



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

PAUL C. KNOTT

DATE: October 18, 2016

VICE PRESIDENT

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY

MARK KREMER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer
Pomponio, Reed

TREASURER

JASON CRAIG

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Chretien, McLachlan, Pastor

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS

SELDEN GREEN

REBECCA REED

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Knott read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2016/17-45 It was moved by Mr. Kremer, supported by Dr. Pomponio
the board approve the October 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

LESLIE HAINRIHAR CHRETIEN

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed

NO:

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

PRESENTATIONS

Bond Construction Update: Rob Kakoczki, PMC-Work prep for Bid Pack #4, bleacher replacement, is scheduled to begin October 31 with demo and foundation work. Construction should be completed by the end of the year. The scope of work for the summer 2017 projects design and finalization has begun. Bid backs will go out in January with board approval set for February. Punch lists and close out documents for bid packs 1-2-3-5 is being completed.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

JILL PASTOR

Dr. Pomponio inquired about the scope of work for the athletic fields. Mr. Kakoczki stated this will include the softball and baseball fields to address drainage issues, new tennis courts will be relocated from their current location.

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Mr. Knott commented on the Southgate Today magazine which includes an article about our district and the bond accomplishment to date.

Mr. Kakoczki said the updated dashboard will be emailed and posted on the website.

ATTENTION TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Josh Staten-AHS representative reported the German Club will meet on Thursdays from 2:45p.m. -3:10 p.m. in room #47. Big Sisters/Little Sisters met today, Big Brothers/Little Brothers will meet tomorrow. Student Council has created Spirit Days to encourage awareness of the clubs and generate school spirit. Each club will have a turn being recognized on half days, which includes a morning announcement about the clubs activities.

Alba Ibraj-AHS representative introduced herself to the board, she is thankful for the opportunities she has been given while attending Southgate Schools. Ms. Ibraj gives the morning announcements. This week there will be college visits. Concordia was on site today. During college visits students have the opportunity to meet with reps one on one with onsite admissions and interviews taking place. Juniors will take their practice SAT on Oct 19. There will be a college fair at Trenton High School on Oct 19.

Mr. Kemp-Davidson Middle School introduced the new board representative, Sara Saaidi, to the board. Sara is an 8th grade student. She informed the board about the two new programs at DMS, WEB and PBIS. WEB-Where Everyone Belongs, 58 student leaders that were recommended by their teachers work with the incoming 6th graders mentoring them, welcoming them with an orientation and other school activities to encourage Titan Pride.

PBIS -Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, is a program that focuses on positive student behavior to develop a more positive environment for student learning. Students exhibiting responsibility, respect and safety are awarded tickets that are placed in a drawing for prizes at the end of each week. Mr. Barta has sought donations from local businesses to support the prize raffle. A staff/student kick ball game will be a future incentive. Staff are being given Tier training to assist them with PBIS. Mr. Himick is tracking data on the progress in student behavior.

Student Council had a Spirit week, held a bake sale during parent/teacher conferences and have scheduled a Halloween Dance on Oct 27. They will also be holding a food drive for SACE Cares.

Dr. Pomponio inquired about the meetings. Sara said student council meets once a month at 7:45 a.m

Ms. Reed complimented Sara on her public speaking skills.

Mr. Knott thanked all of the student reps and encouraged all buildings to send students to a board meeting to share their schools' information with board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anti-Bullying-Dr. Pomponio-Next meeting Oct 24, 9:30 a.m.

Finance-Jason Craig-No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy-Dr. Pomponio-Next meeting Oct 24, 10:30 a.m.

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

DISCUSSION

Finance- Ms. McLachlan submitted our audit reports to the Michigan Department of Treasury. We will be receiving a letter soon regarding the next steps for the district. The reports have also been sent to Michigan Department of Education, Wayne County RESA and are on our website.

Ms. McLachlan attended the MDE-Michigan School Business Officials fall update in Lansing today. There was no legislative update due to the lame duck session. HB regarding sinking funds, zero tolerance legislation and PBIS have nothing going on until the next session. Federal School Lunch update: Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act-Instituted in 2010 needs to be re-authorized, by law, every

5 years which would have been Sept 2015 and that did not happen. In 2016 the Senate Agriculture Committee passed a bill in January and the House passed a bill in May which included a block grant provision to the funding. The serious concerns with this is the manner in which the money is allocated to districts, with a cap on the amount that can be provided. With our funding it is on an entitlement basis with no cap. It is based on meals served. It will also change eligibility requirements and limit the funding and halt the progress with the nutrition standards they are trying to implement.

Ms. McLachlan also met with Chad Urchike from MDE, who oversaw our district during our DEP and watched over us when we were with the Michigan Department of Treasury. He congratulated us on getting out of deficit and informed her we are the "pilot district" for the Michigan Department of Treasury. Out of 18 districts the Michigan Department of Treasury is overseeing, we are the one district that came out of deficit this year. MDE and MDT are having a meeting tomorrow about Southgate to determine what the next oversight steps will be.

Curriculum-Ms. Pastor applied for and was granted, 35A Targeted Literacy Grant for \$35,000. This will be spent on K-1, 2-3 multi-tier support and professional development for teachers. The Sex Education Advisory Board is in the final stages of approving new resources and materials. This has been just over a year with viewing videos and materials, a public hearing will occur in December or January.

High school science teachers have attended NGSX training as well as the 6th through 8th grade teachers. 3-4-5 had two days of training with the focus on life and earth sciences. K-1-2-3 attended guided reading full day sessions. Every building had full day, optional drop-in help for the 5 dimensions of teaching and learning and or pivot assistance. Four teachers are attending a pilot teacher leadership program through RESA. Most of those sessions are after school.

We are hosting a Houghton Mifflin pilot program with free material that is being reviewed with materials being tried out. Dr. Baker-Herring hosted differentiated instruction where enrichment and special education teachers were brought together at the high school to review accommodations for students with IEP's.

Mr. Knott inquired about how that training went. Ms. Pastor stated often times the focus is on core classes for a student with an IEP, these teachers were very excited about the different ways/projects they were shown that can provide assistance to a student in enrichment classes as well.

Superintendent-Ms. Chretien said the information has been received from the ISD on the 3rd grade reading results and being reviewed now. Professional development, district wide, centers on 5D+, our new teacher evaluation system. Teachers have submitted their growth plans which includes their student growth goal and areas of focus. They had their pre-inquiry meeting where they meet with their administrator who will be evaluating them to discuss their areas of focus. Some administrators have started their actual evaluations. Principals are reporting to her the conversations coming from using this model are already deeper, richer conversations about improving instructional expertise than ever before.

She has taken a look at the preliminary numbers for our count. We built in a loss of 150 students and are about at that number. We are still waiting on the numbers from Asher. With their part time schedules, it takes longer to figure out the FTE's. We are tracking higher numbers of students with absences on count day and we have an additional 30 days to track them.

Ms. Chretien reminded voters the Wayne County Enhancement millage is on the November ballot. If passed the millage will provide \$1.6 million for the next 6 years to Southgate Schools. She also

commented the bond money can only be used for construction and cannot be used to pay down our debt or balance our budget. The millage will raise taxes to approximately \$7 per month. We will use the money to decrease class sizes, address upgrade and maintenance issues as well as curriculum purchases for the first time in many years. She encouraged citizens to look at our web page and the superintendent's page for additional information for their consideration prior to making voting choices in November.

Dr. Pomponio asked about the bond language being on the website and what the tax increase would be for the millage. Ms. Chretien believes the information is still on the superintendent's page but she will check on that. The millage is approximately \$8 per \$100,000 dollars of value. Ms. Chretien has links on her page for information about the millage.

Dr. Pomponio asked about the student count. Ms. Chretien said the budget was based on a loss of 150 students. The counts right now are not accurate, we are still tracking students.

CONSENT

2016/17-46 It was moved by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the October 4, 2016 regular board meeting minutes.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

2016/17-47 It was moved by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the HR update as presented.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

2016/17-48 It was moved by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the disbursements for September 2016.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

ACTION

2016/17-49 It was moved by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the Fordline 5th grade out-of-state field trip to Toledo.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

This is a field trip to the Mudhens game.

2016/17-50 It was moved by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the AHS DECA out-of-state, overnight field trip to New York.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

2016/17-51 It was moved by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the AHS DECA Out-of state, overnight field trip to Tennessee.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

These two trips are for any DECA student. These are competitive trips.

2016/17-52 It was moved by Mr. Kremer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the Southgate Winter Guard and Percussion Program outOf-state, overnight trips to Indiana, South Carolina and Ohio.

YES: Craig, Freitas, Green, Knott, Kremer, Pomponio, Reed
NO:

Ms. Chretien stated this is a package of trips which they may or may not attend. These are all trips that they are eligible for.

Mr. Craig questioned the housing site and how many other bands may be staying there.

Ms. Chretien stated we have played host to bands in the past that have stayed in our buildings. This is how bands save money and we do have control over our students through the band boosters/chaperones.

Ms. Pastor commented as a former band parent there are a large number of parents that are willing to go to these events and volunteer to help.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Larry Hill-13548 Cunningham, addressed the board about the safety issues he feels are around Grogan elementary. He asked board members to come sit on his porch at 7:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. to observe.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Chretien congratulated the teachers that have achieved tenure.

Mr. Knott commented on the Southgate Today magazine and thanked Ms. Chretien for her article. The magazine includes all aspects of our town. He also wanted to inform the community that he and Ms. Green addressed the Public Safety Commission about issues going on in our district around our buildings. Chief Smith said they would continue the regular patrol cycles and have reserves make extra rounds during the weekends.

Mr. Knott asked about a grant regarding extra police patrols. Ms. Chretien stated this is a traffic patrol grant that Southgate Police are participating in. It puts extra cars in the area of our schools during drop off and pick up times.

Ms. Reed announced a new enrichment program that started in Southgate at 14151 Trenton Rd. It is held at Good Shepard Church, but not affiliated with the church. Meet Up & Eat Up meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and will run through December. All youths 18 and under are welcome to come and have a free dinner. There are arts and crafts, study tables, homework help, games, skills training and physical activity. It is coordinated with the Wednesday Food Drive, 364 Southgate parents have taken part in the last 3 months. Gleaners will be coming out to try and expand the program. The more participation they have, the more they will provide.

A book swap began over the summer, students read a book and write a paragraph of why someone their age might enjoy it. They will either swap the book or leave it somewhere for someone to find through geo-caching. A reminder about the 2017 "Letters About Literature", through the Library of Michigan; this program is hosted for 4th through 12th graders, a student chooses a poem or book that has touched them and write a letter to that author, who receives all of the letters. 210 students got to meet their favorite author last year. She will forward this information to Ms. Pastor.

WORK SESSION

Board Self-evaluation-Mr. Knott will have Dr. Pomponio activate the site on November 1, which will start the two week count down. November 15 is the last day, he will send for the results on November 16. He and Dr. Pomponio will review the results and present to the board on Dec. 6 for public review. On December 20 he would like to set some board goals.

Ms. Chretien stated the MASB superintendent evaluation training will take place on November 29, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the board offices.

Mr. Knott stated all current board members will be taking the training.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Mark Kremer-Secretary
Board of Education

