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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
City Council Chambers
14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT
SUE MURRAY

DATE: December 17, 2013

VICE PRESIDENT
PAUL C. KNOTT

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY
DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

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

TREASURER
W. KIRK HAYHURST

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Grusecki, McLachlan, Pastor

TRUSTEES
PATRICIA GRAZIANI
AMANDA KREMER
REBECCA REED-HALL

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADMINISTRATION

President Murray read the District Mission and Vision Statement.

SUPERINTENDENT
WILLIAM J. GRUSECKI

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2013/14 - 93 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education amend the December 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Agenda to add a third action item to approve a check register December 17, 2013.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE
DIRECTOR
THERESA McLACHLAN, C.P.A.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR
JILL PASTOR

2013/14 - 94 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education approve the amended December 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR
MARY HILDEBRANDT

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Destiny Frank Anderson-Anderson High School student reported there is a Choir Concert at 7p.m. tonight and a Band Concert on Thursday Dec. 19 in the Auditorium. College meetings were held for Juniors and Seniors on Dec 16. Upcoming sports schedules were announced.

Jim Iesue, SACE student at Asher, reported on SACE cares and Terri Lauber's efforts to prepare approx. 275 Christmas packages and food baskets to go out to the community. A sincere thank you was given to all Southgate teachers, staff and community members who donated and gave of their time to help the less fortunate in our community. A Craft Show and Bake Sale were held. How funds will be spent is yet to be determined by Student Council. Prom Planning is in progress and GED students are testing. Sarah Brooks and Vicki Owens are working hard to help students complete their goal. Winter semester registration is beginning. On behalf of the students of Asher, Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year and wished Sylvia Cavins a wonderful, well deserved retirement.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Grusecki commented on Sylvia's retirement, welcomed Theresa Grzechowski and invited anyone to come forward to offer Sylvia their well wishes.

Ms. Murray commented on Sylvia's 40 plus years and wanted to honor her with respectful acknowledgement. She pointed out her years of service, positive, personal characteristics and the many fine qualities that have made Sylvia such an asset to our school district. She will be greatly missed by all. Ms. Murray thanked Sylvia for all she did for her and on behalf of the entire school board, wished her a very happy future and congratulated her on a very well deserved retirement.

Ms. Graziani spoke of Sylvia's professionalism and kind demeanor. She commented that she can't see Sylvia actually retiring, it's more of a "re-wirement".

Mr. Hayhurst wished Sylvia all the best, welcomed Theresa Grzechowski and commented that she has some large shoes to fill.

Mr. Grusecki wrapped up by saying he wished Sylvia luck in caring for her new flock of flamingos.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Grusecki reported that the Legislature is on break for the holiday. Letter grade status for school accountability has been put on hold and will be revisited after break. E.A.A. (Education Achievement Authority) did not have enough votes to pass. Third grade retention based on reading proficiency is not going to go anywhere. No carry zone on weapons has stalled, that also will be revisited after break. The Board Policy Committee has been meeting for review and revision, and the hope is to complete this process by May. Mr. Grusecki wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

CONSENT

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2013/14 - 95 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

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

NO:

ABSTAINED: Kremer

ACTION

FOOD SERVICE 2013/2014 AGREEMENT

2013/14 - 96 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education approve the Food Service 2013/2014 Agreement as recommended by Administration.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

GENERAL ED PARAPROFESSIONAL 2013/2014 AGREEMENT

2013/14 - 97 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, to approve the General Ed Paraprofessional 2013/2014 Agreement as recommended by Administration.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall

NO:

CHECK REGISTER DATED DECEMBER 17, 2013

2013/14 - 98 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education approve the Check Register dated December 17, 2013.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

Mark Gaffney, Teamster Local 214 Representative, was at the meeting to speak on behalf of the Administrative Assistants and stated concerns with the negotiating process for the new contract.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION

Mr. Hayhurst commented on the Big Sisters/Little Sisters program as well as the Big Brothers/Little Brothers and the events that have been occurring at the High School for this very worth while organization.

Ms. Graziani wished all a very safe and Happy Holiday.

Mr. Knott commented on the plays that have been held at the various schools during this season and thanked all that participated to make these programs happen.

Ms. Murray commented on Mrs. Long's retirement and congratulated her on her retirement from the district and welcomed Vicki Pajor who will be taking her place in the Accounts Payable Department. She also wanted to be sure to remind everyone to be cautious during the wintery weather while driving, keeping in mind student safety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

2013/14 - 99 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education leave the Open Meeting at 7:25 p.m. and enter a Closed Session.

A Roll Call was taken.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

2013/14 -100 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education adjourn Closed Session at 9:18 p.m.

A Roll Call was taken.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

OPEN SESSION

2013/14 - 101 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education move into an Open Session at 9:21 p.m..

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

ACTION

2013/14 - 102 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Southgate Board of Education permanently expel Student 2013-14-1 from the Southgate Community School District.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

WORK SESSION

Not required.

ADJOURNMENT

2013/14 - 103 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Knott, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

YES: Graziani, Hayhurst, Knott, Kremer, Murray, Pomponio, Reed-Hall
NO:

Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Secretary
Board of Education