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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

PAUL C. KNOTT

DATE: November 11, 2014

VICE PRESIDENT

REBECCA REED-HALL

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio,

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Reed-Hall

TREASURER

W. KIRK HAYHURST

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Hainrihar, Pastor, McLachlan

TRUSTEES

JASON CRAIG
SUE MURRAY
PATRICK OWEN

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

JROTC Presented the colors for the Pledge.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

President Knott read the District Mission and Vision Statement.

ADMINISTRATION

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2014/15-288 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Murray
To revise the agenda and delete Action Item #3 and
post pone until the next regular board meeting.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

2014/15-289 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Murray that the board
approve the November 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR

MARY HILDEBRANDT

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Anderson High School Student Representative-Mr. Swinehart announced the Anderson
Drama Club's show, "The Young, The Bold and The Murdered will be November 14th and
15th, in the Anderson Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and Senior
Citizens, and \$7 for General Admission.

College Representatives from MSU will be at Anderson on November 12th, Marygrove
College on November 19th and Schoolcraft College on November 21st.

Asher Student Representative Megan Richards reported that Asher Student Council Reps worked with the preschool children creating a spider project on Oct. 30. Nov 7th there was a flag football game between the Staff and Students with the Staff winning, the score was 39-24. November 10th student council members with their advisor, Melanie Holland, attended the Legislative Luncheon. Bill Ballanger explained election results. Asher's Safety Committee is continuing to meet and asking schools in the area for information on their cell phone policy.

Harry Monks from Property Management donated his time to wash Asher's windows. Teri Lauber is working diligently to help needy families for the holidays. Please contact Asher for info on SACE Cares and the Angel Tree.

Literacy Council is having a Poinsettia Sale to benefit their program. There are 80 tutors that help students with Reading, Writing and Math assistance.

Marissa Tibbs is Asher's Youth 21st Leadership Student. Nov 18th is the kickoff event at UM in Dearborn.

Ms. Murray inquired about the SACE Cares and the Angel Tree. It was explained these two programs assist families during the holidays with food and gifts.

Dr. Pomponio inquired about the Leadership Event at UM.

Mr. Knott complimented the businesses in the area that assist our schools and how much we appreciate their help.

PRESENTATIONS

Yeo & Yeo 2013/14 District Audit Presentation: Yeo & Yeo Principle, Michael Georges C.P.A. presented the board with the 2013/14 Audit Results for Southgate Community School District. The report states "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of Southgate Community School District as of June 30, 2014, and respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

He met previously with the Finance Committee to go over the results in depth. This document will be sent to the County, the State and will be on the web site. The audit reflects a \$3.9 million deficit. This is a violation of State Law. The district has submitted a revised DEP to the state. He reviewed fund balances for the past years, the revenue sources and expenditures by function.

He stated that next year's FID report will be due Oct 15, it used to be Nov 15. This is thirty days earlier. This change comes from the Treasury Department not the Department of Education.

Mr. Georges thanked Ms. McLachlan and her staff for their hard work and professional manner.

Ms. Murray inquired about the drastic dip in the Fund Balance from 2008 to 2009. It was stated that was the time money was being taken away by the state as well as drop in student attendance. She also asked about the deficit and where we should be with our fund balance. Mr. Georges said it should be about \$4 million in the positive, about 10% of the budget.

Dr. Pomponio inquired about the opinion; Mr. Georges explained they go through their procedures and testing and based on that they feel the numbers are in accordance with accounting principles. He said it is the highest level of assurance you can receive on a financial statement.

Mr. Hayhurst commented that the only finding was the deficit, and Mr. Georges agreed.

Mr. Knott asked Ms. McLachlan if our DEP has been approved and she said it has. He also asked when we should be back in the black, she stated we will be out of deficit June 2016.

JROTC-Col. Clemons & First Sergeant Phoenix: Col. Clemons introduced C/LTC Crane, C/MAJ Stewart, C/LT Walton, C/LT Goodwin, C/SGT Samano, C/PVT Wluyka and C/SSG Merchant. Each one gave a report on the organization and the benefits of belonging to the JROTC. Each cadet stressed that teamwork, confidence, physical-fitness, self-esteem, discipline and respect are some of the positive aspects this organization instills in its members. They spoke of their accomplishments, competitions and goals that JROTC is proud of.

Col. Clemons commended his cadets and asked if any parents wanted to speak to the board. Several parents approached the podium to say they see their sons and daughters developing self-confidence, responsibility and discipline. They see improvement in student's grades and are very proud of them and appreciate the Col and 1st Sgt. for their work with JROTC.

Dr. Pomponio asked about the number of students that are in the program. Col. Clemons stated there are 108. She also asked what the process was for selection, the Col. Stated all are welcomed to the program.

Mr. Hayhurst thanked Col Clemons and his 1st Sgt. for their service on this Veteran's Day.

Mr. Knott concurred and added that as we train our students who will possibly go on to serve our country and enter into harms' way, he offered a God Bless You.

Curriculum Update: Curriculum Director Jill Pastor updated the board on the assessment transition from the MEAP to the new test that has yet to be titled. MDE plans to develop a complete assessment system which would include; Summative Assessment, Interim Assessment and Formative Assessment. The complete assessment system would; Support educators throughout the entire school year. Provide educators with tools, resources, and feedback to-adjust daily instruction to student needs and teach to a higher level of rigor. Support local evaluation and accountability systems-multiple measures of student growth and achievement. Provide information necessary to support career, college, and community readiness for all students.

The MDE considerations in establishing test administration window include: Provide schools with maximum flexibility in scheduling. Maximize instructional time prior to testing. Reduce online testing load that might occur at any one time. Maximize statewide comparability by grade level-3 week window. Provide grade 11 an additional 5 weeks - 8 week window to provide flexibility in scheduling around AP testing.

Schools testing online may still order materials for individual students that require a paper-pencil form of accommodation. No waiver required.

Ms. Pastor demonstrated the testing styles; traditional multiple-choice, constructed response and technology enhanced-which include drag and drop, radio buttons, matching, hot spot and select text.

The district is prepared for this testing according to the MTrax (Michigan Technology Readiness Tool) that gauges the readiness of Michigan schools to meet the target for online testing. We currently are planning on using our Computer Labs and our 6 Chrome book carts with 30 chrome books per cart. Those carts will be moving from building to building. That is why a central schedule is so important.

Ms. Pastor added that the Chrome Books were purchased as part of the Michigan Technology Readiness Grant. They were not purchased with General Funds.

Dr. Pomponio asked if there was more education on key board usage with the anticipation of the online testing. Ms. Pastor stated the K-5 is focusing on that, but some students do not have computers that often during the week. Dr. Pomponio asked if there was Tech Support should trouble arise during the testing. Ms. Pastor replied the State has offered Tech Support, but we have not tested every district in the State in a three week window, so there is a lot to be determined as far as how much help will be available.

Mr. Owen inquired how the results of this test will drive the curriculum and how quickly we will see the results. Ms. Pastor said we should have the results within three weeks of the testing window closure. The data is reviewed with attention on where the trends are. She stated, with a new test it is harder to track the trends. The standards will not change, but how we get students there may.

Mr. Craig asked how teachers are able to assist students. Ms. Pastor said when the manuals come out they will know more about what a teacher can and cannot do to assist a student with the testing process. Mr. Craig asked what happens to the old data, do we just throw it out and start over. Ms. Pastor said they will still be able to utilize the trend data.

Mr. Hayhurst pointed out that the unsureness of the answers Ms. Pastor is giving is no reflection on her, rather, it's the State not preparing us for this testing. He commended Ms. Pastor for as much as she has put together with the very little info she has been able to receive from the State.

DISCUSSION

Finance Report-Ms. McLachlan thanked the residents of Southgate for their overwhelming support of the non-homestead operating millage. It passed by a 2-1 margin, and it is very reassuring to know that our property tax revenue will continue to be in place for the next ten years. She also thanked the Central Office Staff and Administration for their efforts with preparation of and during the audit. She thank the entire district staff, a successful audit is a result of what is done on a day to day basis during the year, not just the two weeks the auditors are here.

Superintendent's Report-Ms. Hainrihar reported our student count numbers, we will report to the state a total of 4,443 students. It reflects a loss of 224 students from last year. Our DEP projected a loss of 250 students so we are just slightly under that. Reviewing where the loss occurred will take place in the next few weeks.

In looking at her calendar she was struck by the presence of a lot of planning, practice and learning. She wanted everyone to know that staff, administrators and employees are working very hard just to educate our kids. There are some exciting learning initiatives going on that she will share more of in the future.

CONSENT

2014/15-290 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Ms. Murray that the Board approve the minutes from the October 7, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

YES: Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio,

NO:

ABSTAIN: Craig

2014/15-291 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Murray that the Board approve the minutes from the October 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-292 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Murray that the Board approve the HR Updates as presented.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-293 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Murray that the board approve the Disbursements for October 2014.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

ACTION

2014/15-294 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Owen that the Board approve the 2013/14 District Audit Reports as presented by Yeo & Yeo, P.C.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-295 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Murray that the Board support the DCTC Executive Council request that all member schools honor the agreement currently in place and commit to participate in development of new agreement for 2015/16.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

2014/15-296 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Ms. Murray that the Board permanently expel Student 2014/15 #1 from the Southgate Community School District.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

Board members commented that this was not an easy decision to make.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio congratulated the winners of the election and thanked the voters for passing the millage. She wished a Happy Veteran's Day to all Veterans. Dr. Pomponio is continuing her education with board related issues on education. She has taken FEMA courses, Incident Command-ICS100 for School Systems and will take Emergency Planning for Schools as well.

Mr. Knott also congratulated the newly elected board members.

WORK SESSION

Mr. Knott informed the viewing audience that the board would move into a Work Session at 8:20 p.m. and would not be back.

ADJOURNMENT

2014/15-297 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Ms. Murray the board adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

YES: Craig, Hayhurst, Knott, Murray, Owen, Pomponio

NO:

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

