanding.

Sarah Neumann reported that ALL schools have been released from Focus School status as of March 2016!

**ACTION ON
DISTRICT GOALS**

Ben Tanis moved to approve the District Goals for 2016-17 as presented in reference #1. Doug Heaney seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON TRIP
REQUEST**

Nancy Lenz moved to approve the request for the High School Band Students to attend Walt Disney World during Spring Break of 2018. Dodi Leckie seconded the motion.

Ryan Kasperski, Parchment’s Band Director, presented the request with cost and itinerary.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON
RESOLUTION TO
RATIFY BONDS
SERIES A**

Nancy Lenz moved to approve the Resolution to ratify Refunding Bonds, Series A as stated in Ref# 3. John Madaras seconded the motion.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried: 7 - 0

**ACTION ON
RESOLUTION TO
RATIFY BONDS
SERIES B**

Nancy Lenz moved to approve the Resolution to ratify Refunding Bonds, Series B as stated in Ref# 4. John Madaras seconded the motion.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried: 7 - 0

**NEOLA POLICY
APPROVAL**

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

0140 (0144.3), 0170 (0175.1), 1130, 1217, 1420, 1630.01, 3110, 3217, 3430.01, 4110, 4217, 4430.01, 5517.02, 5772, 5830, 6110, 6111, 6320, 6550, 6850, 7217, 8321, 8400, 8500

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried: 7 - 0

COMMENTS

Nancy Lenz shared that she enjoyed reading at Northwood and appreciated the efforts of the staff—the students were very well behaved.

Karen Stevens mentioned some highlights going on in the buildings.

- Several board members read to students during March is Reading Month
- Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated at the buildings, some even had green eggs and ham
- Julie Hahn and Jodi Heaney presented at the Michigan Science Teacher conference in March
- MACUL conference was attended by 16-17 staff members this year
- Annual District Art Show is Monday, April 25 from 5 -7
- Northwood is piloting a before school physical activity program call BOKS
- Jodi Heaney was awarded an Excellence in Education grant to attend a national STEM conference in Denver this summer
- Through a partnership with the Michigan State University Extension Nutrition program, all three elementary building will be receiving a special nutrition lesson during their Physical Education class
- National Honor Society hosted the 2nd Annual Macho Volleyball game

Jason Miser commented that Spring Sports are busy and that we have many great student athletes.

**PREVIOUS BOARD
MEETING
FOLLOW-UP**

None

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

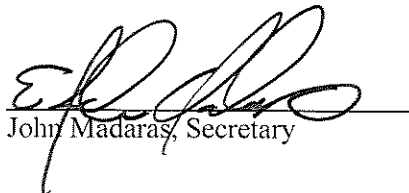
Board Work Session, Tuesday, April 12

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District


John Madaras, Secretary