



Parchment, Michigan
September 23, 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, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School, 1916 E. G Avenue, 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, Doug Heaney, John Madaras, Thomas Andrews and Rhonda Newman (7:05 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT Tim Lasher

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Julie Rohrer, Shauna Collison, Robert Champion, Tina Maxwell, Karen Stevens, Kim Palms, George Stamas, Winnie Sopjes, Kristy Mattern, Amy Hansen, Amy Sue Manley, Amy Triplett, Liz Honeysett, Lisa Ouellette, Julia Kaemming, Marilyn Chadderdon, Marcy Patterson, Jason Misner, Sonja LeRoy, Doug Mullen, Shani Thorne and others

CONSENT AGENDA Joel Shaffer moved to approve the consent agenda with support from Thomas Andrews. All voted aye – motion carried.

- Included:
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of August 26, 2013
 - Resignation requests of Nancy McLaughlin, .77 H.S. Spanish, Andrea Yancer, Speech Therapist and Jessica Zantjer, GSRP teacher; ► Contract approvals: GSRP teachers Roberta Stevenson, Jennifer Houser and Cynthia Moon; Ramona Lapekas as part-time High School Spanish

- Financial Reports

Aug. Expense (Gen. Fund):	\$ 1,449,027.37
(Payroll related \$ 1,046,528.49)	
Hot Lunch	\$ 75.68
Trust & Agency	\$ 5,118.91
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,454,221.96

COMMENTS Board President Nancy Lenz said she received an email regarding the sale of property adjacent to Thomas Street at the entrance to Central Elementary.

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 1360

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Matthew Miller reported a former alumna, Ramona Lapekas, has been hired for the part-time Spanish teaching position at the High School. She will be moving from Florida and will begin in early October.

Matthew gave an update on the Focus school status of North and Central Elementary. A new district facilitator, appointed by the state, met with principals recently to continue the process of identifying new strategies for closing the achievement gap between our high achieving students and our lower achieving students. A school is identified as being a Focus school when they have a considerable gap between the highest 30% and the lowest 30% as indicated by the MEAP test.

Mr. Miller gave some details from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities national research study indicating funding for Michigan schools has fallen 9% since 2008. The study found the education cuts were steeper than 33 other states since the recent recession. The report continues that Michigan is one of 34 states spending less on education now than before the recession; about \$572 per pupil below pre-recession levels when adjusted for inflation. Contact Matt for more information.

NO ACTION ITEMS No business agenda items were heard.

COMMENTS John Madaras said the football field looked great. Kristy Mattern said much is due to Tony DeRyder's efforts, as well as the weather. Nancy Lenz added the football team is doing well. Jason Misner agreed, the JV and Varsity teams are doing very well. The Varsity beat Constantine – a regular playoff team in the area. A Spirit Bus will take students to the next game in Olivet on Friday, September 27, 2013.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION Homecoming against Maple Valley will be held on Friday, October 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. The Homecoming Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the bottom of Kindleberger Park by the library and make its way to the High School.

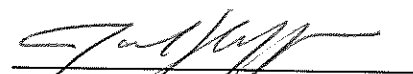
The board worksession with a MASB facilitator will take place on Monday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the High School.

The MASB Fall Conference will be held October 24 – 27, 2013 in Lansing.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parchment Middle School library.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



— Tim Lasher, Secretary
Joel Shaffer, Vice-President