



Parchment, Michigan
April 24, 2017

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Parchment School District, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment High School, 1916 East G Avenue, Parchment, MI 49004.

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Madaras, President.
- MEMBERS PRESENT** John Madaras, Dodi Leckie, Rhonda Newman, Cherie Balmer, Michelle Ammon, Jennifer Miller, and Annette Sorensen
- MEMBERS ABSENT** None
- OTHERS PRESENT** Matthew Miller, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, George Stamas, Sonja LeRoy, Nicole Berish, Jason Misner, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Sarah Neumann, Anna Wessing, Amy Hansen, Shani Thorne, Kristen Wartella, Kyle Wartella, Sue Renema, Doug Renema, Chris Gaudard, Gary Gaudard, Sandy Burnham, Megan Stensland Tom Novak, Jennifer Barker, Amy Triplett, Erin Burkett, Jennifer Chiechi, Charity Klinger, Karen Stevens, Anna Knapp, Brian Spry, Spencer Spry, and others
- CONSENT AGENDA** Annette Sorensen 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 March 27, 2017; Special Board meeting minutes of April 10, 2017; and Closed Board meeting minutes of April 10, 2017
 - Financial Reports
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| Mar. Expense (Gen. Fund): | \$ 1,734,879.89 |
| (Payroll related \$1,327,300.55) | |
| Hot Lunch | \$ 434.78 |
| Trust & Agency | \$ 2,951.53 |
| GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$ 1,738,266.20 |

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

COMMUNICATIONS None

RECOGNITIONS

High School Special Education Teacher, Erin Burkett, was introduced by Special Education director, Amy Hansen. Erin Burkett was presented with a certificate as the KRESA Special Education Parent Advisory recipient from Parchment for the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee).

Shani Thorne, Central Elementary Special Education Teacher, was also introduced by Amy Hansen. Shani Thorne was also presented with a certificate as a KRESA Special Education Parent Advisory recipient from Parchment for the PAC.

Jason Misner, Parchment Middle School Principal, introduced Chris Gaudard who was named by her colleagues as the **PEA Teacher of the Year** for 2017. Jason said Chris has been a great asset to the middle school. Chris has taught for 22 years. Chris has included writing into the Physical Education classes. Chris has a genuine concern for her students. Superintendent Miller presented Mrs. Chris Gaudard with a gift of appreciation from the board.

Sue Renema, Secretary to the Principal at Parchment Middle School was introduced by Jason Misner as PEO Partner in Education secretary for 2017. Jason mentioned that Sue has worked for the district for 16 years, 11 years as a secretary. Sue began as the Attendance Secretary at the High School and in 2014 moved to the Middle School. Jason commented that Sue is always pleasant, polite and professional. Superintendent Miller presented Mrs. Sue Renema with a gift of appreciation from the board.

The Varsity Volleyball Team was recognized for receiving Academic All State. The team must have a 3.30 GPA average or higher; Parchment's Varsity Team had a team average of 3.77.

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
AGENDA ITEMS** None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Matthew Miller thanked the members of the Steering Committee for all the time and thought that was given to the restructuring of the district elementary buildings.

Superintendent Miller shared a portion of a PowerPoint from Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, *Impacts of Closing the Hybrid Plan*. Mr. Miller suggests this will likely deter the best to the career of teaching. Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System (MPERS) claims there is no problem to fix and closing the MPERS is unnecessary.

**ACTION ON ELEM.
BUILDING
RESTRUCTURING
RECOMMENDATION**

Cherie Balmer moved to approve the recommendation from the Steering Committee to restructure the Elementary buildings as referenced in Ref. #1.

All voted aye – motion carried

**ACTION ON
ADMINISTRATIVE
CONTRACTS**

Dodi Leckie moved to approve a one year extension on administrative contracts. Michelle Ammon seconded the motion

AYES: Michelle Ammon, Cherie Balmer, Dodi Leckie, John Madaras, Jennifer Miller, Rhonda Newman, and Annette Sorensen

NAYES: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

**NEOLA POLICY
APPROVAL**

Dodi Leckie moved to approve the listed NEOLA policies for a second reading. Annette Sorensen seconded the motion.

1619, 1619.01, 1619.02, 1619.03, 2628, 3142, 3419, 3419.01, 3419.02, 3419.03, 3420, 4419, 4419.01, 4419.02, 4419.03, 4420, 5830, 6424, 6605, 8321, 9700

AYES: Michelle Ammon, Cherie Balmer, Dodi Leckie, John Madaras, Jennifer Miller, Rhonda Newman, and Annette Sorensen

NAYES: None

Motion carried: 7 - 0

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
NON-AGENDA
ITEMS**

Karen Stevens gave an update of PEA activities.

Board member Cherie Balmer shared her appreciation for the work the Elementary Principals did on the restructuring of the Elementary buildings.

Board member Dodi Leckie also commented on all the work that has been done for the restructuring. It is an emotional change for many, but proud of everybody for making the decision.

**PREVIOUS BOARD
MEETING
FOLLOW-UP**

None

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

Staff Appreciation Lunch is May 2, 2017, during the staff lunch time. Board members are welcome to join.

The next KCSOA Dinner Meeting is Wed., May 10, 2017, at The Beacon Club.

Special Board Meeting – Goal Setting will be held Tue., May 16, 2017, at the High School.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. – High School.

Graduations:

Barclay Hills Education Center. – Wed., May 31, 2017 at Comstock Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

Parchment High School – Friday, June 2, 2017 at Miller Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
(Board members backstage by 7:00 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



Cherie Balmer, Secretary

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