



**Parchment, Michigan
October 28, 2013**

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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 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment Middle School, 307 N. Riverview Drive, Parchment Michigan.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT Nancy Lenz, Joel Shaffer, John Madaras, Rhonda Newman and Thomas Andrews

MEMBERS ABSENT Tim Lasher and Doug Heaney

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Shauna Collison, Molly & Dennis Lacy, Ramona Lapekas, Amy Hansen, Shannon Stutz, Scott Karaptian, Liz Honeysett, Sonja LeRoy, Tina Maxwell, Sarah Jaohanson, Kevin Thorne, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Cheryl Baker, Steve Gibson, Becky Edds, Shani Walton, Kristy Mattern, Cathy Stone, George Stamas, Tina Terry, Jason Misner, Robert Champion, Julie Rohrer and others

CONSENT AGENDA Joel Shaffer 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 September 23, 2013 and Special meeting of October 7, 2013
 - Resignation requests of Andrew Kyser, Parchment Early Learning Center Director
 - Financial Reports

Sept. Expense (Gen. Fund):	\$ 1,234,096.66
(Payroll related \$ 808,531.35)	
Hot Lunch	\$ <u>17,979.70</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,253,159.20

RECOGNITIONS High School principal, Scott Karaptian, introduced Ramona Lapekas to the board. She is the new part-time Spanish instructor at the High School. She is a Parchment alumnus and most recently was a counselor and teacher in Florida and Puerto Rico. Ms. Lapekas said she's glad to be back in the area.

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Parchment, MI 49004
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Parchment Middle School
307 North Riverview Drive
Parchment, MI 49004
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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
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Harclay Hills
Education Center
125 East Mosel Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 488.1470

Preschool &
Childcare Center
600 Edison Street
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AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON RANK & HONORS Nancy Lenz outlined the make-up of the Ad Hoc committee that was formed last summer to review Weighting Grades and Class Rank and Honors at the high school.

Co-chair of the committee, Scott Karaptian, introduced members of the committee who were present. The committee comprised, along with Mr. Karaptian; Molly Lacy, Shannon Stutz, Cheryl Baker, Cathy Stone, Becky Edds, Shani Walton, and Steve Gibson, (parent Sylvia Miller was absent); also Board/Executive members Matthew Miller and Thomas Andrews (Doug Heaney was absent). Parent member, Molly Lacey, presented a PowerPoint for the board listing the committee's recommendations. Early on the committee determined consensus statements that included the belief that little risk or harm should occur to any student with any recommended change in practice. They agreed that students should be rewarded for extra effort. They identified the courses that challenge students with more rigor.

The committee brought a recommendation to the Board to weight grades at the High School beginning with next year's incoming Freshman and discontinue public reporting of student rank. Courses that would be weighted include AP classes, KAMSC math & science courses, Honors and selected college dual-enrollment courses. Also, it is recommended to select the graduation speaker(s) from the pool of cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude seniors who may turn in an application to give the graduating speech(es).

The committee submitted two requests to be considered for implementation this year: 1) Allow parents of graduating seniors to request their child's transcripts be reviewed and weighted, if their coursework falls into the identified categories – this would be for the purpose of scholarship applications; 2) Implement the new designations of Cum Laude, Magna, and Summa in place of Honors and High Honors moving forward.

Steve Gibson, co-chair of the committee, recapped the charge the committee took from the board. He said members identified any personal biases and left them at the door to come to a collegial conclusion. It was a hard working group.

Nancy Lenz thanked committee members for the well thought out report. She charged board members to review the committee's report and come to the November board meeting prepared to take action on the recommendations.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING REPORT Principal George Stamas reviewed the tenets for staff and students at Middle School. From MEAP data in 2011 the state identified the Middle School as a Focus school – identified as having a large gap between the top and bottom 30% in student achievement. To address the concern, the staff is targeting reading and writing with intense differentiated instruction for students. A new block schedule allows for more instruction in core subjects. An afterschool Homework Club

is more or less mandatory for students who do not complete their homework or who need or want extra help. Professional Learning Community's (PLC's) are established to allow staff to collaborate on a regular basis. Professional Development in core subjects and Collins Writing PD for staff continues as well as student mentoring opportunities.

The students have reported they like the 80 minute core classes with the new schedule – so far so good.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Matthew Miller explained the audit report was postponed due to a death in the lead auditor's family.

The current KRESA Enhancement Millage will expire in 2014. A third renewal may be sought. President Nancy Lenz added, Parchment is in a win – win situation, as the formula used to determine distribution of funds returns more revenue to us than our taxpayers pay in. We have received approximately 4% of our general fund budget from the enhancement millage over the past years. There will be more information about the millage coming from KRESA soon.

The varsity football team had a good season and made it to the playoffs. In closing, Matthew read an email from a former high school student, who praised Parchment schools and thanked Becky Edds and Beth Jonker for the encouragement they gave him when he was at Parchment High School.

NO ACTION ITEMS No business agenda items were heard.

COMMENTS Nancy Lenz said the 50th Anniversary celebration at the Parchment Community Library was well attended. There are still lots of pictures displayed from the past 50 years and Nancy encouraged others to stop in to see them.

Tina Terry thanked the Board for the response to requests for security in the buildings. She said the new camera and buzzer system at the main entrance is working well at Northwood. Parent reaction has been mostly positive.

Athletic Director, Jason Misner, said Parchment varsity football plays at Jackson High School against Jackson Lumen Christi this Friday, November 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Spirit buses will be taking students. All our student athletes are doing well and community support has been great. Volleyball district tournaments will be hosted in Parchment on Nov. 4, 6 and 8th. Come out and support the teams!

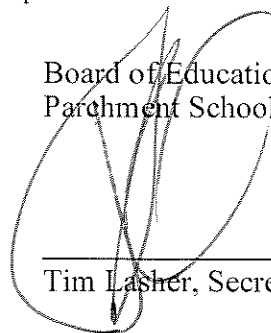
Scott Karaptian mentioned the band will compete at Ford Field in the State Finals on Saturday, November 2, 2013.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION Board members were made aware of a County School Officers meeting on November 6, 2013. The Parchment Schools Foundation meets on November 18, 2013.

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at North Elementary. There will be a special board meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



Tim Lasher, Secretary