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Board President, Nancy Lenz, read a prepared statement on behalf of the board of education.

“This Board is aware that media coverage of events involving the Parchment School District over the past couple of years has caused concern for the entire school district and many in the community. Questions have been addressed to the district which we have been unable to answer. This lack of response raises more questions and suspicions, when in fact, as our legal counsel will tell you, we cannot legally respond.

“We cannot legally comment on an open investigation. We also should not comment on a closed investigation when there were no charges filed and no arrests made. That said, it is very unfortunate that anyone would embezzle funds intended for our students. As has been reported, procedures were in place several years ago to help prevent this type of egregious behavior including those recommended by our financial auditors. Subsequently, even more stringent procedures have been implemented since this incident and no irregularities have been reported.

“Lately, some attention has been paid to the leave of Assistant Superintendent Julie Rohrer. Conclusions have been drawn that lead some to believe her leave is connected to the 2012-13 investigation by the Kalamazoo Township Police, at the request of this district.

“This is absolutely not the case. Ms. Rohrer was placed on paid administrative leave to address another matter, unrelated to district finances. While we understand the public’s interest in knowing more, we must balance the public’s interest against that of the legal and contractual rights of our employees. Thus this board is unable to make any further comment on this issue at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation and will advise the public appropriately.

“In the meantime, we hope members of this community will continue to support our staff and administration instead of making assumptions that overshadow the great strides we are making on behalf of our students as we prepare them for college and a lifetime of learning and contribution.

“This statement is available for your review on our website.

“Thank you for your attention.”

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