



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**City Council Chambers**

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

**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

**DATE: December 19, 2017 -7:00 p.m.**

VICE PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

SECRETARY

ANDREW A. GREEN

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**BOARD MEMBERS UNEXCUSED:**

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

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

**ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:**

TRUSTEES

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

NEIL J. FREITAS

REBECCA REED

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Pomponio read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

**REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Dr. Pomponio added Presentation Item #3-Presentation for Mrs. Leslie Chretien.

2017/18-84 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Green the board approve the December 19, 2017 revised agenda.

**ADMINISTRATION**

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE CHRETIEN

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS**

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

**PRESENTATIONS**

CTE Report: Mr. Jason Martin, Director of CTE, gave the board a brief overview on the Career and Technical Education program at AHS. He oversees the programs on and off campus. A wide range of CTE program offerings include; accounting and finance, auto body technology, aviation technology, child care services, construction trades, dental occupations, health sciences, intro to education, ROTC and welding to list a few.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

Along with Southgate, the consortium includes; Flat Rock, Airport, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron, Riverview, Trenton and Woodhaven/Brownstown. Students are sent to the school that offers the programs not provided in our own district.

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Classes are scheduled in two or three hour blocks. Students attending offsite programs are bussed to a hub and transported to the corresponding program from there.

There are career and technical student organizations (CTSO's), field trips and professional development opportunities available to students. Articulated and College Credit are offered and can be earned with some of the courses. These are paid through DCTC. Each program has an advisory committee which meets a minimum of two times a year to direct teachers on the particular industry and discuss areas of need. This is a mandatory requirement in order to maintain funding. These networks and ties to the industry can help students with possible jobs or job shadowing experience.

Carl. C. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act provides funding to support and improve career and technical education programs. Mr. Martin reviewed the added cost funding.

2017-18 General Fund Amended Budget: Theresa McLachlan provided the board with the 2017-18 amended budget and a power point presentation focusing on the revenue and expenditures and the changes for each. Sources of funding from state, local and federal were reviewed. The ending fund balance at 6/30/18 per the December 19, 2017 budget is \$1,500,662.00. The ending fund balance at 6/30/18 per the June 27, 2017 budget was \$1,980,417.00. This is a net decrease in fund balance of \$635,472.00. Total expenditures \$41,286,013.00. The state school aid budget was adopted on July 14, 2017. After the Fall-2017 Count the district had a loss of 346 FTE's which can be attributed to the elimination of Private/Non Public, decrease in Asher enrollments, students who have left the district and the elimination of the Transitions program.

Mrs. Leslie Chretien: Dr. Pomponio presented Mrs. Chretien with a retirement award, on behalf of the Southgate Board of Education. She was commended for her commitment and dedication to the students and staff of Southgate Schools and wished good luck as she retires.

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

DECA: Ms. Chris Barlage along with members of DECA; Nicole Speare-President, Courtney Bergdoll-Treasurer, Veronica Minella-Vice President, and Kennedy Cioccio gave the board a power point presentation and spoke about their recent DECA New York Experience. While visiting America's largest retailers, Macy's, students received a presentation about the global trends that are changing the retail industry. Students learned about; mobile commerce/online shopping-which places more emphasis on a company's website, merchandising career opportunities, advertising and corporate responsibility for brand maintenance. DECA members visited Madison Square Gardens, Times Square, SOHO and learned about the Pop-Up Shops that appear around the holidays in the city. Students learned about marketing, advertising and enjoyed the window displays. They experienced the Financial District, Stock Exchange and Federal Hall.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Anti-Bullying- Dr. Pomponio-No report. Meeting moved to January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Finance- Mr. Kupser-No report

Policy-Dr. Pomponio-No report. Next meeting January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Legislative -Ms. Reed-No report. Next meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Curriculum-Dr. Pomponio-No report. Next meeting January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel- Mr. Green-No report. Next meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Grounds & Maintenance- Dr. Pomponio-No report. Next meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

*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- Theresa McLachlan let the board know the amended budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Curriculum-Jill Pastor- No report.

Superintendent-Ms. Chretien was reflecting back on when she first began as the superintendent and going to her very first State Superintendent's Conference. She heard far too many people say; once you are in debt you are just never going to get out of debt, it's an uphill battle. This was discouraging news for her, but they clearly underestimated the educational community of Southgate. She is happy to report the district is much improved than it was three and one half years ago and she is very grateful for all the support of the students, staff, parents and the community as well as the Board of Education. She appreciates the support and the opportunity to have returned and accomplish a few more things as an educator.

Board President Update-Dr. Pomponio- No report.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

### **CONSENT**

None

### **ACTION**

**1. Out-of-State/Overnight trips for Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Programs:**

Ms. Chretien stated these have been approved in the past. The housing arrangements have not been included yet, they are still being finalized with the host school. The high school principal and superintendent will approve those when they are completed.

2017/18-85 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the 2018 Overnight and Out-of-State trip request for the Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Programs of the Anderson Band.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed  
NO:

**2. Approval of 2017-18 General Fund Amended Budget:**

2017/18-86 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the 2017/18 General Fund Amended Budget as presented.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed  
NO:

**3. MASB Nominations:** Dr. Pomponio stated this is a nomination for the MASB Board of Directors for Region 8, which our district is a part of, to oversee MASB activities, classes and establish operating policies. Dr. Pomponio placed her name on the ballot because she has worked with the MASB program, government relations, Resolution and By-law committees. She knows the current directors and board members from around Michigan who work with the MASB, including the delegate assembly, legislative and Fall Conference.

2017/18-87 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Kupser, the board approve nominating Dr. Darlene Pomponio for the MASB Board of Directors on their nomination ballot.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed  
NO:

4. **Recommendation to expel student 2017-18-1:** Ms. Chretien stated this recommendation came from the Director of Asher, Len Samborski. Ms. Chretien concurred and brought the recommendation to the board. Earlier tonight the board met in closed session to review this recommendation. They will now vote on the district recommendation to permanently expel student 2017-18-1.

2017/18-88 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the district recommendation to permanently expel student 2017-18-1.

*Roll call vote was taken:*

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

#### **EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None

#### **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Green announced Grogan is preparing for break, Santa Shop is going on all week. He congratulated the PTO, parents, students and Mr. Wolsek for putting on another great Santa Shop for the students. He commented that he likes the direction Mr. Samborsky is taking at Asher. He is proud of the fact the funds for a new sign are coming from the grant for Asher. He is looking forward to seeing the changes being made in a positive manner that meet with the requirements of the law for Adult and Alternative Education. He congratulated the AHS Quiz Bowl participants, as well as Dr. Pomponio with the MASB nomination.

Mr. Green wished Ms. Chretien luck on her retirement and thanked her for her years of service to Southgate and public school education. He wished her and her family good health, joy and fun in the coming years. He wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

Mr. Estheimer attended the first round of Quiz Bowl and was very impressed with our student representation and their coach, Mrs. Furkas. He wished Ms. Chretien a happy retirement and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Craig thanked Ms. Chretien for her time in the district and thanked her for all the effort she has put in to making Southgate better than she found it. It's the role of a strong leader and he appreciates what she has done and he thanked her.

Dr. Pomponio thanked her fellow board members for choosing her to be the president this year. She appreciates the learning opportunity, and her pleasure working with each of the board members. She wished staff, students, board members, parents and everyone in the district a safe and happy holiday. She wished Ms. Chretien good luck in her retirement and thanked her for being a strong leader from whom she learned a lot.

#### **WORK ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

2017/18-89 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Craig, the board adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

*Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski*

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Andrew A. Green-Secretary  
Board of Education

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