



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

REBECCA REED

DATE: January 19, 2016

VICE PRESIDENT

PAUL C. KNOTT

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Freitas

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.

Ms. Reed read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION

2015/16-74 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the January 19, 2016 regular board meeting agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

PRESENTATIONS

Anderson High School V.E.I. Program-Christine Barlage's Entrepreneurship class representative's presented the board with an update on their Tennessee trip. Jeremy Murphy-Vice President of Product Planning and was the team leader for Titan Enterprises on the trip to Tennessee; Courtney Fisher the CFO of Global Gate and Jordan Tsorvas CEO of Innovations. The students reviewed the planning, fundraising and products for the Mid-West Tennessee Trade Show which was held the week of Thanksgiving. Students utilized the skills they learned in class; time-management, net-working, competitive sales with other companies.

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR

MARY HILDEBRANDT

The show allowed students to gain experience with selling, competition, pricing strategies, distribution/processing orders, accounting and team building. Students learned to communicate with other teams, meet new people and experience different points of view; valuable life skills. The promotional items this year; beats headphones, fit-bit and I-pad helped drive up the sales for this year.

This class is for any high school student interested in entrepreneurship. Ms. Hainrihar thanked Ms. Barlage for guiding this class.

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Beacon Representative, Brendan Sourbeck spoke about the Tom Wahl Foundation donation of \$2000 to the Beacon Middle School. Dana Seely, ELA teacher and Jennifer Barton, Social Studies teacher, together with the EMU football team used that money to shop for clothing, toys etc for students at Beacon. Environmental Science Teacher received \$3000.00 from the Lowes Education Grant to help restore the courtyard at Beacon. Deanna Devore and Kate Ortiz assisted with a can food drive that helped many families in need.

Ms. Hainrihar thanked Brendan for acknowledging the teachers at Beacon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anti-Bullying- Dr. Pomponio reported the next meeting will be Jan 21, 2016 at noon.

Communication- No report

Curriculum-Dr. Pomponio reported the next meeting will be Jan 21, 2016 11:00 a.m.

Finance-Mr. Hayhurst said the committee received an update on the bond sales and placement of the funds on Jan 7. The next meeting will be announced in the future.

Parent Engagement-No report

Policy- Dr. Pomponio reported the next meeting will be Jan 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Safety-Mr. Craig will announce the February meeting in the near future.

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 reported that our building and site bond sale was January 6, 2016. We were very successful with the sale; they sold quickly with strong pricing and interest rates on that day. The bonds were sold at a premium which means their face value is higher than the actual cost. This results in a lower interest rate for the life of the bonds of approximately \$2.8 million. This resulted in \$400,000.00 of additional money that will go into our bank account to spend on the capital projects. With the lower interest rate over the life of the bonds we were able to change the structure of our millage rate annually, so after a period of time we will be able to lower the millage rate in conjunction with the change in the taxable value we should be able to make some additional adjustments than what we originally thought.

So potentially in a few years, pending the taxable value we could lower the millage rate.

Curriculum-Ms. Pastor reported the MDE released the times and sessions for the upcoming Spring assessments for M-Step, PSAT and SAT; the estimated times range in times from 3 hours for grade 10 up to 8 hours and 32 minutes for grade 11. Grade 3 is 4 hours; grade 5 is 7 hours and 40 minutes. 21 chrome book carts will be utilized and shared during testing time.

Superintendent-Ms. Hainrihar wanted to recognize the Board of Education for January's School Board Recognition month. She thanked the board for their tireless and endless dedication to the community and our students.

CONSENT

2015/16-75 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the minutes from January 5, 2016 Regular Board meeting.

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

2015/16-76 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the HR Updates as presented.

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

2015/16-77 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the disbursements for December 2015.

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

ACTION

2015/16-78 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the emergency purchase of a boiler system for Davidson Middle School, not to exceed \$60,000.00.

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

Ms. Hainrihar and Ms. McLachlan explained the urgent nature of the boiler situation at DMS. Board approval is needed for this purchase before we can proceed with the order from the manufacturer. We are down to one boiler, from three, at DMS. The boilers are a part of the bond, so this purchase will be reimbursed to the general fund from the bond proceeds. Board members asked questions about the manner in which the three boilers operate as well as maintenance that is being required on a daily basis just to keep the system operational.

2015/16-79 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the investment of 2016 Bond proceeds with PFM Asset Management and open a MILAF+ account in the name of 2016 Capital Projects Fund.

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

2015/16-80 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the ratifying resolution for 2016 building and site bonds.

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

Kari Shay, Thrun law Firm explained the resolution is an acceptance of the rate for the Bonds. The premium we received allows for us to pay back less principle. Ms. McLachlan

stated the amount of money that goes into our account is over \$19 million, the bonds that were sold equal \$17.3 million, the difference is that premium. The bonds sold quickly and our underwriters stressed, our healthy financial condition helped with that. This 4 page resolution is available on the website, under transparency, for review.

2015/16-81 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board appoint TMP Architecture and Peter Basso Associates as architectural and engineering firms for the 2016 building and site bond project.

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

Mr. Bill Weinrauch from TMP Architecture and Mr. Frank Antonnicola-Peter Basso Associates introduced themselves to the board and expressed their enthusiasm for beginning the bond project.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio complimented the Winter Guard for their field day competition at Lake Shore High School in St. Clair Shores and the excellent teamwork skills they displayed.

Mr. Knott reminded parents to look at the Superintendent's Facebook page which is full of pictures and information about what is happening around the school district.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Work Session Minutes:

1. Rob Kakocski, (Plante Moran CRESA) reviewed results of the bid reviews and interviews for a construction management (CM) firm. The steering committee and PMC jointly recommend the appointment of Clark Construction as CM. Mr. Craig attended the interviews and shared his support of this recommendation. This moves to action on 2/2/16.
2. Ms. Reed and Mr. Hayhurst indicated an interest in attending the MACUL conference. Ms. Hainrihar will follow up with them.
3. The board reviewed "blind" applications for Anderson High School student representatives to the board. Ms. Hainrihar will forward names of those selected to Ms. Reed who will contact them.
4. Mike Toschi, Director of Technology, reviewed the technology scope of work for the bond. He and the Steering Committee recommend the board approve the proposed Technology Consultation agreement with Plante Moran. The district has worked with them on past technology work and gave them high marks. This moved to action on 2/2/16.
5. Mr. Toschi reviewed our need to finalize the Net Tech Contract for technology work being completed with E-Rate funding. This moves to action on 2/2/16.
6. The board meeting schedule 2/16/16 falls during mid-winter break. We will decide on 2/2/16 if we are able to cancel this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

