



Parchment, Michigan

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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 23, 2017, 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 John Madaras, President.

MEMBERS PRESENT Michelle Ammon, Cheryl Balmer, Dodi Leckie, John Madaras, Jennifer Miller, Rhonda Newman, and Annette Sorensen

MEMBERS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, Tina Maxwell, George Stamas, Sonja LeRoy, Jason Misner, Nicole Berish, Marcy Patterson, Sarah Neumann, Julia Kaemming, Amy Hansen, many staff members and others

CONSENT AGENDA Rhonda Newman moved to approve the agenda with support from Cheryl Balmer.

All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Special and Closed minutes of October 10, 2017
 - Approval of new instructors: Kathryn Ashbay, Parchment High School English Instructor, Matthew Matuszek, Parchment High School / Middle School Band Instructor, and Frederick Martin, Barclay Hills Education Center Math Instructor
 - Financial Reports

September vendor bills:	\$	1,864,657.74
(Payroll related \$1,172,831.40)		
Hot Lunch	\$	50,252.85
Trust & Agency	\$	7,563.36
QZAB Capital		
Project Fund	\$	0.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$	1,922,473.95

COMMUNICATIONS None

RECOGNITIONS George Stamas, High School Principal, introduced Kathryn Ashbay. Kathryn is the new high school English Instructor; Mr. Stamas also introduced Matthew Matuszek, the District's Band Instructor.

Tina Maxwell, Barclay Hills Education Center Principal, introduced Frederick Martin. Fred is the new Math Instructor at Barclay Hills Education Center.

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

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
AGENDA ITEMS**

John Madaras asked that anyone wishing to comment at either of the public comments portion of the meeting, to fill out the cards provided and turn them in to Paula Smeed.

There were no comments on agenda items

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Rhonda Newman reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the District's finances and the impact on negotiations. The committee requested that Julie Rohrer, Assistant Superintendent of Finance /Operations, present at the October board meeting.

The committee had a discussion regarding school lunch debt and student charges.

Plante Moran asked to have the Audit presentation postponed to November's board meeting.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING
REPORT**

Principal George Stamas shared the high school's mission statement and programs they offer for student engagement.

Mr. Stamas also shared the high school improvement strategies using Collins Writing, Reading for Information, SAT Writing, Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Trauma Training, Content Coaching, and Remediation Classes.

Test scores were shared and Parchment is testing equal or better than statewide and ISD proficiency in Social Studies and Science on the M-Step. The high school Mean SAT scores were also higher than statewide and Kalamazoo RESA's scores.

Mr Stamas introduced Student Council Executive Presidents David Hoskins, Jordan Leh. and Ty`Asia Edwards. They shared the many activities the Student Council is involved in: Kairos Dwelling, food drive, Student Council Leadership Conference as example.

Jax Heil was also introduced as the leader of the National Honors Society. Jax highlighted some of the actives that National Honors Society is involved with.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Matthew Miller reported that Senate Bill 574 had passed the senate and was moving to the House. Senate Bill 574 would allow Enhancement Millage monies to be shared with Charter Schools. He asked audience members to reach out to their Representatives to share their position on this legislation.

**SPECIAL
REPORT**

Julie Rohrer, Assistant Superintendent of Finance/Operations, presented a Finance Overview of the District relating to negotiations.

Attorney Robert Champion presented a timeline and update regarding negotiations with the Parchment Education Association (PEA). He also stated that the District had filed for Fact Finding and described that process.

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
NON-AGENDA
ITEMS**

Cheryl Balmer moved to set a two (2) minute time limit for each individual that would like to speak at this time, Dodi Leckie seconded the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

Many community members and staff spoke regarding contract negotiations, what a great school district Parchment is, and what they would like to see happen regarding negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District


Cherie Balmer, Secretary

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