



Parchment, Michigan

April 27, 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, April 27, 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 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, Bob Champion, Scott Karaptian, Sonja LeRoy, Jason Misner, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Sarah Neumann, Amy Hansen, Tom Novak, Karen Stevens, Dave Koren, Tina Maxwell, Brady Jones, Greg Jones, Abbey Patton, 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 Special meeting minutes of March 23, 2015
 Regular meeting minutes of March 23, 2015
 Closed Session minutes of March 23, 2015
 Special meeting minutes of March 28, 2015
 - Resignation/retirement request from Lynn Schaefer, North Elementary School Teacher, effective June 30, 2015
 - Tenure Acknowledgement for Christine Kiel, High School Teacher – will attain Tenure at the successful conclusion of this school year
 - Financial Reports

March vendor bills:	\$ 1,274,093.17
(Payroll related \$98,088.30)	
Hot Lunch	\$ 1,111.15
Trust & Agency	\$ 7,357.71

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 1,282,562.03

COMMUNICATIONS Communication letter received from two parents, a phone call was made in response.

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

District Social Worker, Mary Kirkwood, was introduced by Special Education Director, Amy Hansen. Mary Kirkwood was presented with a certificate as the KRESA Excellence in Special Education recipient from Parchment for the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee). She was nominated by a parent for her patience with special needs children.

Building Principal Scott Karaptian said Christine Kiel, High School Spanish/English Instructor is an outstanding teacher and pleased to have her in our district. He congratulated her on earning tenure at the end of this school year.

Danielle McDonald, Laurelanthalasa Perry, Abigail Patton, and Brady Jones were recognized for earning the Ronald Reagan Student Leader Award.

**COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Nancy Lenz reported information about the potential new custodians contract. A consortium through KRESA chose three agencies to interview following the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. After interviewing, reference checks, and further discussion, the committee is recommending Grand Rapids Building Services (GRBS) for Parchment Schools. GRBS has been in business for 100 years and we are confident they can perform our custodial services satisfactorily.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Miller mentioned the Q&A Fast Fact sheet regarding the KRESA Special Education Millage was sent out April 24 to all residents. Parchment is projected to spend \$360,000 for mandated special education this year out of general fund. Proposal 1 will also be on the ballot. Superintendent Miller encouraged people to get out and vote.

Senate Bill 103 – Evaluation Bill –has been amended again. The State had previously set aside 14.8 million for training – this essential funding has been stripped from the bill. Overall, the bill is better than what we currently have in State law.

**ACTION ON
ADMINISTRATIVE
CONTRACT**

John Madaras moved to approve and extend the listed Administrator contracts per Reference #1. Ben Tanis supported the motion.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carries: 7-0

**ACTION ½ P.E.
CREDIT**

Nancy Lenz moved to approve granting ½ Physical Education (P.E.) credit for one full season of marching band. Ben Tanis supported the motion.

Discussion was had about marching band spending time on weekends, marching in all sorts of weather, and lots of vigorous physical activity. It was discussed that it is a mix throughout the county as to whether or not schools are allowing the ½ credit for P.E.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON
CUSTODIAL BID**

Cheryl Balmer moved to approve the contract proposal from Grand Rapids Building Services (GRBS) for custodian services. John Madaras seconded the motion.

More discussion was had regarding contractual services and our district's history regarding services and custodial hours.

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

NAYS: Ben Tanis

Motion carries: 6-1

COMMENTS

Tom Novak shared his concern about the M-Step Standardized Testing. Tom doesn't feel it paints an accurate picture of what is being taught and that educators should not be held accountable to such test.

Karen Stevens shared great things going on in Parchment Schools.

- Chris Gaudard (MS PE Teacher) ran the Boston Marathon
- Dave Blough (HS Math Teacher) recognized by the Kalamazoo AirZoo
- The Art Teachers for the Art Show
- This past month students went to Miller Auditorium, Kalamazoo Nature Center and read to Senior Citizens
- M-Step was hard on many students – near tears
- Rick Bagley is such a positive person and makes many parent contacts

George Stamas, Middle School Principal, announced eight students made it into KAMSC (Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center) for next school year.

**PREVIOUS
BOARD MEETING
FOLLOW-UP**

President Andrews referenced the follow-up phone call from superintendent to the parents who sent the letter to board members

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

Board Planning Session, Saturday, May 9, 2015

KCSOA Dinner Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2015

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School.

At May's meeting, Designate District's ISD Election Representative to vote at the KRESA Board Member Election on Monday, June 1, 2015

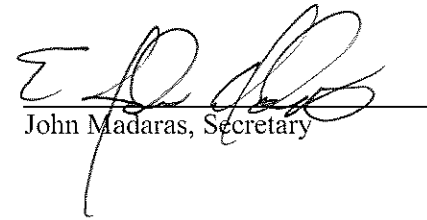
Graduations:

Barclay Hills Ed. Ctr. – Thursday, June 4, 2015 at Comstock Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

Parchment High School – Friday, June 5, 2015 at Miller Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



John Madaras, Secretary

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