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

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT
REBECCA REED

DATE: September 1, 2015

VICE PRESIDENT
PAUL C. KNOTT

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

SECRETARY
DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

TREASURER
W. KIRK HAYHURST

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Hainrihar, McLachlan, Pastor

TRUSTEES
JASON CRAIG
NEIL J. FREITAS
MARK KREMER

ADMINISTRATION EXCUSED:

The pledge of allegiance was recited.
Ms. Reed read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT
LESLIE HAINRIHAR

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2015/16- 24 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Hayhurst
the board approve the September 1, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
Agenda

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

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

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR
JILL PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR
MARY HILDEBRANDT

PRESENTATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

Finance-Ms. McLachlan reported that the year-end audit field work has been completed. They are working on our reports. The new requirement that goes into effect this year is the GASB 68. Every district has to report the pension number in their statements. There is a hold up the state retirement system in getting some final information. We are still on target for the audit presentation the second meeting in October. Ms. McLachlan was assured there were no findings. This was a very good audit and she thanked her staff for the hard working in preparing for it.

Last Friday district officials received an email from the State of Michigan approving our DEP. We did not eliminate the deficit within 5 years of submitting the original plan, because of this we fall under the enhanced DEP requirements. We have satisfied those requirements with the July DEP until after January 1, 2016.

She did receive a phone call from Mr. Chad Urchike, explaining the new requirements and reminding her that they will be looking at our audit report and one week after our "count day" we need to submit our preliminary count. That will be compared to our DEP to make sure we are on track.

Within the last week she received the ballot language from the Cities of Southgate and Allen Park for the upcoming election in November for our bond proposal. She reviewed it, as well as our attorney, both ballots have been approved. It will be on the second page of the ballot in each city.

Dr. Pomponio asked about the concessions and additional cutbacks. Ms. McLachlan stated we are in year two of our concessions and that is built into the DEP. As long as we stay within our fund balance, that we show on our DEP, they are not expecting anything different, she just may have to report more detail when January 1st comes.

Mr. Hayhurst asked about the retirement figures that need to be reported and whether that would be waived if they do not come in on time. Ms. McLachlan said they are using estimates right now, but the info is anticipated to be ready in the next few weeks. She said during the audit there were more questions and testing to make sure we are reporting the correct information to ORS.

Curriculum-Ms. Pastor reported that staff returned today, beginning their day with professional development which focused on our student learning objectives; Higher Order Thinking and Student Engagement. Tomorrow's professional development will focus on Professional Growth Plans. Some staff members took advantage of professional development that was offered on Monday, a day that was not required; she complimented the dedication of those who attended.

Superintendent-Ms. Hainrihar updated the board on the road construction around Fordline Elementary. She thanked the city for being helpful and cooperative in providing us adequate access to the building for the start of the new school year. Our preliminary count of registered students in grades K-12 is up about 120 students over the projected enrollment from last June. There may be drops of students who have moved over the summer without letting us know, she is cautiously optimistic that our projected enrollment will be more accurate than last year.

Today was the kick off meeting and professional development for our district employees. A second day of training will be held tomorrow.

Bond Report-Four areas of Critical Need: 1. Safety and Security; door access control points, update security camera systems and enhance the secure entries at elementary schools. 2. District wide facility improvements; replace select roofing and flooring, replace select exterior and interior doors and upgrade some of the hardware on those doors, some plumbing and valve replacements to improve the

reliability of our heating and cooling systems, particularly in our classrooms. A few aging boilers need to be replaced, upgrade auditorium lighting and sound system, upgrade exterior and parking lot lighting around the district and replace one walk-in freezer/cooler. 3. Technology; replace obsolete teacher and lab computers, add mobile computer carts to meet state online testing requirements, replace portions of classroom audio and visual systems, and instructional technology enhancement. 4. Site and Athletic improvements; replace asphalt and concrete around the district, improve traffic flow and site drainage for drop off and pick up areas, resurface the tennis court and the track, upgrade and or replace the bleachers in both the stadium and the gym at AHS.

She reminded the voting public that this bond will not increase the millage rate on their property and additional information can be found by going to our website at southgateschools.com. From the home page you click on election information and follow the links.

Ms. Reed asked about the increase in the student numbers. Ms. Hainrihar and Ms. Pastor said the numbers are evenly placed in the grade levels.

Mr. Knott asked about the track and side walk blocks that have been marked by the city. Ms. Hainrihar said the track is a replacement and the district sidewalks have not been marked by the city.

CONSENT

2015/16-25 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the August 18, 2015 regular board meeting minutes.

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

2015/16-26 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the HR Updates as presented.

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

ACTION

2015/16-27 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the request to award the 2015-2016 Milk Bid to Berkshire Dairy.

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

2015/16-28 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Knott the board approve the mandatory Increase in lunch prices by .10 cents at elementary level.

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

Ms. Reed reminded the viewing audience that last year the board reviewed the request to raise the price by .25 cents and decided to go with the minimum at that time. This is the second part to that and the board expected this increase this year

Mr. Connors-Food Services Director added that this increase is based on a formula from the state. It is a calculation between the free/reduced lunch price and the full pay price. Every district has to be within a certain percentage. This will be reviewed each year.

Mr. Hayhurst asked about the regulatory requirements from the state. Mr. Connors stated this is a requirement that comes from the Federal government.

Ms. McLachlan said this is the paid lunch equity calculation.

Dr. Pomponio asked if it would benefit us to lock in for 3 yrs on one increase. Mr. Connors said it could keep us from raising the prices each year, but the prices still need to be reviewed yearly.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Knott said he has spoken with coaches and a lot of questions have been asked about the bond. The information that has been put out there has been beneficial and informative.

Ms. Hainrihar said she will be out in the district to get this information to parents. The link on the website has a list by building of the work to be done and the associated costs. There is also a list of FAQ's. As new questions come up, others may be added to the list to address them.

Mr. Knott and Mr. Kremer wanted to clarify that this is a renewal.

Ms. McLachlan stated that Plante Moran came out and did an assessment of our critical needs, deferred needs and a wish list. This bond proposal takes care of the critical needs. With the refunding of the bonds we had in February there will be no increase to the debt millage. The millage rate will be at 6.11 mils. This will be for just under 25 years.

Ms. Hainrihar reminded parents to check the website for information from the buildings and the calendars.

Ms. Reed welcomed everyone back to school on behalf of the board.

Ms. Reed announced the board would be entering a work session at 7:25 p.m. and not returning to the viewing audience.

WORK SESSION MINUTES:

1. Leonard Resmierski (RESA) reviewed the Open Meetings Act with board members.
2. Supt. Hainrihar provided an update on materials being developed for the bond election. They can be found on the district home page under Election Information. A brief question and answer period was included.
3. The Board of Education is developing a new policy regarding student representatives to the Board. A draft will be available for full Board review at the 9/15 meeting.
4. Supt. Hainrihar needs a copy of her annual evaluation in order to complete her goals. President Reed will provide that this week via email.
5. All Board members have completed their online self-assessment. President Reed is waiting for MASB to complete and send the report. Board goals will be finalized after that report is sent.
6. The sales agreement for the Reeck Rd property has been terminated by the purchaser. The District will receive \$2000 of the deposit money. The Board will form a task committee to consider appropriate planning for our vacant properties.
7. The Board members selected the school they will "adopt" for the 2015/16 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

