



**Parchment, Michigan
October 20, 2014**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Parchment School District, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, was held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at North Elementary, 5535 Keyes Drive, Kalamazoo Michigan.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, Rhonda Newman, John Madaras, Doug Heaney, Thomas Andrews and Shannon Stutz

MEMBERS ABSENT none

OTHERS PRESENT Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, Scott Karaptian, Sonja LeRoy, George Stamas, Jason Misner, Marcy Patterson, Tina Maxwell, Amy Hansen, Julia Kaemming, Sarah Neumann, Kristy Mattern, Hillary Campbell, Sarah Terry, Norm Frazier, John Guzior and others

CONSENT AGENDA Tom Andrews moved to approve the agenda with support from John Madaras. All voted aye – motion carried.

Included: - Adoption of the Agenda
- Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of Sept. 22, 2014
- Financial Reports

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| September Expense (Gen. Fund):\$ | 1,329,790.33 |
| (Payroll related \$799,745.21) | |
| Hot Lunch | \$ 34,699.37 |
| Trust & Agency | \$ 135.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$ 1,364,624.70 |

RECOGNITIONS There were no recognitions.

COMMENTS There were no comments on agenda items.

NORTH ELEM. BUILDING REPORT Principal Marcy Patterson shared the increased mentoring opportunities for students through Kid's Hope, Big Brothers Big Sisters and High School reading buddies. They have had playground enhancements funds were raised through multiple fund raisers. The school Walk-a-Thon has moved to the spring, previously this event was in the fall. They continue to have, Girls on the Run, Battle of the Books, WMU tutoring, and before school tutoring.

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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

School Improvement continues to be a major focus for the school. They are using Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Response to Intervention (RTI) /Multi-tiered system of support, Academic Vocabulary Phonemic Awareness and improving instructional strategies – Coaching in reading, math, and Reading Street.

Marcy discussed some of the components of being a Focus school. North Elementary is closing achievement gaps in Reading and Writing. All scores except 3rd Math are above State Average and improved. Writing has shown a substantial improvement from 49% proficient to 61% proficient.

Hillary Campbell, Elementary Art Teacher, shared choice based art being used in elementary art class. Choice based art allows the student to choose the material and subject matter. Hillary has seen student doing much more creative projects when they have more choices.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Miller shared that with birth rates being down enrollment declines follow. Superintendent Miller explained that it takes about 30 days for the student count process. We currently have about 1,704 students.

Elections are coming up which means we will be in a lame duck session soon; a lot can be passed during this time. Potential legislation includes:

- School bond loan fund – cap addition of 20 more years potentially
- Education Achievement Authority (EAA) – codifying and expansion
- 3rd grade reading retention
- School letter grades

If you want more info or would like to talk you can contact Superintendent Miller.

COMMENTS

Karen Stevens thanked the Board for joining them in the Homecoming Parade. She mentioned that they have a bike club at the high school and Lisa Ouellette was helping students with a play at the high school. The elementary school will again have Battle of the Books.

Nancy Lenz thanked Karen for organizing all groups being together in the Homecoming Parade.

Sarah Neumann gave kudos to the Middle School cross country boys. They ran with a runner from another school to help encourage him to finish the race. Coach Newman does a great job with the cross country athletes.

Shannon Stutz commented regarding high school teacher Dave Blough's comments from the last school board meeting. She spoke about the teacher schedule and employee freedom of speech in the work place. She suggested the board needs to look into the issues further.

Tom Andrews added that the board has one employee and that is the superintendent.

Joel Shaffer encouraged people to get out and vote, these are statewide issues not just local issues.

**ADJOURNED TO
CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:15 p.m. Tom Andrews moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Shannon Stutz supported the motion.

AYES: Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, Rhonda Newman, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Tom Andrews and Shannon Stutz

NAYES: None

Motion carries: 7 – 0

**RETURN TO
OPEN SESSION**

At 9:05 p.m. Tom Andrews moved to return to open session with a second by Shannon Stutz.

AYES: Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, Rhonda Newman, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Tom Andrews and Shannon Stutz

NAYES: None

Motion carries: 7 – 0

**ACTION ON
CLOSED
SESSION**

Joel Shaffer made a motion to support proposed revisions to the board's contract with Superintendent Miller as discussed in closed session. John Madaras supported motion.

AYES: Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, Rhonda Newman, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Tom Andrews and Shannon Stutz

NAYES: None

Motion carries: 7 – 0

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Elementary.

MASB Fall Conference – November 6-9, 2014 at Amway Grand
Shannon Stutz moved to appoint Doug Heaney as the board's representative to the conference's delegate assembly, with Joel Shaffer as an alternate. John Madaras supported the motion.

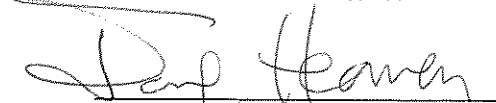
All voted aye – motion carried

Fall Board Work Session – Look for upcoming dates

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District


Doug Heaney, Secretary