



**Parchment, Michigan
April 28, 2014**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Parchment School District, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, was held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School, 1915 E. G Avenue, Parchment, Michigan.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, Rhonda Newman, Tim Lasher and Doug Heaney

MEMBERS ABSENT John Madaras and Thomas Andrews

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Shauna Collison, Robert Champion, Cheryl Krause, Curt and Linda Flowers, Bob Winter, Cindy Lasher, Terry Butcher, Monty Owens, Kurt McCamman, Laura Nieboer, Kristy Mattern, Dick and Sharon Gregory, Scott Karaptian, Tom Novak, Jon Heasley, Tina Terry, Winnie Sopjes, Shannon Stutz, Larry Bailey, Sarah Terry, Jeff and Annette Sorenson, Cheryl Tiernan, Rob Thayer, Zack Page-Wood, Dave Fooy, Shani Thorne, Doug Mullen, Cory Yancer, Laura Simonds, Amy Triplett, Lisa Ouelette, Lisa Butcher, Katie McHugh, George Stamas, Tina Maxwell, Marilyn Chadderdon, Deanna Flamm-Phillips, Paula and Randy Klok, Mike and Diana Mitchell, Alexi Mitchel, Amanda Clark, Julie Mack, Jessica Harthorn, Jodi Mattison, Dodi Leckie, Jeff Sullivan, Marcia Nyland, Cheryl Frazier, Don Banner, Sarah Johnson, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Sonja LeRoy, Amy Hansen, Jill Wisser, Beth Jonker, Anna Knapp, Sandi Turpel, Suzanne Dean, Stephanie Winter, Amarion McElrath, Alaam Scarce, Justin Head, Arshon Mahone, Michael Mattern, Markus Edwards and others

CONSENT AGENDA Tim Lasher moved to approve the consent agenda with support from Rhonda Newman. All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of Feb. 24, 2014
 - Approval of Personnel Matters - Retirement request from Judy Pressley, High School Special Ed. instructor, ► Tenure acknowledgement of Lori Johnson, Laura Simonds, and Cory Yancer, Central Elementary Instructors; Stephanie Murphy, Northwood Elem. Instructor; and Cheryl Schmitt, High School Instructor at successful close of year
 - Financial Reports

Mar. Expense (Gen. Fund): \$ 1,079,261.86
(Payroll related \$ 795,913.21)

Trust & Agency \$ 8,864.50

Hot Lunch \$ 114,456.68

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 1,202,583.04

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) 488.1400

COMMUNICATIONS Nancy Lenz read a statement on behalf of the board available on the District website:
http://www.parchmentschools.org/docs/board/april_28_2014_board_statement_web.pdf

RECOGNITIONS Superintendent Matthew Miller introduced Dick Gregory to the board, although he was a familiar face. Dick was recently recognized as the MASA Region VII *Champion for Children*, for his volunteer efforts over the past 25 years in raising funds for Parchment student athletes and programs. Supt. Miller had nominated Dick for this honor and he highlighted some of Dick's many charitable ventures for the board. It is estimated he has raised over \$200K over the past 25 years for various district organizations. He headed up the citizen committee who sought funds through a state recreational grant to re-construct the Parchment Little League diamonds and get donations for the electronic scoreboards. He has been an officer and supporter of numerous Parchment Athletic Boosters projects. He was part of the group that established the Parchment Athletic Hall of Fame and was inducted this year. Dick heads up two athletic golf outings each summer which bring in \$10K to \$15K for athletic departments to provide for uniforms and equipment. Mr. Miller said Dick is a true *Champion for Children*. Mr. Gregory thanked Mr. Miller and the board and said he doesn't do all of this alone – many in the audience contribute, and the award is for all of you, too.

Building Principals spoke of their professional staff who will obtain tenure at the successful close of the year. Those staff who could be present were recognized. Julia Kaemming said Lori Johnson could not be present. Julia introduced Laura Simonds and Cory Yancer and said all three teachers are a tremendous asset to Central Elementary. Sarah Johnson described Stephanie Murphy as an eager professional who is skilled in teaching and peer collaboration. Scott Karaption said Cheryl Schmitt could not be present, as she was teaching at KVCC. Cheryl had previously received tenure in another Michigan district before she was hired as the EFE marketing instructor and DECA coach at the high school two years ago. She brings many useful skills to the classroom.

District Bus Driver, Cookie Koetje, could not be present. Special Education Director, Amy Hansen, shared the certificate Cookie was to receive as the KRESA Excellence in Special Education recipient from Parchment. She was nominated by a parent for her patience with special needs children.

Principal Tina Maxwell spoke of the Barclay men's basketball team and introduced the team's coaches, Terry Butcher and Monty Owens. The boys who were present were introduced; Amarion McElrath, Alaan Scarce, Justin Head, Arshon Mahone, Michael Mattern, and Markus Edwards along with Statistician Zack Page-Wood. The team won the Michigan Alternative Athletic Association Class B Basketball State Championship game on March 22, 2014 with their 52-48 win over Allen Park Community Schools. Coach Terry Butcher said all games were close through the season and they frequently had only six players, but the boys persevered. They usually competed against much larger school teams.

Scott Karaptian highlighted graduating senior, Cia Elder's volunteer efforts. She was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The national organization sent a letter stating her volunteer activities stood out as an impressive example of what young people can do to improve their communities.

Parchment High School 11th grade EFA student, Alexi Mitchel, received an EFA 11th Annual Teen Film Festival Award at the State Theater earlier this year. Scott Karaptian presented Alexi's film short, "Fireworks/ Whiteboard Animation," to the audience -- it was a great clip of animation complete with imaginative background music. Alexi was present to receive some much deserved recognition.

**COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**FACILITIES COMMIT-
TEE UPDATE**

Joel Shaffer said the committee met with Tremco representatives who offer a potential service to the district for an energy systems program. The service would use performance contracting to assist with funding of roof systems needing maintenance or replacement.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Lenz said the committee met to discuss means to promote the district through the media.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Matthew Miller reminded those present of the KRESA Enhancement Millage renewal which will be on the May 6th ballot. As it is a renewal, taxpayers would not see an increase in their taxes. KRESA first passed the millage in 2005 and again in 2008 and 2011. Parchment receives approximately \$580K a year from the millage. The tax for an average home assessed SEV of \$58K is \$88 dollars a year. Parchment is unique as the formula works to our advantage and for every 53¢ Parchment taxpayers pay, we receive \$1.00 in return. He urged community members to get out to vote.

**BEST PRACTICE
INCENTIVE RESO-
LUTION**

Tim Lasher moved to approve the Best Practice Incentive Resolution as presented. The district meets at least 7 out of 8 criteria. Doug Heaney seconded the motion.

Matthew Miller explained Governor Snyder offered the incentive for the past three years and the district has always received the extra per pupil funding for complying with the listed criteria.

AYES: Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, Rhonda Newman, Tim Lasher and Doug Heaney

NAYS: None

Motion carries: 5 – 0

ACTION ON ADMINISTRATOR CONTACTS - Tim Lasher moved to approve and extend the listed Administrator contracts for the 2014/2015 school year. Joel Shaffer supported the motion.

AYES: Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, Rhonda Newman, Tim Lasher and Doug Heaney

NAYS: None

Motion carries: 5 – 0

**COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Tim Lasher explained about the cards used for comments.

Jon Heasley spoke about wanting more information regarding missing funds from the 2011-2012 high school gate receipts reported in the news. He felt the letter sent home with students with some explanation was insufficient and it didn't get to his home because his child is not at the high school at the end of the day. He is tired of the bad publicity and is ashamed to be a Parchment resident.

Sarah Terry spoke about her feelings about the administration and the board and their decision making. She asked the Superintendent to resign. She said she can send her children to Gull Lake, what is keeping her here?

Stephanie Winter asked for more communications.

Shannon Stutz spoke regarding the opening statement read by the board president. She said trust is earned. She asked for an open forum. She said board seats will be on the ballot this year and people should consider running.

Rob Thayer began speaking and when interrupted by an audience member reminded them he didn't interrupt when they spoke. He cautioned those who spoke to be careful about their criticisms. The board's hands are tied. The position takes countless hours of their time. He referred to a comment about being ashamed to be a Parchment resident, and said that was wrong for an office holder. Mr. Thayer said he is still proud to be a Parchment resident.

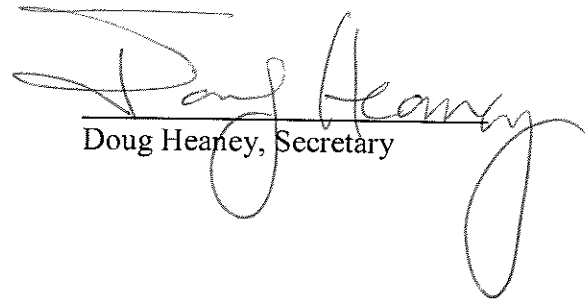
Tim Lasher said tonight was an extraordinary evening of recognitions – all were very deserving. He thanked those who spoke for their comments.

Nancy Lenz spoke about the recent passing of two former Parchment teachers -- Richard Buehler and Jack Koch had recently died. They were teachers at the high school for many years and coaches for high school sports and were much loved.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School library.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



Doug Heaney, Secretary