



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**City Council Chambers**

**14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195**

**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

PAUL C. KNOTT

**DATE: July 12, 2016**

VICE PRESIDENT

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

SECRETARY

MARK KREMER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer  
Pomponio

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Reed

TREASURER

JASON CRAIG

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Hainrihar-Chretien, McLachlan, Pastor

**ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Knott read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS

SELDEN GREEN

REBECCA REED

**REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2016/17-1 It was moved by Mr. Kremer, supported by Dr. Pomponio  
the board approve the July 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting  
agenda.

**ADMINISTRATION**

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio

NO:

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR-  
CHRETIEN

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

MiPHY Report-Jill Pastor presented the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) report, which is an MDE sponsored survey. The results included substance abuse, violence, physical activity, nutrition, sexual behavior and emotional health in grades 7, 9 and 11. The students included in the data were Southgate students. Not enough Asher students took the survey to be included in the data. Ms. Pastor pulled portions of the report to review with the board. The complete survey will be emailed to Ms. Hainrihar if board members want to view it.

The percentage of students who said teachers notice they are doing a good job has continued to drop, indicating an area that will be reviewed with teachers. Attitudes toward alcohol use and its availability to students, increases as they get older. The perception that alcohol use is wrong is going down, which is not a good trend. The average age of the first use of alcohol, tobacco or marijuana is staying about the same. Ms. Pastor said one of the things done with this data is to make parents aware that if they have not had a discussion with their children about alcohol, tobacco or marijuana use and they are 10, 11 or 12 years old, it may be too late.

Safety and Bullying percentages are low and not going up. Electronic bullying has also not changed in the last two years.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA McLACHLAN, C.P.A.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Suicide-any percentage of students who have considered or attempted is very concerning. Southgate Staff are required to take a tutorial about Suicide prevention.

Sexual Behavior-Not many students are saying they talk with family about sex. The percentages show that students are engaging in intercourse in the 7, 9 and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. The percentage for condom usage is not as high as it should be for those that are active. It is very important to be talking to students about healthy choices.

The results of the survey are shared with administrators, social workers and counselors. Results are reviewed by the Sex Education Committee to determine if any curriculum needs to be adjusted or if we should consider some program changes. The Power Point Ms. Pastor presented to the board will be available on the district website. The results are also summarized in a trifold that will be available for parents.

We are not given the data for other districts in our county for comparison. We should be focusing on our students right here in Southgate and addressing our data and facts. This data is not to scare parents but to make them aware of their ability to talk to their students about these issues.

Dr. Pomponio asked about health classes and the topics and activities for parent involvement. Ms. Pastor stated parents are given the option to opt out. If no letter is returned the students will receive the lessons. In health class they do cover bullying; PE teachers infuse those topics in their lessons, it's the perfect opportunity to discuss healthy choices. If buildings wanted to integrate programs for parents, that would be initiated at that level.

Mr. Knott said some of the statistics are alarming, and hoped that parents tell their kids they love them and are there to help them.

Mr. Freitas asked if we could plan for assemblies to discuss some of these topics. Ms. Pastor said we do have to choose carefully what types of discussions we can have.

Dr. Pomponio said Mr. Kemp has "fire side chats" with parents that are very helpful.

Mr. Knott wondered if these surveys were taken 25 to 30 years ago, how the statistics would measure up. The same problems affecting kids at that time are the same problems affecting kids today.

Ms. Hainrihar said an email blast will go out to parents with this information and resources available.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Knott announced that Ms. Green will be co-chairing the Anti-Bullying committee with Dr. Pomponio.

Anti-Bullying- Dr. Pomponio-the next meeting will be July 13 @ 2:30 p.m.

Curriculum-Dr. Pomponio-the next meeting will be July 13 @ 2:00 p.m.

Finance-Mr. Craig-there are no meeting dates at this time.

Policy-Dr. Pomponio-the next meeting will be July 13 @ noon.

*All of these 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 stated she is busy with the year end and finalizing everything; looking forward to seeing what the results are. We are on track but it is close. The auditors were out yesterday for a day of planning and initial testing. Requirements for the DEP report-she asked to have it extended to the end of the month so we could get as much of our end of the year closing in to have the most accurate report. They have not indicated when they will do their review in July. She does have to continue the monthly reporting until the 15/16 school year is finalized.

Curriculum-Ms. Pastor gave her report with the presentation.

Superintendent-Ms. Hainrihar stated that we have submitted our reports to the state. Now they are being reviewed and re-checked for accuracy. She met with administrators today to discuss professional development on August 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>. The next year is already beginning.

## CONSENT

2016/17-2 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the June 28, 2016 regular board meeting minutes.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio  
NO:

2016/17-3 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the Disbursements for June 2016.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio  
NO:

2016/17-4 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the Operation Organization:

- a. Designation of Depository (s) for District Funds.
- b. Designation of Firms for Interest-Bearing Instruments and Authorization to Transfer Deposits.
- c. Designation of Newspaper for Publication of Official Notices.
- d. Designation of Legal Counsel.
- e. Designation of Auditor.
- f. Designation of Superintendent and Director of Business & Finance to Post and Publish Notices.

*Mr. Knott stated this is something we do at the beginning of each year. Ms. McLachlan said nothing has changed with any of the designations except that she and the superintendent will be able to post and publish notices. This is necessary due to all of the bond work.*

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio  
NO:

**ACTION**

2016/17-5 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve a School of Choice application period for limited seats to run from August 10 to August 24, 2016.

*Mr. Knott commented this is not to flood our schools and increase class sizes, we are trying to maintain our numbers, our goal is to build on our kindergarten levels and keep those numbers throughout junior high and high school, so we stay fluid.*

*Dr. Pomponio asked why this can't be an unlimited application period.*

*Ms. Hainrihar stated if we are open for limited seats we have to have a set date. If we had an unlimited date we would have to accept all students in all grades and we just do not have the room.*

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio

NO:

2016/17-6 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer, supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve an increase in Secondary Lunch price by \$0.10 and Breakfast price by \$0.10 for 2016-2017.

*Dr. Pomponio commented that Mr. Connors stated this was a competitive price.*

*Ms. McLachlan said this is a calculation that has to be done every year to make sure our prices are in line with the cost to the Federal Government for the free meals that we get. Last year we increased elementary prices by \$0.10.*

*Mr. Knott said we are trying to keep the prices as low as possible for parents and this is the minimum amount we are increasing it by.*

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio

NO:

2016/17-7 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the contract with Perfection Vending for drink and snack vending services beginning Sept 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2018.

*Ms. McLachlan said an RFP for snacks and drinks was sent out to 8 companies and 4 responded. All information was compiled and accumulated on a rating scale that was shared with the board at the last meeting. The results of the rating scale were that we will continue with Perfection for the next 2 years.*

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio

NO:

2016/17-8 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve Clark Construction Contract Amendment #3.

*Mr. Kakoczki stated this is for Clark Construction's management services, general conditions and fees for Bid Packs 4 and 5. This is for the bleachers and food services equipment. This covers from October 1 thru December 31, 2016.*

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio

NO:

#### **EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

#### **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Pomponio inquired about the dates for the Free Breakfast. Ms. Hainrihar stated this is going on right now at Fordline and Anderson High School. The dates and times are posted on the website.

Mr. Kremer reminded people to be aware of their surroundings and exercise caution when playing the new Pokemon game.

Mr. Knott reminded everyone to be cautious around our buildings while they are under construction. He encouraged everyone to take a ride and look around the district to see the progress.

Mr. Knott announced to the viewing audience the board would be moving into a work session at 7:35 p.m.

#### **WORK SESSION**

1. Mr. Kakoczki updated the board of the construction progress. The track surface is down and curing. Red structural spray will come next then striping of the track. In 2 to 3 weeks it should be complete. Secure entries/doors are being rebuilt. The doors will arrive soon. Boilers will be shipping in the next 2 weeks, prep work is being done to prepare for their arrival. Roof work is ongoing and the paving of lots should begin by Friday. Light poles will be installed at Allen, Grogan and then Shelters. IT proposals for the secure entries have come in and will be presented for approval at the next board meeting. Discussion took place regarding the secure entries and office space in each building.

Mr. Kakoczki said there is good progress in all areas. Very few districts can pass a bond and complete a major portion of the projects as quick as Southgate is.

The board requested the opportunity to tour the buildings as the projects are completed.

2. MDE grain exemption-Mr. Connors sent a memo to the board stating he has filled out the survey needed to start the process for the grain exemption. The exemption is temporary. He has not heard from the MDE on our application for exemption. With the time constraint on resending out a bid package, he recommends that we accept the current bid by Domino's for this school year and rebid the contract if we get the exemption for the following school year. Discussion took place about the bid process, timeline and fairness. With the 3 to 4 week bid process it is recommended this go to action at the next board meeting.

3. Yeo & Yeo engagement letter-The letter received is a requirement by Government Auditing Standards to communicate during the planning stage of an audit, certain information to the Board of Education. The information includes the auditor's responsibilities in a financial statement audit, including their responsibilities for testing and reporting on compliance with the laws and regulations and internal control and the planned scope and timing of the audit, including the items that need to be communicated to the Board of Education.
4. The board workshop will be held on August 25 with a site to be determined. The regular board of education meeting will be held on Tuesday August 26, with a student hearing at 5:30 p.m. and the board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

2016/17-9 A motion was made by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio

NO:

*Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski*

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Mark Kremer-Secretary  
Board of Education



















