



**Parchment, Michigan
October 26, 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, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment Central Elementary, 516 North Orient, 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, and Ben Tanis

MEMBERS ABSENT Dodi Leckie

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, Marcy Patterson, Julia Kaemming, Jason Misner, George Stamas, Amy Hansen, Sonja LeRoy, Tina Maxwell, Kristy Mattern, Sarah Neumann, Michael Neumann, Holly Pence, Karen Stevens, and others

CONSENT AGENDA John Madaras moved to approve the consent agenda with support from Ben Tanis. All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of Sept. 28, 2015 and Board work Session Minutes of Sept. 29, 2015
 - Financial Reports

Sept. Expense (Gen. Fund):	\$ 1,367,286.61
(Payroll related \$758,462.89)	
Hot Lunch	\$ 195.10
Trust & Agency	\$ 3,094.19
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,559,575.90

COMMUNICATIONS None

INTRODUCTIONS Tina Maxwell, Barclay Hills Education Center principal, introduced Michael Neumann as Barclay Hills Education Center Science 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
5535 Kayes Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 488 1400

Northwood Elementary
800 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 Edson Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
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**CENTRAL ELEM.
BUILDING
REPORT**

Principal Julia Kaemming shared Central's mission statement that is recited every morning. They have Community Partnerships with Haven Reform Church, Generous Hands, Kids Hope USA, and Community Mental Health. These organizations help support students in several different ways, from providing funds for food backpack programs, providing caring mentors, and linking families to outside supports such as therapists, doctors, and occupational services. Central Elementary has a very active PTO. They are fortunate to have many parent volunteers that help with student learning, Girls on the Run, Battle of the Books, and supporting teachers. Mrs. Kaemming shared that MEAP scores overall have improved. Central Elementary is a Focus School and are showing improvements in most areas. Some of the strategies for improvement are Reading Street (3rd year), Data meetings, instructional coaching by Debbie Boerema (ELA Tier 2) and Matt Mayer (Math Tier 1) and multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS).

**FOOD SERVICE
UPDATE**

Chartwells food service director, Holly Pence, provided information on the new federal and state guidelines for 'Smart Snacks.' Public schools are now allowed to sell identified highly sweetened or high carbohydrate snacks/food during the school day as fundraiser on a limited amount of days. This rule applies to clubs and booster groups. Chartwells is looking at budgeting for new equipment in select school buildings moving forward.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Miller reported that our initial student count is about 14 under last Fall count. Kindergarten class is small only 99 students.

Evaluation legislation (HB103) passed the House and Senate. Even though the legislation is flawed, it is far better than what we had.

Third Grade Reading legislation doesn't seem to be going anywhere fast in the Senate. The mandatory retention appears to be a real problem. Research does not support retention in the third grade.

Superintendent Miller also commented on the legislation eliminating open carry of weapons in school but would still allow concealed weapon carry. Superintendent Miller's opinion is guns don't belong in school and open carry is disruptive to schools.

Sarah Neumann reviewed the 2014-15 curriculum focuses (Systems Development, Curriculum needs analysis, Professional Development Alignment) and gave an update on the goals for professional development in 2015-16. The goals were developed through a needs assessment at the SALT meeting in May, 2015. The focus for this year will be PLC Leadership, Poverty and Data / Instructional Support.

A Curriculum update was also shared which indicated that the district has continued work on mapping in all areas using a common format: Vertical Alignment, Development and Alignment work will continue in PLCs and into summer 2016.

The School Improvement Update reinforced the vision, mission and goals of the SALT team, and gave an overview of how the PLC leaders will be integrated into the School Improvement model. This integration will streamline systems and supports throughout the district.

A Focus School Update was also given which outlined the school activities related to Focus Schools. Dr. Neumann shared that the Middle School was released from Focus School status.

Attacking the Gap- Summer School Overview

The good news, out of 15 students, 11 either maintained or grew when comparing spring to fall data (73% success rate). Unfortunately, out of 80 students invited, only 15 attended on a regular basis.

COMMENTS

Karen Stevens thanked all that participated in the homecoming parade and Hillary Campbell and Kelly Prior for organizing and running two young girl cheer clinics. Amy Triplett and Laura Simonds took their 5th grade classes to Annie's Big Nature Lesson at the Kalamazoo Nature Center where Superintendent Miller joined them to share a lesson on bow hunting, habitat and wildlife. Northwood had a successful Fall Festival playing cow pie bingo that was done in partnership with Shalom Kalamazoo.

**PREVIOUS BOARD
MEETING
FOLLOW-UP**

None

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment Middle School.

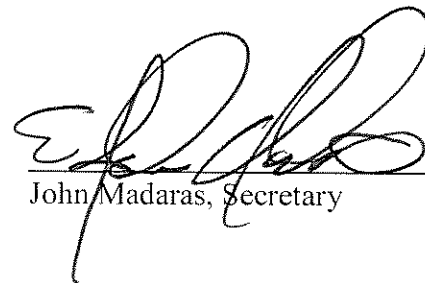
Fall Board Work Session will be Monday, November 9, 2015 at Parchment High School.

KCSOA – Legislative Forum is Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Beacon Club

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



John Madaras, Secretary

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