



**Parchment, Michigan
March 24, 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, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Northwood Elementary, 600 Edison, Kalamazoo, 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, Thomas Andrews, John Madaras and Doug Heaney

MEMBERS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Shauna Collison, Robert Champion, Diana Nash, Sarah Johnson, Cheryl Tiernan, Marilyn Chadderdon, Shani Thorne, Doug Mullen, Tom Novak, Kathy Nyberg, Amy Hansen, Sonja LeRoy, Tina Maxwell, Marcy Patterson, Tina Terry, Julia Kaemming, Jason Misner, Scott Karaptian and others

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

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of Feb. 24, 2014
 - Financial Reports

Feb. Expense (Gen. Fund):	\$ 1,218,659.59
(Payroll related \$ 783,719.55)	
Trust & Agency	\$ 4,362.54
Hot Lunch	\$ 134,553.05

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,357,575.18
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COMMUNICATIONS Diana Nash, representing the Advia Credit Union Community Advantage Program (CAP) was pleased to present the board with a check for \$2,131.00. The CAP program allows credit union members to designate non-profits as recipients for points. Eighty-three Advia credit union members designated the school district as their recipient for 2013 CAP funds. On behalf of the district Nancy Lenz and Superintendent Miller thanked Ms. Nash for the generous gift.

Matthew Miller reported the Barclay Hills basketball team was the Class B State Champion for Alternative Schools.

COMMENTS None

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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
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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

NORTHWOOD ELEM. BUILDING REPORT Principal, Sarah Johnson, presented a PowerPoint about the year at Northwood. Students are benefitting from Response to Intervention (RTI) support. KRESA Instructional Coach, Debbie Boersma, is offering many classroom management and lesson planning/delivery strategies for staff. Parchment staff are focused on Professional Development and School Improvement. Statistics show that if students can be at benchmark by the end of first grade there is an 87% chance of remaining at benchmark through fourth grade. Early interventions are very important.

Northwood staff are proud of the work and sustained progress that earned NW the designation as a Reward School with continuous, sustained progress. Through KRESA and the State, Northwood will be receiving a Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) to receive funds to support training and new devices for teachers.

The Northwood PTO and hard working staff offer lots of educational opportunities that includes the Rainforest program; EFA Field Trips; Annie's Big Nature Lesson; Literacy Night and Spaghetti Dinner; Starbase and 5th Grade Party. Another McTeacher's Night is coming up on April 1st from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the West Main McDonald's in front of Target.

In December 2011, Parchment was the first district in southwestern Michigan to earn accreditation through the national AdvancEd organization by completing an extensive Quality Assurance Review (QAR). This year, the two required QAR reporting actions have been completed and accepted to continue our certification. A focus on continuous student achievement improvement will demand ongoing evaluation of initiatives and practices.

Data trends show reading scores improved at all levels on the MEAP and there was continuous growth in Delta Math at all levels. 100% of 5th grade girls were proficient in MEAP Reading and 75% of the boys were. The gap between economic advantaged/disadvantaged groups is closing.

Mrs. Johnson recapped district MEAP highlights from an article in the Kalamazoo Gazette. We had 12 tests scored in the top half of 40 local schools on MEAP. We had no scores in the bottom 10. We had 5 scores in the top 15 test scores and 2 in the top 8 throughout the county which includes many who do not have the economic disadvantaged community we service. The district has upward trends in math in grades 4, 5, and 7 and in reading in 3,4,5, 7 and 8. Downward trends in 3rd grade math, 7th grade writing and social students in 5th and 8th which are being addressed.

**FOCUS SCHOOL
UPDATE**

Mrs. Johnson said data review continues and Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) are continuing their work in all buildings. Interventions and strategies include: Middle School include RTI support and double grade level time for math and ELA; and North and Central receive additional RTI support and KRESA Coaching. We are looking to expand the coaching model during the 2014-2015 school year to include grades 6 – 12.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE Tim Lasher said the committee met to discuss roofs and the HVAC systems. Some roofs are in good condition and some areas need to be repaired now or soon. There will be another meeting soon to continue discussions to address the needs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Matthew Miller gave kudos to all staff for the MEAP testing – they can be proud of their work. The district is performing well based on our socio economic factors.

The Governor has submitted his proposed budget for schools next year, but it still doesn't provide the per pupil funding levels received in 2008. A good part of the at-risk restrictions have been removed in his proposal, which is good. At-risk funding hasn't risen in a number of years.

The MEAP test will not be continued for next school year. Lansing hasn't told us what the new testing will be, but it will likely be the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). There are concerns about what we move to. Parchment piloted the SBAC in the elementary -- it is problematic in several ways. Some districts will have the infrastructure in place to provide the SBAC online. Other districts will not have the infrastructure for online testing and those students will take paper and pencil tests instead. Parchment does not have the infrastructure. Test results will be compared between adaptive online testing and pencil and paper testing. Additionally, and also problematic, all professional staff will be evaluated on the results of those test scores.

The KRESA Enhancement Millage renewal will be on the May 6th ballot. Parchment would receive about \$580K a year from the millage. For every 53¢ Parchment taxpayers pay, we receive \$1.00 in return.

Mr. Miller said, tentatively, it looks like we will extend the school year two days for students through June 13, 2014.

TRIP REQUESTS Tim Lasher moved to approve the trip request from Cheryl Tiernan and Kathy Nyberg for the EFE HOSA Students to attend their State Competition. Tom Andrews supported the motion.

Cheryl reported 41 students are attending, as they placed in the top 10% of the regional competition. A Parchment district student was eligible to attend but has a schedule conflict and cannot participate.

All voted aye – motion carried

ACTION ON CHECK CO-SIGNER Tim Lasher moved that the Northwood Principal/Curriculum, State & Federal Program Director be approved to co-sign checks in excess of \$10,000 along with the Superintendent. John Madaras supported the motion.

All voted aye – motion carried

COMMENTS

Jason Misner, district Athletic Director, said it has been another banner year for high school sports. The Girls Basketball team made it to the quarter finals and played to a packed gym. It was a great opportunity for our girls. The Boys placed second in the conference. Now our athletes are onto Spring sports! We've had a slow start with the weather, but all are eager for the season to get underway.

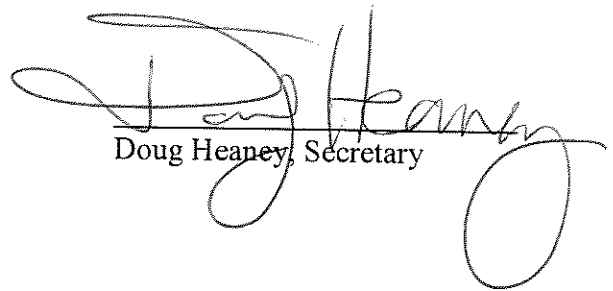
**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



Doug Heaney, Secretary