



**Parchment, Michigan
September 28, 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, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School, 1916 E. 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, Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, Marcy Patterson, Julia Kaemming, Jason Misner, George Stamas, Amy Hansen, Scott Karaptian, Sonja LeRoy, Tina Maxwell, Kristy Mattern, DeAnna Phillips, Tom Novak, Renea Di Bella, Amanda Edgell, Karen Stevens, and others

CONSENT AGENDA Doug Heaney moved to approve the consent agenda with support from Dodi Leckie. All voted aye – motion carried.

Included: - Adoption of the Agenda
- Approval of new instructors Renea Di Bella as Middle School Social Studies Instructor; Amanda Edgell as North Elementary Special Education Instructor
- Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of Aug. 24, 2015
- Financial Reports

August Expense (Gen. Fund):	\$ 1,288,850.48
(Payroll related \$673,513.68)	
Hot Lunch	\$ 38,197.07
Trust & Agency	\$ 4,808.66
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,331,856.21

COMMUNICATIONS None

INTRODUCTIONS George Stamas introduced Renea Di Bella as Middle School Social Studies Instructor and Marcy Patterson introduced Amanda Edgell as North Elementary Special Education Instructor

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
5835 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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Matthew Miller shared an update on the 3rd Grade Reading Bill, House Bill 4822 (HB 4822). The House committee voted 13-3 to approve the bill which requires students to demonstrate reading proficiency at grade level before moving to the fourth grade. The state has set aside \$30 million to assist with additional costs for remediation/interventions.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Superintendent Miller will be meeting in Lansing with Representative Poleski, Representative Nesbitt, and Dan Olendorf, to attempt to educate and offer potential solutions regarding the unintended consequence from the School Bond Loan Fund (SBLF) changes of 2011. Rep. Poleski seems to be looking for solutions to help affected school districts.

**ACTION ON
EXPULSION**

READMISSION

Nancy Lenz moved to support the committee's recommendation per Reference #1 which included: Not readmitting the expelled student at this time and that the student attend a minimum of six counseling sessions as determined by counselor, parent counseling if recommended by student's counselor, complete an anger management program, and to require a signed Release of Information for Parchment School District to discuss with all outside providers. Cheryl Balmer seconded the motion.

All voted AYE - Motion carried

**NEOLA POLICY
APPROVAL**

Dodi Leckie moved to approve the listed board NEOLA policies for a second reading. John Madaras seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carries: 7 – 0

**MASB
DELEGATE**

John Madaras moved to approve Ben Tanis as the MASB voting delegate and Nancy Lenz as alternate. Cheryl Balmer seconded the motion.

All voted AYE – Motion carried

COMMENTS

Tom Novak shared an assignment he did in his classroom where he asked the students to fill in the blank: *I wish my teacher knew (fill in the blank) about me.* Tom said only 20% of the answers given were what you might consider to be a "normal/expected" answer. He was surprised at the social and emotional issues that students shared. The middle school counselors are now working with many of these students.

Karen Stevens congratulated Amy Sue Manley, school librarian, for achieving exemplary status for our elementary libraries. The high school percussion section traveled to WMU to perform at the WMU Drum Bash. Ryan Kasperski, band director, was given positive comments about our cymbal line. Jake Klinger is still going strong with the Ping Pong club. The 6th grade teachers went to YMCA camp again this year with the students—

camp is always a great time. Cheryl Tiernan helped a students get to class by picking them up and staying late to help them get caught up. Anne Nower is running with the cross country team, and Northwood did tie dye shirts school wide – color of a rainbow.

George Stamas, Middle School Principal, referenced the OK2SAY program and assembly. OK2SAY is a hot line for kids to report information anonymously. They have already had a few tips called in.

Jason Misner, Athletic Director, went to MHSAA meeting where they mentioned sport specialization is a growing concern at the middle and high school levels. MHSAA encourages students to participate in several sports/activities while in school. Dodi Leckie shared that the youth sports are having small gains by getting more students to play multiple sports.

**PREVIOUS BOARD
MEETING
FOLLOW-UP**

None

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment Central Elementary.

Work Session follow-up, schedule a work session on September 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Parchment High School.

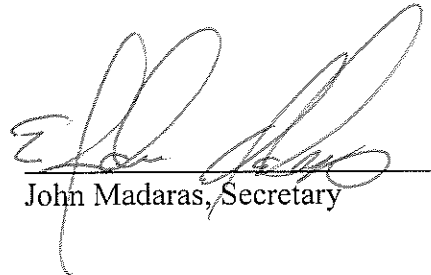
MASB Fall Conference – October 22-25, 2015 at Grand Traverse Resort.

Homecoming Parade and Football Game – Friday, October 2.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



John Madaras, Secretary

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