



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

Closed Session 5:30 p.m. Student Hearing.

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

REBECCA REED

DATE: February 23, 2016

VICE PRESIDENT

PAUL C. KNOTT

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMONIO

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Freitas, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio
Reed

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

TREASURER

W. KIRK HAYHURST

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Hainrihar, McLachlan, Pastor

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

TRUSTEES

JASON CRAIG
NEIL J. FREITAS
MARK KREMER

The pledge of allegiance was recited.
The District Mission and Vision Statements were read.

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2015/16-92 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott
the board approve the February 23, 2016 regular board
meeting agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR

YES: Craig, Freitas, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

AHS Student Representatives- Josh Staten introduced himself to the board and
spoke of his involvement with Big Brothers and Student Council. Colin Hall gave the
board an update on current events at AHS and reminded parents of the FAFSA
deadline. The Entrepreneurship Program gave a presentation to Melvindale High
School explaining the program to 300 students. AP testing schedule can be found on
the AHS calendar on the district website. JROTC Military Banquet will be held
March 18, 2016 and board members are invited.

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR

MARY HILDEBRANDT

Asher Student Representative- Ashely Myers reported on Asher's donation of 84
cases of water to Flint. It was transported by the Taylor Art Van. The Never Been
Absent (NBA) program has kicked off. This program rewards students who have
never been absent with a lunch and gift cards. The program is designed to encourage
student attendance and retention.

March 22 is the date for food distribution for Easter from the SACE Cares Food Bank 2 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

DMS Student Representatives- Alexis Pomponio and Joshua Calhoun reported on the Winter Fitness Challenge for students in grade 6 through 8th to Mt. Brighton. Mr. Childs, Mr. Blaskiewicz, Mr. Hayden and Ms. Shively led the group. Parent Teacher conferences will be held this week. There will be a Book Fair held during the conferences. 513 students made the Honor Roll for semester 1. \$685 was raised Feb 2 to help buy water for Flint.

Ms. Hainrihar commented that she was uncertain about approving the ski trip for DMS, but Mr. Childs appealed to her about the benefits of an outdoor activity to challenge the kids and the team building experience it provided for kids and teachers outside of a normal school day. This helped to convince her of the importance of approving this trip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anti-Bullying- Dr. Pomponio discussed starting a small group for student interests at DMS and AHS. Incident report forms are now available at all schools in the main office. Forms filled out will be placed in a sealed envelope and given to the appropriate administrator or counselor to handle. The next meeting will be March 17 at noon.

Communication/ Parent Engagement-Ms. Reed reported the increased sales of Titan blankets after parents viewed them on the parent page. FAFSA support will be Friday Feb 26 at Southgate Library. A Special Olympic Athlete will be speaking to the Beacon Special Olympic Athletes. A parent to parent prom dress program has been created to assist those wishing to go to prom but may not have the funds available for tickets and dresses. Anyone with questions should contact Ms. Reed.

Curriculum-Current learning resources and possible future resources were discussed. The next meeting will be March 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Finance-Mr. Hayhurst said the committee met on Feb 18th and the DEP was discussed. The next meeting will be March 3rd.

Policy- Reviewed which policy's will be looked, particularly the Concussion Policy and how it relates to the law. The next meeting will be March 17.

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

DISCUSSION

Finance-Ms. McLachlan spoke of the 2016-17 proposed budget presented by Governor Snyder which was presented on Feb. 10, 2016. It provides for foundation allowance increase and transfer of funds to pay for the new spending. The House and Senate need to review and propose their budgets. Highlights: Currently 90% of our current fall count and 10% of our prior spring count make up our FTE membership. The new proposal is to make this 50% for both count periods. This will help districts with declining enrollment. \$72 million from the Michigan Tobacco settlement will help with proposed Detroit reforms over the next ten years. Increase the foundation allowance from \$60 to \$120 per FTE. Southgate would receive \$120. 31A funding will stay the same. The governor is proposing \$10 million for eligible districts for CTE skilled trade's equipment initiative. Funding to reimburse districts for their purchase of school data analytical tools is recommended to be continued. This relates to our Munetrix tool that is on our website that links to our budget transparency. The Mipersers rate would be reduced to 24.94%. The UAL budget stabilization is proposed to increase from 10.53% to 11.7%.

Curriculum-Ms. Pastor reminded everyone that Kindergarten packets are available for pick-up at all elementary schools. Non-residents need to pick their packet up at the Board of Education office. 4th and 5th grade puberty and reproduction health lessons will take place in a few weeks. Parents have been offered to view the material prior to that day. Next generation of science standards passed the Michigan Legislation in the fall. We now have new standards for science. Dr. Michelle Klein came to our district, our 3rd thru 5th and 6th thru 8th grade science teachers had two full days with her to look at the standards and learn the terminology. We are moving toward 3 dimensional learning.

Superintendent-Ms. Hainrihar reminded everyone of the process for when a snow day is called. The downriver and county superintendents review information on weather and road conditions. Any events that were going to be held would be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date. The decision to close would be conveyed to parents through news media and robo calls.

CONSENT

2015/16-93 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the Feb. 2, 2016 regular board meeting minutes.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

2015/16-94 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the HR updates as presented.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

2015/16-95 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the disbursements for January 2016.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

ACTION

2015-16-96 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the recommendation to permanently expel student 2015-16-2 from Southgate Community Schools.

Roll Call Vote

YES: Craig, Freitas, Hayhurst, Knott, Pomponio, Reed
NO:
ABSTAIN: Kremer

2015/16-97 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the recommendation to deny reinstatement of student 2013-14-1 to Southgate Community Schools.

Roll Call Vote

YES: Craig, Freitas, Hayhurst, Knott, Pomponio, Reed
NO:
ABSTAIN: Kremer

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kremer wanted to clarify that prior to the board retreat he had car trouble and therefore abstained for Action Items #1 & #2.

Mr. Knott stated the M-Test begins May 4. The Grogan GIA/Book Fair will be April 19 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The carnival theme for this year is Outer Space, games are being developed and volunteers are needed. He extended condolences on behalf of Southgate Community School District to the families of former Southgate police officers Michael Gratz and Scott Hayes who both recently passed. The K-9 dog, Kyro, was the recipient of a donated stab and bullet proof vest from an anonymous donor.

Ms. Reed extended a thank you to Bigby Coffee in Southgate who hosted art from Shelters students and promoting our students.

Mr. Hayhurst had a commentary: Detroit Free Press 4:03 p.m. EST February 11, 2016
Michigan's charter schools authorizers have made some gains but too many are failing Michigan students. Why should you care?

'Governor Rick Snyder and would-be education reformers in both parties talk ad nauseum about holding all Michigan's schools accountable. But charter schools, which now serve 145,000 K-12 students in Michigan and vacuum up more than \$1 billion in taxpayer funds, remain maddeningly insulated from public scrutiny. When state legislators opened the floodgates to charter schools a generation ago, the charter movement's champions pledged that non-profit and for-profit operators freed from the yoke of teachers unions and meddling bureaucrats and locally elected Boards would dramatically improve educational outcomes for students, especially in impoverished cities, such as Detroit and Flint, where the failure of traditional public schools was manifest in low academic achievement and high dropout rates. Many charters cannot even clear the low bar set by the state's most challenged traditional schools. In a survey conducted by Stanford University's Center for Research on Education Outcomes, eight in 10 Michigan charter schools reported academic achievement metrics below the state average in reading and math. That's why you should care. They are spending a Billion dollars of your child's education money without any locally elected public oversight to do a job that is more than 80% unsuccessful.'

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Reed announced the board would be moving into a work session and not returning to the viewing audience at 7:40 p.m.

Work Session Minutes:

1. Bond Construction Update: Leslie Hainrihar and Theresa McLachlan reviewed the proposed calendar schedule of bond work over the next 3 years. Drawings are being developed for elementary secure entrances, parking lot enhancements, and some athletic field site work.
2. Superintendent Evaluation: Leslie Hainrihar and Paul Knott provided update information on new requirements for the superintendent evaluation and required Board training. Both will continue to investigate training options.
3. 2015-16 Amended budgets: Theresa McLachlan reviewed the amended budgets that will be reviewed and moved to action on March 1, 2016.
4. Other: Theresa McLachlan reviewed the RFP process for custodial, grounds and maintenance services. Transportation services will continue through Trinity Transportation for 2 more years. At that time those services will go out for bid. The county ISD is considering ways to consolidate and/or financially support Special Education transportation services to districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

