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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

PAUL C. KNOTT

DATE: December 2, 2014

VICE PRESIDENT

REBECCA REED-HALL

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMONIO

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

TREASURER

W. KIRK HAYHURST

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Hainrihar, Pastor, McLachlan

TRUSTEES

JASON CRAIG
SUE MURRAY
PATRICK OWEN

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

The pledge of allegiance was recited.
President Knott read the District Mission and Vision Statement.

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2014/15-304 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the December 2, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Anderson Student Rep Mr. Swinehart: The Hideaway and DECA are asking for toys for the "Toys for Tots" program. Donations may be dropped off at the Hideaway or Mrs. Barlage's room. Band-A-Rama will take place December 5, 6 and 7th in the Anderson Gym at 7:00 p.m. The Anderson Choir will have a concert on Dec 16th and the band will have their concert on Dec. 18 both held in the Anderson auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The National Honor Society will hold a Red Cross blood drive on Dec. 11th. Academic Recognition Ceremony was held on November 26. Ms. Hainrihar gave the opening remarks. 46 sophomores, 58 juniors and 42 seniors received awards to having a 3.66 or above GPA. 76 sophomores, 99 juniors and 96 seniors had a 3.0 to a 3.66 GPA. Mr. Swinehart said it was great to see the board members there.

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR

MARY HILDEBRANDT

Asher Student Rep Mr. Isue: SACE cares passed out 184 baskets of food and turkeys for Thanksgiving. So far 300 kids have been "adopted" by local community members, businesses and families for Christmas; more requests for help are coming in. Those seeking to adopt a family are asked to contact Teri Lauber as soon as possible. Donations are being taken for the Christmas baskets. In the interest of safety, Asher successfully executed a Lock- Down Drill. Knowing that anything can happen at any time, Asher will be better prepared in case of an emergency. The Fashion Merchandising Class is holding a Santa Hat fundraiser; proceeds fund the annual fashion show in May along with donations to the SACE Cares and Asher Food Bank. Students will be able to wear their hats the week of Dec. 15th.

The TAV test is being administered to current students. This test is used to gauge academic growth which is used for school improvement. Lauren Keseric and Ann McDonald are taking over the work in the Food Co-Op, for long time employee Stella Patronis. Every other Tuesday these employees are at Asher bagging produce and vegetables, cheese is for sale and the cost is \$10.

Mr. Isue wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year, on behalf of Ms. Judy and the students of Asher.

PRESENTATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

Finance Report-Ms. McLachlan reported that work is continuing on the Budget Amendment for 2014/15. Still waiting on final grant allocation notifications and in a few weeks all information should be received; the amendment will be ready in January.

Curriculum Report-Ms. Pastor reported that the K-5 curriculum is posted on the website. Volunteers are still being sought for the District Improvement meeting. It is January 14, 2015 at Gerisch 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

She has received more information on the M-Step which replaces the 44 year old MEAP; ELA is going to include reading, writing, listening and language for student in grade 3-8. Michigan developed items as well as Smarter Balance items will be included on the test. A computer adaptive component, classroom activity and a performance task are also a part of the testing. The purpose of the classroom activity is to introduce students to the vocabulary that is a part of the performance task.

Wednesday February 11, 2015 there is a K-2 Math Night at AHS for parents. Thursday February 19, 2015 the Math Night for 3-5 parents will be held at AHS. Flyers will be going out to parents.

Mr. Owen asked about the testing time schedule. Ms. Pastor stated that RESA and superintendents have been emailing Lansing about loosening up the restrictions, so far they have not heard back. The first week of April will begin the testing.

Mr. Knott asked about the accountability aspect of this test with the state. Ms. Pastor said that bill has not been passed yet. Our accountability as a district with a red score card will be based on this and the proficiency targets that were set up three years ago. The Michigan Department of Education put in a waiver request and we are set to those proficiency targets with the new assessment.

Ms. Hainrihar commented that this testing schedule has the potential to be very disruptive to the educational process and the challenge for all school officials is to make it the least disruptive as possible. The test at the high school is for 11th graders, and we don't just have all 11th grade classes, therefore any time an 11th grader is going to be taking a test it is potential disruptive to the entire

school because you are withdrawing some of those 11th graders from classes. Administrators are already looking at how to minimize the disruption.

Superintendent's Report- Ms. Hainrihar attended the Recognition Ceremony's at AHS. Students were recognized for maintaining very high GPA's in their previous school year. She congratulated the many students on their decision to make learning a high priority. She also recognized families for their support in that effort.

The Instructional Leadership and Data Team continues to work on the perception surveys that all districts are required to administer as part of our school improvement process. The results are included in the building data that is used to formulate school improvement plans and also can be included in the data that is used to evaluate administrators. The Financial Input Team is finalizing their list of priorities for financial challenges in the district. The next step is to establish a 3 year plan of committee work designed to meet the needs of the district as we return to financial health.

This committee is also sponsoring a presentation by Numetrix. This company has developed a predictive forecasting tool for municipalities and school districts. This will allow us to consider complicated financial data with greater transparency, efficiency and detail.

A new committee will be meeting to review and revise the District's Crisis Response Plan. This comes at a good time as we finalize changes in planning due to several new laws this year and the closing of some of our buildings last year.

She will continue to work with the administrative team as we look to improve supervision and coaching of our instructional staff. We have implemented a system of more frequent classroom observations and we continue to learn about coaching conversations and improving our instructional practice.

There will be a voluntary PD day that Ms. Hainrihar will lead, for teachers who are interested in improving their instructional practice. Specifically she has invited them to bring lesson plans that they would like to revise in order to increase student engagement and/or higher order thinking.

There are many great things going on in Southgate Community School District and she shares them on her Facebook page. She can be found at Southgate Superintendent.

CONSENT

2014/15-305 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed- Hall that the board approve the minutes from the November 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

ABSTAIN: Reed-Hall

2014/15-306 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the minutes from the November 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

ABSTAIN: Reed-Hall

2014/15-307 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the November 2014 Disbursements.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

ACTION

2014/15-308 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the Memorial Guidelines Policy.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

2014/15-309 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the Summer Tax Levy.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

2014/15-310 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the overnight, out-of-state field trip request to Philadelphia PA for AP Government students as submitted by Michelle Cieslak.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Pomponio, Murray, Owen, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio said she enjoyed the Thanksgiving Dinner with the Beacon students and viewed the updates at that building. She also sat in on the student savings day at Shelters. Students were able to participate in jobs and responsibilities that would be part of a credit union. Southgate Marching Band did well in Thanksgiving Day parade.

Ms. Reed-Hall thanked everyone for their well wishes as she recovered from surgery. She too participated in the Beacon Thanksgiving Dinner. She congratulated the students at AHS for their academic achievements. The City of Southgate Tree Lighting will be Friday December 5. Ms. Reed-Hall gave her condolences to the family of a former 1996 AHS, Jennifer Caron, who passed on Sunday, November 30.

Mr. Knott wanted to thank Ms. Zoochi for the positive press she has given our district and her coverage of the recent local election. He also thanked City Councilman, Dale Zamecki for his work as liaison to the board of education.

WORK SESSION

Mr. Knott informed the viewing audience the board would be moving into a work session at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

2014/15-311 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall the board adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

