



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: March 13, 2018 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kupser, Mossop

BOARD MEMBERS UNEXCUSED:

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Pastor, Baker-Herring, McLachlan, Morin

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS

ANDREW A. GREEN

REBECCA MOSSOP

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2017/18-122 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board revise the agenda to remove Presentation #2 and approve the March 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

PRESENTATIONS

Technology Report: Mike Toschi, Director of Technology, gave the board an update on the districts technology; reviewing the budget and expenditures from the bond money. There is \$266,000 left in the technology budget, many upgrades were made possible with the bond funds; enhancement speakers in the elementary, chrome-books, 300 I-macs, 500 chrome bases and 150 PC's. Security cameras and secure entrances with door access controls in the buildings. Future technology upgrades are addressed in the 5-Year Plan. The recent problems with our phone system were addressed. The generator and the heating jacket around the battery were not operating properly and the system went down. The issues have been corrected and the system is now operational. Atlas online learning opportunities are being resurrected which will provide continuity and coordination for AHS, DMS and Asher. Students will not have to go elsewhere for their online learning needs with future development of our own online curriculum. Mr. Toschi complimented his team of Techs. They have been instrumental in our technology upgrades and repairs to our phone server.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy-No report

Finance-No report

Anti-Bullying-No report

All committees hold open meetings at Southgate's board offices or other location that will be posted. Dates of meetings, committee members, agendas and minutes are posted on the web page.

DISCUSSION

Finance-Ms. McLachlan will present the Amended Budgets for the Special Revenue Funds; Act 18 Center Program/Special Education Fund, Food Service Fund and Community Service Fund, which includes the enrichment and latchkey programs, at the March 27, 2018 regular board meeting. The board will be asked to approve those budgets at that meeting. The Food Service Director and the Latchkey Director will be presenting their reports that night, so the board will have an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. McLachlan will be giving a Preschool Program update and projections for the amended budget.

Plante Moran will be conducting interviews of the companies that provided RFP's. One or two board members are welcome to attend those interviews, Monday March 26 from 9:30 until 12:30. On March 22 the Adult Learner Collaborative Advisory Committee, which is at the county level, will be doing a review of our 2016/17 program. The enhancement millage spending information is on our transparency page, on the website. It will be updated on a regular basis.

Curriculum-Dr. Baker-Herring announced it is Reading Month and also standardized testing preparation month. Test schedules are being developed and test tickets printed. M-Step practice is taking place, the testing window closes May 25th. AHS is providing time for the PSAT and SAT Khan Academy for students, built in during the school day. The testing window opens April 9th.

Superintendent-Ms. Pastor gave the board a presentation which drew attention to the district website. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to say something if they see something. Those reluctant to come forward to a principal, can click on "OK-To-Say" on the homepage, this is an anonymous way to file a tip. If a student or parent feels there is a bullying situation occurring, there is a bullying form on our website to put the complaint in writing for it to be followed up. These forms may be dropped off at any school, scanned and emailed to any staff member, or brought to the board office.

The parent perception survey link on our website will allow us to know how we are doing, parents are encouraged to complete that survey. Building administrators are letting parents know this survey is up and ready to be taken. Millage spending is found on our website under the district departments-business. Ms. Pastor has created a Facebook page which has a link found on our website.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT

2017/18-123 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the February 27, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes, HR update and Disbursements for February 2018.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

ACTION

1. **Lusk Albertson Policy Approval:** Ms. Pastor would like to recommend hiring Kevin Sutton from Lusk Albertson to help us simplify our policies. The goal would be for the policy committee to complete a recommendation for board approval in August for a September 1, 2018 effective date. She would like to schedule the first of 3 meetings for this process on: Tuesday, April 17th, Tuesday, May 15th and Monday, June 25th. She is hoping to start the meetings at 4:00 p.m. The meetings may take as long as 2.5 hours each. Policy members should let her know as soon as possible if these dates will not work with their schedule. Discussion took place about how our policies are updated now, the expense incurred each time we do so, the flexibility this service will allow us and how our policies will be those that are law-driven.

2017/18-124 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board hire Lusk Albertson Policy Services to help replace our current NEOLA policies.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

2. **Out-of-State, Overnight Field Trip Request for JROTC:** Ms. Pastor explained this is an overnight trip request for JROTC cadet to attend Fort Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena, Michigan for a 5-day camp. The board has approved this in the past. Discussion took place about the great experience this trip will provide our cadets and their future presentation to the board regarding it.

2017/18-125 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the June 2018 overnight trip request for the JROTC to attend camp in Alpena, Michigan.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

3. **Out-of-State, Overnight Field Trip Request for AHS Track & Field:** Ms. Pastor explained this trip is for the Anderson High School Track & Field team and will have 30 students and 20 adult chaperones. Discussion took place about chaperones and liability to the district with parents providing transportation.

2017/18-126 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the April 2018 overnight out-of-state trip request for the Anderson Track & Field to attend Mansfield Mehock Relays in Mansfield, Ohio.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio wished the 8th graders a fun trip as they attend The Diary of Ann Frank.

Mr. Estheimer announced that March is Reading Month. He thanked Ms. Gundick from Shelters and Ms. Ball from Fordline and teachers Mrs. Babyak, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Mitchell for the opportunity to read to their classes. Shelters will have a Bingo for Books March 14 at 6:30 p.m. seating is limited. March 28th is the Reading Counts assembly, students are reminded to keep reading.

Lifetouch Photographers will take spring pictures at Shelters, March 29th. The PTO Color Run is Sunday May 6th. A flyer will come home this week regarding registration. Mr. Estheimer is looking forward to participating in this event by throwing paint on the participants as they cross the finish line. The PTO has asked that any other board members wanting to participate, to let him know.

Fordline celebrated Reading Month with a Spirit Week with Dr. Seuss inspired themes from Wacky Hat Day to Green Day. Dentist R Us will be in the building March 14th, they will choose one random participant to receive a new tablet. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Secco on behalf of Fordline, for taking over the Student of the Month program. They also fixed the fish tank in the main foyer and arranged a donation from Critter's Pet Store in Allen Park. Fish and Fish tank equipment were donated to the school. He thanked Critter's for their support of the Southgate Schools.

Mrs. Bartrum-PBIS Interventionist, is working with the Target Store in Taylor to coordinate book donations and guest speakers for Reading Month. The Target Store has donated many prizes for the PBIS Program as well as miscellaneous items for the school. He thanked Target.

Fordline PTO raised over \$500 at the Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser. There will be a similar fundraiser on March 20th, Hungry Howies, Eureka Rd.-Southgate is donating 20% of all sales, pickup or delivery, all day to Fordline. PTO will have a meeting March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Estheimer announced the half days on March 15 and 16 for elementary and the district wide half day on March 20th. Kindergarten registration packets are available at the elementary school offices. Applicants will be screened for kindergarten readiness once the application is completed. Contact the office of your elementary school to make the appointment to complete registration. School of Choice kindergarten registration is open until March 15th. If you currently have a child already enrolled and they are School of Choice and have a sibling about to enter kindergarten, they must be registered at the Board Office. Kindergarten Roundup is Wednesday March 21, 6:00 p.m. at Davidson Middle School.

The next City Council Meeting is Wednesday March 21st. He and his wife attended the Red Carpet Gala, an event to benefit the Southgate Community Players-hosted by Councilman Rauch and former Councilman Rollett. Over \$6000 was raised for the Community Players.

Mr. Green announced he attended Grogan's fair this past Saturday. He congratulated all the PTO members and parents and thanked Mr. Kupser for his generous donation to their cause. A fun time was had by all, everyone did a great job. He congratulated the Students of the Month, and this month his daughter was the Student of the Month in her class-he is very proud of her accomplishments. Grogan has a superhero theme Reading Month. He wished everyone a safe holiday.

WORK ITEMS

1. Curriculum adoption for 6-8 ELA for DMS: Dr. Baker-Herring reviewed the recommendation for the DMS ELA curriculum. The ELA department at DMS recommends that the district purchase the Study Sync Program published by McGraw Hill Education. They would like the online component for student and teacher, teacher editions and resources in print as well as the Reading and Writing Companion consumables for each student. The board was given the synopsis of the benefits of this program. The last curriculum adoption was in 2002. Discussion took place about the alignment of our buildings and the curriculum adopted before our buildings were 6 through 8th grade. Some of the components from the last curriculum adoption are no longer available to access. The costs of this program and how it will be budgeted were reviewed. This will be on the approval agenda on March 27.

2. Early Middle College (E/MC) opportunity for high school students: Dr. Baker-Herring explained the Early Middle College Program. It is a five-year high school program designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma while also earning an associate's degree or transferable credits. Students would take college courses at Anderson and then later attend classes on campus. Students could choose from; an Associate's of General Studies, an Associate's of Arts, an Associate's of Science or there are two CTE routes-EMT Firefighter or an Automotive Service Technology option. We would partner with WCCCD to allow scholarship-like benefit for students. This requires approval from the MDE. Board members received packets with the detailed information regarding this program. This program would be offered to this years' freshmen to begin in their sophomore year. The promotion of Early Middle College by the MDE is to support a college going culture. It's to get kids in that mindset, provide opportunities for underserved students, boost college attendance rates and reduce the financial burden for families. The target population is for students that would be starting off at a community college or for students that may not have the GPA to get right into a 4-year college. Students have to be willing to commit to 5 years, they will not be done with school until that thirteenth year or fifth year of high school. We are looking for a cohort of 25 students; that is the recommendation to start for a first year. Three critical factors of success that is impressed; attendance, no behavior discipline issues and to have experienced some academic success in the high school classes they have had in the 9th grade.

This will be opened up to all 9th graders, interested students will begin the application process and then a parent meeting would be held. Applications would be reviewed, there would be a meeting between the district, WCCCD, students and parents to share additional information. Then a three hour parent/student orientation in August for those students accepted to the program.

Dr. Baker-Herring reviewed the financial piece of the program. Discussion took place regarding enrollment, test scores and if students will walk with their graduating class in their 12th grade year. These classes would not be online. The number of students enrolling is a target number and there is flexibility. Questions about AP classes in conjunction with this program; Students need to know their plan, students on Athletic Scholarship wouldn't want to wait until their 13th year, those students would be heading to a four year college after their 12th grade year.

ADJOURNMENT

2017/18-127 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Green, the board adjourn the meeting
At 8:50 p.m.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

