



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

PAUL C. KNOTT

DATE: September 16, 2014

VICE PRESIDENT

REBECCA REED-HALL

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

TREASURER

W. KIRK HAYHURST

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kremer

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Hainrihar, Pastor, McLachlan

TRUSTEES

JASON CRAIG
AMANDA KREMER
SUE MURRAY

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

President Knott read the District Mission and Vision Statement.

Mr. Knott announced that Ms. Kremer has resigned her board seat effective immediately.

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2014/15-256 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board amend the agenda to include Item D-1 Attention to Student Government Representatives.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

2014/15-257 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approved the amended agenda for the September 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR

MARY HILDEBRANDT

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Frank-Anderson High School reported to the board there is after school tutoring; "Titan Time"- Monday through Thursday 2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Anderson High School teachers and National Honor Society tutors are there to help students with their learning needs. This is a free service open to all students with their AHS student ID card. Students should contact Mrs. Olson or Dr. Woods with questions.

Spirit Week has been going on all week. There is a Powder Puff football game on Sept 17 and the Homecoming Assembly will be Sept 19. The dance will be held at AHS on Saturday Sept 20 with a theme "Tahitian Nights". The Drama Club will be presenting *The Bold the Young* and *The Murdered*, November 14, 15, 21 and 22 at AHS.

Big Brothers Applications are in the counseling office for those interested.

Evan Swinehart-Anderson High School gave an update on the sporting events occurring during the month of September.

PRESENTATIONS

New Staff were introduced by their administrators. Dr. Baker-Herring, AHS, introduced Special Education Teacher, Mary Sinz. Special Education Director, Kelly Thomas, introduced Social Worker Maegen Miles-Fordline and Shelters Early Childhood Program. Nichole Moore, Beacon Principal, introduced Sarah Chew, Elementary Social Worker. Sarah began last year as a Program Assistant and has a Masters from EMU. Also introduced were Rayna Blackburn, middle school ELA/Writing teacher, and Matthew Lucas who is the new Assistant Principal at Beacon. Mr. Lucas has been a Special Education teacher for 20 years in the Avondale School District prior to coming to Southgate.

Beacon Move Update: Nichole Moore reported to the board that the first day for students went well. It is a larger school than they are used to, but they, as well as their parents, are thrilled to be in Southgate. The construction that was done has allowed the building to accommodate the programs' special needs. There are 25 districts Beacon services, Dearborn and all of Downriver. It is a more central location. The courtyard at the building is being utilized for service projects and a therapeutic approach to personal adjustment time. Construction also enabled centers and office space to be created for the students and additional staff and support workers.

There is an arcade in the former band room, a weight room and a school store. Mr. Lucas managed the store in the Avondale district and will oversee Beacons'. Students earn "points" for good behavior and are allowed to spend those points in the store. Mr. Knott inquired about the point system. Ms. Moore explained that students carry a point sheet around with them and earn points by meeting daily requirements; arriving and getting to breakfast and class without incident and at other times during the day. Students can save points or spend them as they get them. Some try to save their points so they can acquire an item with a higher point value. There are many advantages to this reward system for the students.

The Board was invited to the Parent Open House on Thursday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. dinner will be served.

Elementary School Update: Sarah Johnson addressed the board stating she has been the Summer School Director for 18 years. This summer 104 students were enrolled in the Math program. 100 students were enrolled in the Literacy program. Some students who were enrolled did not attend, with parents citing traffic/construction issues as the main reason they did not bring their students.

Parents were surveyed and many positive comments were made about the program. Ms. Johnson said the students learn confidence in themselves while attending summer school. Guided Reading and Shared Reading & Writing was a focus this year. In Math, Knowing and Using Facts & Problem Solving is where the attention was paid. Supplies ordered for Summer School are now in buildings for students to use throughout the year. Ms. Johnson just asks that they be returned for Summer School use next year.

Ms. Pastor said that Summer School was 100% funded by Title 1. Parents did not pay. This is a teacher recommended program only. Ms. Johnson added that these are the students that are in need of help the most.

DISCUSSION

Finance Report- Theresa McLachlan reported to the board that the day after the last board meeting, Lansing sent her an email with questions about our votes for the Tentative Agreements. All eight bargaining units, as of yesterday, have given approval on their agreements. Salary adjustments for 500 employees have been made over the last 2 weeks. Another question from Lansing was about our staff changes and our count directly relating to the reductions. Once we have Asher's student counts (they just begin classes tomorrow) we will know our numbers. Our DEP has not been approved but it has not been rejected either.

Superintendent's Report- Ms. Hainrihar stated that the ratifying of the Tentative Agreements was very important to the DEP. She thanked all the bargaining groups for their work and positive response to the TA's.

The Legislature is moving the responsibility from Michigan Department of Education to the Treasury Department. This will diminish the board's role in a school district.

We have decreases in K-12 enrollment of approximately 120 students for this year. Asher numbers are not in yet for us to have an accurate number.

Ms. Hainrihar reminded everyone that tomorrow is Constitution Day. September 17, 1787 commemorates the day that document was signed. It was crafted by 39 citizens of the United States.

The Fall MASB conference will begin September 24 for three days and she will be attending.

CONSENT

2014/15 -258 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the minutes from the September 2, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

2014/15 -259 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall that the board approve the HR updates as presented.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

ACTION

2014/15-260 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Ms. Murray that the board approve the Resolution to authorize the sale of 11.29 acres of real property located at 15500 Howard within the City of Southgate.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

2014/15-261 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Reed-Hall the board adopt the 2014/15 Board of Education Goals.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio welcomed back students and staff to Asher; Announced that Grogan was having movie night Sept 19th; Shelters Girl Scout Registration was taking place. She reminded parents to exercise caution around parking lots and students. She reported that there is a new initiative "OK to Say System". This system would allow students or other concerned citizens to report tips on potential school violence via a 24 hour hotline, text message, email or website, in an effort to reduce and prevent violence in Michigan Schools.

Ms. Murray wanted everyone to know there will be an all-class reunion at the Sportsmen's Den in Riverivew, Friday Sept. 19, at 5:30 p.m. for former Southgate Sabers students.

Mr. Hayhurst had a commentary: Interesting pre-election press release out of Lansing this week from the Michigan Education Digest, a publication of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a pro Snyder anti-Public Education Lobbying group.

Number of Overspending Districts Declines to 48; "Lansing, Mich-There are 48 school district and public charter schools currently spending more than they receive, The Detroit News reports. This is a decline from 52 during the previous quarter, according to The News."

Funny way to make Lansing look like it's improving things by referring to the deficit districts as OVERSPENDING districts. Since we are one of those districts I/we can speak from some experience about this and I can assure you that for at least the past 4 to 6 years we have not been an OVERSPENDING district: we are and continue to be an UNDERFUNDED district.

Digging deeper into these boasts by the current administration we find that the deficit number went from 52 to 48 because the state closed 2 districts, 1 was consolidated, and 1 charter school was closed down by its authorizers. None really solved their financial issues.

So, Lansing continues to do nothing positive to help solve the problems facing Public Education in Michigan.

WORK SESSION

Mr. Knott informed the viewing audience that the board would move into a Work Session at 7:40 p.m. and would not be back.

ADJOURNMENT

2014/15-262 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Ms. Reed-Hall the board adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

