



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

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JASON CRAIG
MARK KREMER
PATRICK OWEN

DATE: February 17, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Owen, Reed-Hall

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Hainrihar, McLachlan, Pastor

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

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

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2014/15-334 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Craig that the board approve the February 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA McLACHLAN, C.P.A.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR

MARY HILDEBRANDT

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

None

PRESENTATION

Mr. Vaillancourt-ABM presented an update on the energy management system. With him were project manager Doug Baily and Mike Leinweber, account executive from ABM. ABM is a full service facilities company involved in many areas; electrical, energy, janitorial, landscaping, maintenance repairs. The division he is in charge of is HVAC, mechanical and electrical.

The district had issues with boilers, inoperable air handlers, multiple control systems throughout the district and foundation problems. ABM re-commissioned systems, every HVAC was looked at. All the deficiencies were listed in order to give the district an idea of what work needs to be done and the cost involved.

Solutions to some of the issues; Nate Lay has been trained on the energy management system and can now take care of issues remotely. He gets alerts by phone or computer and can correct an issue as it arises. Drainage tiles were placed at Gerisch where none had been before, alleviating a flooding problem. New boilers were installed at 3 of the districts buildings (Grogan, Shelters and Asher). One boiler was relocated at Allen.

ABM utilized our billing data from DTE, and collected weather data from Romulus' Detroit Metro Airport, this information was entered into a licensed software system for analysis and to calculate savings.

The program cost to the district was \$260,291. Maintenance savings of \$88,000 and energy savings of \$221,247 amounted to \$309,247. When the program cost is deducted it left the district with a positive cash flow of \$48,956.

This program was self-funded with no burden to the taxpayer.

Dr. Pomponio asked about the web based access, and if the temperature is controlled per room. Mr. Vaillancourt stated that it does control the temperature in the buildings, but in some buildings temperature is controlled in zones, not per room.

Ms. Hainrihar added that Nate Lay has access to all buildings at any time of the day. We can utilize the facility use request forms to determine when we need to increase the heat in a specific part of a building or when we can dial down to save on energy costs. In one instance when a facility use request did not reach the correct people, Nate received a call and from home could take care of the heat in that building, by making the adjustment via the computer program.

Dr. Pomponio asked Theresa McLachlan if she has noticed a change in our bills. Ms. McLachlan said she does see a difference.

Mr. Vaillancourt stated if we had not done anything, our bills would have increased by 25 to 30%.

Mr. Hayhurst inquired about the air handlers and if their condition was due to a lack of maintenance. Mr. Vaillancourt said that in most districts it is not a lack of effort to try and fix things; it is a lack of funds. When cuts need to occur some things are put aside like maintenance costs, in favor of spending money on text books or computers for students.

Mr. Baily commented that ABM has given the district manuals, discs and an excel spreadsheet that outlines the recommended repairs, as well as the list of items that were reconditioned by ABM.

Mr. Vaillancourt stated that the repairs ABM made were on items that our district maintenance personnel were not certified to fix such as refrigeration. Other repairs were listed and able to be taken care of by district personnel.

Ms. Hainrihar thanked Mr. Baily, Mr. Vaillancourt and ABM for getting replacement manuals back in the districts hands.

DISCUSSION

Finance Report-Theresa McLachlan presented the board with information on the final amended 2014-2015 General Fund Operating Budget. She reviewed the adjustments that have been made since the first amendment August 6 2014. This was to meet the requirement of the Michigan Department of Education and our Deficit Elimination Plan. At that time we had total revenue of \$40,875,563, total expenditures of \$37,906,738 leaving us with excess revenue of just over \$2.9 million. We were going to reduce our debt in the 2014-15 school year by \$1,537,647. Under the requirements of the DEP we have to stay within the limits of that \$1.5 million dollars or we have to submit a new DEP.

She reviewed the increases and decreases in revenue over the last 6 months; severance pay adjustments due to retirements; staff changes and concessions; changes in grant monies and unexpected costs related to the flood damage in August among others.

The amended budget has total revenue at \$41,735,653, total expenditures of \$39,288,799, leaving us with excess revenue of just over \$2.4 million. With an ending fund balance of \$1,536,130 we are still within the requirements of our DEP. (complete amended budget is available at the Board Office).

Curriculum Report-Jill Pastor gave the board updated information from the Michigan Department of Education. She read a report about the M-Step testing. MDE is delaying the implementation of computer adaptive testing. All students will be taking a test that does not adapt; so if a student answers a question wrong, in order to prove proficiency the computer would offer another question, this will not be the case. There will still be the same online tools, student accommodations and the same measures for the college and career readiness standards.

In 2016 Michigan students will be taking the SAT instead of the ACT. SAT will be redesigned and align to the Michigan content standards. This bid resulted in a savings of \$15.4 million dollar savings over a four year period for the MDE.

March 4 there will be a Sex Ed Advisory meeting. If anyone is interested in joining they should contact Ms. Pastor. February 19 will be the 3-5 grade Math Night for parents at the Board of Education office. She said the K-2nd grade Math Night had excellent feedback from parents.

Superintendent's Report-Ms. Hainrihar reminded parents that the google calendar is now on our web page. The goal is by the end of May all buildings will be adding their events to the calendar. School of Choice applications are now being accepted, there are 50 openings for Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. The deadline is March 13, 2015. Freshman Family Orientation and Registration Night is scheduled for Feb 19 in the Anderson auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

The governors proposed budget and cuts for this year are the big story in the news. School finance is difficult to understand as is the legislative process in Lansing. She encouraged all voters to read and educate themselves on this process. The future of our schools, the success of our students and the financial health of the State of Michigan depend on our ability to understand the issues and vote from

a position of accurate information. She continues to be frustrated with the ever changing budgetary support or lack thereof from our Legislature when considering school funding. Please keep the pressure on our representatives to adequately fund our schools.

CONSENT

2014/15-335 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the February 3, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Kremer, Pomponio

NO:

ABSTAIN: Knott

ACTION

2014/15-336 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the addition of an elective drama course at Davidson Middle School.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Kremer, Knott, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-337 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig the board grant authority to Superintendent, Leslie Hainrihar, to sign the updated Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC) agreement of behalf of Southgate Community School District.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Kremer, Knott, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-338 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the letter of engagement between Southgate Community School District and Plant Moran CRESSA.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Kremer, Knott, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-339 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the lease agreement between Southgate Community School District and Governor Business Solutions, for a replacement copier in the Graphic Arts Program.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Kremer, Knott, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-340 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the conditional purchase agreement between; Southgate Community School District and Nettech Corporation for network and wireless network electronics through the Universal Service Fund E-Rate Program.

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

2014/15-341 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Craig the board approve the Amended General Operating Fund Budget for 2014/15.

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

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio announced that Thursday the Wayne County Association of School Boards is hosting a new board member orientation. Mr. Craig and Mr. Owen have accepted the invitation to attend.

Mr. Knott presented the community with information he had received from Councilwoman Karen George regarding Parents 360/Parent Empowerment and Medicine Use Safety. There will be a substance abuse prevention class on February 26, at Southgate Veteran's Memorial Library from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Hayhurst had a commentary to share: "Before we get too excited about the news out of Lansing that Governor Snyder is giving us an additional \$75.00 per student in his new budget, let's look at the whole picture. The adjective that is being used is "Huge" increase to public school funding; I guess the word Huge is a relative term. Let's start with the possibility that the Governor's proposed \$75 foundation grant increase is actually \$75 per student. That would increase a district like Southgate to a level of \$7326, the new proposed MINIMUM foundation amount. This would provide our district with about \$350,000 in new funding for the coming school year, but it's not a \$75 per-pupil increase. At the same time the Governor was selling this as an actual increase in K-12 funding, he decided to eliminate the "reward" funding for academic performance and reduce the so-called "best practice" revenue by sixty percent. Therefore, in terms of dollars to our district this is actually a deduction of \$60 per pupil leaving a paltry \$15 increase. So before you break out the Thank You cards to send off to Lansing for their proposed generosity remember- They still owe each of our kids more than \$450 to make up for what they have taken away since Governor Snyder took office."

WORK SESSION

Mr. Knott announced that the board was moving into a work session at 7:55 p.m. and would not return to the viewing audience

ADJOURNMENT

2014/15-342 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Craig the board adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

