



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

DATE: February 14, 2017

VICE PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kupser, McDaniel

BOARD MEMBERS UNEXCUSED:

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

MELISSA L. MCDANIEL

REBECCA REED

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2016/17-95 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board remove Work Session Items P-1, P-3, P-4 & P-5 from the agenda.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

ADMINISTRATION

2016/17-96 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the revised February 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE CHRETIEN

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

Michelle Seward, Principal of St. Pius School, addressed the board regarding Action Item # 4-the discontinuation of instructional services for enrichment classes at St. Pius, Christ the King and St. Joe's. She asked that the private schools be given the opportunity to sit down and discuss alternate plans with the district.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

PRESENTATIONS

Budget Hearing for 2016/17 Amended Budgets for the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Special Education Fund and Community Service Fund- Theresa McLachlan, Business and Finance Director, provided board members with a copy of the 2016/17 Amended Budget. She reviewed each of the funds: General Operating Fund, Food Service Fund, Special Education Fund and the Community Service Fund. She told the viewing audience this budget has been reviewed in detail with the Finance committee as well as the board at their last work session. This is the formal budget hearing and adoption.

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Our fund balance is \$1.8 million which represents 5.7% of our unrestricted revenue. That brings us above the early warning legislation minimum of 5%. If we can maintain this level we will be out from under the early warning. Each fund's summary was reviewed. The expenditures and revenue were explained. Detail of the increases and decreases in each fund were presented.

Discussion took place regarding the Community Service Fund, the millage money and board member compensation.

Ms. McLachlan reviewed the Special Education fund and the formulas under the ACT 18 rules. This budget reflects what RESA approved. The fund balance for the Food Service Fund represents just under 7% of operations. The Michigan Department of Education requires the fund balance be no more than 3 months of operating expenses, they want to be sure the program is re-invested in. We made a substantial re-investment a few years ago with the new POS system.

Community Service Fund was previously called the Latchkey Fund. Adult Enrichment has been moved into this fund. The changes in this fund were explained and the shortage is very manageable. Proposed adjustments for 2017/18 will be made. Special Revenue Funds cannot go below zero or the General Revenue Fund has to subsidize that.

Discussion took place regarding the states watch list and how long we will be on it. Ms. McLachlan said we will be on the watch list when we go below the 5% fund balance.

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Anderson High School Student Representative-Alba Ibraj updated the board on recent events at AHS. Mr. Reynolds hosted the AHS Talent Show last night; poets, dancers, singers all showcased their skills. Junior class scheduling began as well as intervention for SAT prep. Freshman Orientation is tonight for 8th grade students and their families. Winter Break will be February 20 through the 22nd. Big Brothers will be meeting on Feb. 15. March 2 will be a half day for students, parent-teacher conferences will be held. An attendance incentive for the 2nd quarter encourages students to have good attendance. With 3 or less absences students are rewarded with an ice cream or pizza party with their teachers in 6th hour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anti-Bullying-Dr. Pomponio-Meeting Feb 19 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Pastor and Dr. Pomponio will have a work group, for Anti-Bullying and Suicide Prevention. They will meet March 6th, April 17 and potentially May 15-Mondays 3:45 p.m. in the Gerisch Media Center. Administrators and Social Workers have been invited.

Finance-Ms. McLachlan-Meeting the end of Feb or beginning of March.

Policy-Dr. Pomponio- Meeting Feb 19 at noon.

Legislative-Ms. Reed-future meeting dates will be set with committee members.

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 reported on the preliminary budget for 2017/18 that Gov. Snyder released on Feb. 8. Foundation allowance increases of between \$50 and \$100. Provide additional \$50 for high school students. \$150mil in at-risk funding across the state that would increase, on average, \$105 per pupil. \$7 mil to districts with more than a 5% decline in pupil count between 2016 and 2018. \$60 mil would be appropriated to pay the non-public in non-essential elective classes. This would cap the funding at \$60 million and the pupils would no longer be funded under the regular foundation allowance. There will be a small increase in the retirement rate and still maintaining the Mipsers funding. She will continue to give the board updates on the state budget as she receives them.

Curriculum-Ms. Pastor informed the board Michigan released its approach to Every Student Succeeds Act. It is the overview of the new plan including the accountability score card. It is still in the plan for the alternate accountability system for the two buildings, Beacon and Asher. It is open for public comment. The board may contact her or Ms. Chretien for the link.

Superintendent-Ms. Chretien reminded parents to look for information from their building in March about the Parent Perception Survey. Each year we ask students, parents and staff to complete perception surveys. We use the results of those surveys in our building school improvement plans and our district improvement plan. She hoped all families will have the opportunity to spend time together during the winter break.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT

2016/17-97 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the minutes from February 7, 2017 and the HR updates as presented.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

ACTION

1. Ms. Chretien received an incident report from AHS, a student was in possession of a knife that exceeded the length, and meets the definition for a mandatory expulsion. The administration forwarded the information with the recommendation to permanently expel the student and she concurred. The evidence was heard in a closed session prior to this meeting.

2016/17-98 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the recommendation to permanently expel student #2016/17-2.

Roll call vote taken

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Pomponio

NO:

ABSTAIN: Reed

2016/17-99 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board support the application to the MHSAA to form a cooperative Men's and Women's Swim Team.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

Ms. Chretien explained to the viewing audience that Mr. Pinkowski was not able to attend this meeting, but at the prior open meeting he answered questions about this cooperative agreement with Lincoln Park. We previously were engaged in a cooperative Swim Team with Gibraltar Carlson High School. Every two years either of the two schools can discontinue the cooperative agreement which is what has happened, Gibraltar does not want to continue with the agreement. We actively pursued another school to co-op with us. Lincoln Park graciously agreed. They already house our younger swim program. If the board approves this application, Lincoln Park has to approve and the application moves to the MHSAA and then back to us for signatures.

Dr. Pomponio thanked Mr. Pinkowski for his diligent work to secure another high school to sponsor our hard working and committed students on our boys and girls Varsity Swim Team as well as Lincoln Park's Athletic Director, Don McKenzie for supporting our teams.

2016/17-100 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the 2016/17 Amended Budget for the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Special Education Fund and the Food Service Fund.

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

Dr. Pomponio reminded the community that even though they are approving this Amended Budget, it is a fluid document and can be updated at any time.

4. Ms. Chretien explained the shared services with the private schools. We provide the teaching staff for enrichment non-core classes. This program benefits children and in the past it was also financially beneficial to the district. This year we turned in our student count information to the county for certification and it came back to us that there was a problem with the submission. The correct formula for calculating the Private/Non-Public FTE was not being used. Using the new formula, the financial impact to the district is going to be negative.

Ms. McLachlan provided the board with the financial information related to providing service to the non-public schools. Our budgeted expenditures also include a portion of Jill Pastor's time for overseeing the program. She reviewed required parochial costs which are under various grant funding, IDEA and Title II, would still be our responsibility. Ms. McLachlan projected out the expenditures and revenue for 17/18, taking into account; step increases, retirement, FICA, workers comp and increased benefit costs. We will be placed in a deficit by the end of 17/18. The FTE's at each of the private schools has been declining every year since the fall of 2014.

Discussion took place regarding the timeline for making this decision. Administration at all buildings will be working on staffing for 17/18, so a decision is needed soon.

Further discussion took place about staffing and potential reductions as well as the potential for a meeting between the private schools and the district to discuss alternate plans.

Board members asked to table this action item until the full board is in attendance.

2016/17-101 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board table this item until the next board meeting.

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

Ms. Chretien asked for direction from the board as to what additional information they wish to receive before the next meeting.

Mr. Estheimer suggested this may be the time for all parties to come together to see if there is a revision that can be made prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Green asked if there are any statistics that show how many students leave these private schools after 8th grade and become a financial benefit to our high school.

Ms. Chretien said they do not have statistics of this kind.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

Ryan Furkas-UTS President, addressed the board and thanked them for the consideration they are giving the issue of instructional services to the non-public schools. He appreciates Ms. Chretien bringing this to the boards attention now, instead of waiting until we go into deficit to address it as was past practice.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Estheimer announced Fordline has a Red Wing Night on Feb 21. Families can buy discounted tickets and the school will receive a percentage of the price. Book Bingo will be February 28th, RSVP required. Shelters will hold a Bingo for Books event in March. On Feb 20th Kalahari Resort is having a discounted night and a portion of each room booked will go to Shelter's school.

Mr. Green announced DMS held a National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony where almost 100 students were inducted, the student achievement was incredible. He also attended AHS Talent Show and it was very entertaining. AHS is having a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser on Feb 15, all proceeds will benefit the weight room that all athletic teams benefit from.

WORK SESSION

1. Mr. Estheimer spoke about the inability of Allen Park residents to view our board meetings. We currently use the City of Southgate's cable channel that does not broadcast to the Southgate portion of Allen Park. The cost to update equipment made this cost prohibitive.

Mr. Toschi stated the equipment located at the old Heintzen Building could not be re-located to the City Hall Chambers. Our board meetings are now being recorded to a You-Tube channel. All of our meetings can be housed on the district's website as long as he has the board's approval.

A consensus vote was taken. Mr. Toschi was advised to move forward on this.

ADJOURNMENT

2016/17-102 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green the board adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

