



**Parchment, Michigan
September 26, 2016**

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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 26, 2016 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 John Madaras, Vice President.

MEMBERS PRESENT John Madaras, Ben Tanis, Nancy Lenz, Cherie Balmer, Dodi Leckie, and Rhonda Newman

MEMBERS ABSENT Tom Andrews

OTHERS PRESENT Matthew Miller, Julie Rohrer, Paula Smeed, Bob Champion, George Stamas, Sonja LeRoy, Jason Misner, Nicole Berish, Julia Kaemming, Marcy Patterson, Kristy Mattern, Karen Stevens, Courtney Steffler, Sheila Brown, Meghan Klauka, Carl Getty, Anna Wessing, Scott McDaid, Teri Orlando, Tom Novak, Annette Sorensen, and others

CONSENT AGENDA Nancy Lenz moved to approve the consent agenda with support from Ben Tanis. All voted aye – motion carried.

Included: - Adoption of the Agenda
- Approval of the Regular and Closed meeting minutes of August 22, 2016 and Special Board meeting minutes of September 7, 2016
- **Approval** of new instructors: Cody Britton, Barclay Hills Education Center Social Studies Instructor, and Teri Orlando, Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) instructor,
Resignation of Lisa Roy, High School Instructor and Terry Butcher, Barclay Hills Education Center Instructor.

- Financial Reports
Aug Expense (Gen. Fund): \$ 1,223,076.84
(Payroll related \$680,689.23)
Hot Lunch \$ 24,215.06
Trust & Agency \$ 5,206.75
QZAB Bond Fund \$ 98.27
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 1,252,596.92

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 Barclay Hills Education Center Principal, Tina Maxwell, introduced Cody Britton as the new Social Studies Instructor; Anna Wessing, Early Childhood Director introduced Teri Orlando as a new GSRP Instructor.

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
AGENDA ITEMS** None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Matthew Miller mentioned the 3rd Grade Reading Bill that is currently on the governor's desk awaiting his signature. Superintendent Miller said it is a great effort; however, the state is not going to provide any financial support. If a child is a full year behind in reading they must be retained, with exceptions, and the parent is the only one that can challenge retention of the child.

Superintendent Miller shared a handout showing State and Parchment School District M-Step Results for 2016. Parchment School District scored above state average on 15 of the 18 tests. Parchment School District is approximately 10% higher than the state in reduced and free lunch rates, which would typically show testing scores below the state average. This represents great work from our students, staff and administrators!

NEOLA POLICY APPROVAL Nancy Lenz moved to approve the listed board policies (NEOLA) for a second reading. Ben Tanis seconded the motion.

AYES: John Madaras, Ben Tanis, Nancy Lenz, Cheryl Balmer, Dodi Leckie, and Rhonda Newman

NAYS: None

Motion carries: 6 – 0

**COMMENTS
REGARDING
NON-AGENDA
ITEMS** Tom Novak shared a class project "*I wish my teacher knew...*" Tom did this assignment with his class last year also, he was still surprised at the social and emotional issues that students shared. The comments have been shared with the middle school counselor and she is working with many of these students.

Board member, Cherie Balmer, wondered if there was anything the board could do to help. Some board members suggested some outside organization that might be able to assist with grants or mentoring.

George Stamas, Jason Misner, and Nicole Berish, past and present administrators at the middle school, shared some ways students succeed is by “getting in their business”, increase communication, and having all staff involved at connecting with students.

Karen Stevens shared some PEA (Parchment Education Association) accomplishments.

Cherie Balmer again shared a concern regarding the bleachers in the middle school gymnasium and asked what could be done. Superintendent Miller said he would follow-up.

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION**

Special Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 7:00 p. m.
at Parchment High School—Work Session – Superintendent
Evaluation Tool Training.

Homecoming Parade and Game – Friday, October 7, 2016. There will
be a bus for staff and board members for those that can attend.

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, October 24, 2016
at 7:00 p.m. at Parchment Middle School.

MASB Fall Conference – November 11-12, Detroit Renaissance
Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Board of Education of the
Parchment School District



Ben Tanis, Secretary