



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

DATE: April 11, 2017 -7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

SECRETARY

ANDREW A. GREEN

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Chretien, McLachlan, Pastor

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Pomponio read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

REBECCA REED

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2016/17-129 A motion was made by Mr. Green approved by Mr. Kupser, the board add action item M #5-Board Member Appointment and approve the revised April 11, 2017 agenda.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE CHRETIEN

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSIONOR ACTION ITEMS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Elementary Building School Improvement Reports: Ms. Hanna, Ms. Plocharzyk, Mr. Piestrak, Ms. Kochanoski, Ms. Noble, Ms. Kopp, Ms. Biggs came before the board with the District School Improvement Presentation for the elementary schools.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

Goals; to close the achievement gap between the bottom and top 30% of our student population. Work continues toward increasing student engagement and higher order thinking skills in all content areas.

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Progress toward goals; Learning Targets and I Can Statements are present in the classroom to indicate to students what type of learning will take place in the classroom. Student engagement is achieved through Total Participation Techniques. Reading and Math specialists provide support. 5D+ is the growth model for teacher improvement. Professional collaboration begins with the superintendent down to the curriculum department and this gets into the classroom.

Evidence of Progress; Data acquired from administrator Data Walk results show student engagement up 6% from last year. Increase in all categories of Higher Order Thinking from last year: Application is up 6%, Analysis is up 5%, Synthesis is up 5%, and Evaluation is up 3%.

Accountability Scorecard; the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) team meets monthly to address the need at the bottom 30% at each grade level. The district is providing staff with opportunities for growth and improvement through Professional Learning Communities (PLC). After school tutoring, Summer SLAM, Transitional Kindergarten has been offered for two years. Our bottom 30% is continuing to make progress towards proficiency on the state standardized test.

Changes that may be necessary for 2017-18 School Year; adoption and implementation of new reading program. Programming specific to 3rd grade reading legislation. Next Generation Science Standards.

Success Stories; Areas of pride-PTO involvement, Math Nights, Music Concert, Art Show, Science Alive, Bingo for Books, Reading Buddies, Writing Night, Scholastic Book Fairs to name a few.

Discussion took place about the Next Generation Science, and Wonders Reading series the board will vote on at this meeting.

2.Construction Update/Dashboard: Rob Kakoczki updated the board on the current construction projects. Tennis courts and practice fields are being worked on now. Retention system at DMS was installed over Spring Break. Beacon and Asher are next for site drainage work. The budget summary was reviewed. Updates will continue as the work progresses. Discussion took place about the secure entry at Asher and the drainage work at DMS.

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anti-Bullying-Dr. Pomponio-discussed the information meeting in May at DMS.

Finance-Mr. Kupser-March 22 meeting discussed the lease agreement for Central Office and research into building or expanding of central office. This is not financially feasible so this topic has been closed. Monthly forecasting will be addressed in August. Northpoint Elementary Lease with the Guidance Center has been tabled until next meeting. More visibility will be brought to the dashboard on how millage funds are being spent.

Policy-Dr. Pomponio-discussed and reviewed policy's that will be needing updating.

Legislative -Rebecca Reed, the committee has been discussing scheduling a meeting date.

Personnel-No Report

Grounds & Maintenance-No Report

All committees hold open meetings at Southgate's board offices. Dates of meetings, committee members, agendas and minutes are posted on the web page.

DISCUSSION

Finance- Ms. McLachlan updated the board on the status of the upcoming 2017-18 school aid budget. The House and Senate released their versions just before spring break. She reviewed the versions from the Governor's Office, House and Senate and how each version would impact Southgate Schools financially. Ms. McLachlan is starting to work on the final amended budget and working on what she can for the 2017-18 Budget.

Curriculum-Ms. Pastor-AHS started the M-Step testing for science and social studies. She commended the high school staff on their efforts in organizing 300+ students on the M-STEP while planning the SAT and PSAT for 900+ students. ACT work-keys will be tomorrow. Fordline and Allen 5th grade testing began today. The testing window closes Friday May 26. She gave the board a brief review of the Wonders Reading which is covered under the 3rd grade reading legislation. This is an evidence based core reading instruction that is comprehensive and meets the majority of the general education classroom needs. Total cost is \$229,583.59.

This includes an 8 year subscription to the technology suite, 2 to 3 days of professional development and 8 years of close reading companion consumable. The estimated cost of free material is right around \$500,000.00. They charge us for the student text and the teaching editions are free of charge. Ms. Pastor has 31A funds set aside but does believe it is more appropriate to use millage or general funds for curriculum purchases. When the process started we didn't have and still don't have general fund dollars reserved for such a purchase and millage money was only a dream. This is her 6th year as Curriculum Director and the first time she has asked for new curriculum adoption. The new ELA and Math standards were approved in 2010. We need to get back to a regular curriculum review cycle that includes the adoption of materials and texts. Programs such as Wonders do not teach our students, teachers do, but we want to put amazing resources in their hands.

Discussion took place about the funding of this proposed curriculum adoption and the re-establishing of the Curriculum Committee.

Superintendent-Ms. Chretien reported positive student feedback from the buildings during the testing. The district will be purchasing more chrome book technology. The bond money will allow us to do this. Next year in the K-5 Enrichment schedule, students in grades 3-4-and 5 will have technology instruction twice a week rather than once a week. Recognizing taking online test requires online skills.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT

2016/17-130 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig the board accept the minutes from March 16 Closed Session, March 21 Regular Board Meeting, HR Update and the Disbursements for March 2017.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

ACTION

1. Wonders K-5 ELA Program Adoption: An in depth discussion took place regarding the funding of this program and the use of millage money in lieu of 31A Funds. Board members asked questions about splitting the funding with half paid by millage money and half paid with 31A funds. 31A funds are able to be used for this curriculum, it does meet the criteria for using At-Risk dollars. Other programs that are funded by 31A dollars were reviewed by Ms. Pastor. Ms. McLachlan reviewed the spending process for 31A dollars; the accounting procedure she has to follow when moving funds between accounts and how the budget is affected. Ms. Chretien spoke of the types of employees and programs that are funded by 31A dollars. Board members expressed their support of new curriculum and their opinions of how this curriculum should be paid for.

2016/17-131 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the adoption of the McGraw Hill Wonders K-5 ELA program to be purchased for \$229,583.59 from 31A funds.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

2. Elimination of pay to participate: Ms. Chretien presented the board with information about the Pay-to-Participate program for sports and other curricula activities. The amount collected during the 15/16 school year was \$74,631.00. The money goes into the general fund as a source of revenue that may or may not support the athletic budget. It did not pay for specific things (transportation, etc.) as some people believed. Ms. Chretien asked the board that they suspend this fee starting next fall for the duration of the millage money. This is a very small amount of revenue that causes an enormous amount of bad feelings and hardship for some families.

Board members asked questions about the history of the program and how it is budgeted-general fund versus athletic fund. Ms. McLachlan explained the funding of athletics and the general fund, reviewed the expenditures and revenue aspects of the funding.

Discussion took place about accountability for spending the millage money and how this amount of money would be budgeted. Ms. McLachlan explained the budgeting of the millage money and this expenditure. Board members spoke of the loss of students and their FTE to other districts due to the pay to play program and how this will impact the athletic budget. Ms. McLachlan explained the athletic budget and how she has had to correct budget codes over the last few years. Ms. Chretien explained that any allocation from the millage money should be able to be absorbed into the general fund once the millage money is gone.

2016/17-132 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig, that Southgate Schools eliminate the Pay to Participate fees for the 2017-18 school year and continue as long as enhancement millage money is available.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

3. Bid Package(s) for masonry, painting, Clark Construction Management fees: Rob Kakoczki-Plante Moran CRESA reviewed the scope of work, staffing costs, building upgrades; masonry and painting. He gave each board member a binder with detailed information and explained GMP #4, Bid Pak's 7C and 7F.

2016/17-133 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the contract award recommendation for Clark Construction Company's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #4 for a total of \$793,134.00 including:

- Clark Construction Company's staffing costs and fees from 1/1/17 to 10/31/17 in the amount of \$695,113.00.
- Building Upgrades Bid Pak #7C masonry work to BNE Services, LLC in the amount of \$36,221.00.
- Building Upgrades Bid Pak#7F painting work to Continental Contracting Company in the amount of \$61,800.00.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

4. Davidson Middle School National Junior Honor Society out-of-state field trip: Ms. Chretien explained to the board this is a field trip to Cedar Point, the board has approved this in the past and needs to approve this due to it being out-of-state.

2016/17-134 It was moved by Mr. Green approved by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the June 8 DMS out-of-state field trip for the National Junior Honor Society.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

5. Approval of New Board member appointee: Dr. Pomponio commented that interviews were held for 7 candidates, and Mr. Neil J. Freitas impressed the board the most. She congratulated Mr. Freitas who was in attendance. Board members concurred their support for him and stated it was a unanimous decision.

2016/17-135 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the appointment of Neil J. Freitas to the Board of Education.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Estheimer gave an update on Fordline; M-Step testing and hearing tests will take place this week, school will be closed on April 14 for Good Friday. The 1st Annual Masquerade Ball was well attended. The PTO extends a thank you to Jessica Derry for the donations she was able to procure. Photos from this event may be viewed on Ms. Schiappacasse's Principal's Facebook page. PTO meets April 13 at 6:00 p.m. and will begin planning the carnival. Staff and students are preparing for the May 17th Art Show and Writing Night. 2nd through 5th grade are preparing for a concert at the end of May. Shelters update: May 6th is the Color Run sign-ups are due tomorrow. April 13 is the Reading Counts assembly, this year's theme has been Super Heroes. 75% of students reached their reading goal for the year. Donations of Silly String are being requested and may be dropped off at the Shelters office. Ms. Gundick asked that parents help their child be prepared for M-Step testing by getting a good night's sleep and eating a good breakfast. Appointments should be made on days your child is not testing so as not to interrupt the testing schedule. Autism Awareness Month begins this week, money is being collected for the Madison and Jo Brighton Center in Wyandotte. For every dollar donated students can put their name on a leaf and attach it to the Autism Tree in the hall. PTO will meet April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Green announced Grogan has re-scheduled their carnival for April 22.

Dr. Pomponio announced a community input meeting will be held on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in AHS media center. She let board members know that Thrun Law Firm will have a seminar on April 13, 8:45 a.m. at the Novi Sheraton Hotel.

WORK SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

2016/17-136 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green the board adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

