



Parchment, Michigan November 27, 2017

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Parchment School District, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, was held on Monday, November 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment Northwood Elementary, 600 Edison Street, Kalamazoo, 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 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 Jennifer Miller.

All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Special and Closed minutes of November 20, 2017
 - Financial Reports

October vendor bills:	\$ 1,480,736.82
(Payroll related \$878,173.37)	
Hot Lunch	\$ 84,005.11
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,827.24
1998 Debt Fund	\$ 197,750.00
2016 Debt Fund	\$ 396,590.76
QZAB Capital	
Project Fund	\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 2,161,909.93

COMMUNICATIONS None

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
1126 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**

There were no comments on agenda items.

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Rhonda Newman said the committee met with Plante Moran to go over the 2016-17 audit. Corey VanDyke from Plante Moran presented an overview of the 2016-17 audit. The District had a “clean” or “unmodified” audit.

Mr. VanDyke shared there has been a pupil decrease of approximately 180 students over the past 5 years, and the 2016-17 school year was down approximately 31 students.

Mr. VanDyke pointed out that revenue may appear up but that is due to the MPSEER funding which is paid back to the state for retirement.

**NORTHWOOD
BUILDING
REPORT**

Principal Sarah Neumann shared Northwood Elementary’s mission statement: Northwood Elementary is committed to providing each student with quality learning experiences so that they can become lifelong learners and safe, respectful, responsible citizens.

Northwood’s School Improvement Goals are to achieve proficiency in reading, math, writing, science, and social studies. Their strategies are continuous improvement, continuous commitment to data, and building-specific Trauma-informed practices.

M-STEP highlights:

- Northwood 4th and 5th graders out-performed the State of Michigan in all content areas
- We continue to see significant growth in Science

This is evidence that our interventions and supports are working!

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Matthew Miller was not present due to illness. Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Julie Rohrer, presented a brief update on the status of bargaining with PEA (Parchment Education Association).

**ACTION TO
ACCEPT 2016/2017
AUDIT**

Jennifer Miller moved to accept the 2016/2017 Audit as presented with a second from Rhonda Newman.

All voted aye - motion carries

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
NON-AGENDA
ITEMS**

Several staff and some community members spoke regarding contract negotiations.

Attorney Bob Champion was asked to explain the Fact Finding process. He said that both the District and the PEA will present all financial statements and

all comparative district contracts. An independent contractor will be contacting both the District and PEA to set up a meeting.


Dodi Leckie mentioned the legislation that would allow weapons in school. Dodi urged people to call their legislators and share their opinion.

The School Board Members will be donating monies to the Middle School family with recent health concerns in place of the Holiday Gathering.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District


Cheryl Balmer, Secretary