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

DATE: September 25, 2018 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Mossop, Pomponio
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kupser

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Pastor, McLachlan, Morin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2018/19-28 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green,
the board approve the September 25, 2018 Regular Board
Meeting Agenda.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Mossop, Pomponio
NO:

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of new staff members: Director of Human Resources, Mr. Morin, gave the board an introduction to some of the newest staff members; Ms. Melba Clark-Asher Counselor, Mr. Arthur Ibegbu-Mechatronics Instructor, Mr. Paul Okerland-Special Education Teacher at Davidson Middle School, Ms. Amy Otonio-Speech Therapist at Shelters Elementary, Peter Steyaert-Art Teacher at Beacon and Anglea Edgecomb-Math Teacher at Beacon. Mr. Morin will introduce other new hires at a future board meeting. The superintendent and board welcomed all new staff members.

6-12 Summer School Report: Mr. Pinkowski, AHS and Summer School Administrator, gave the board an overview of the summer school course offerings, finances, tuition, payroll and reported this year' summer school had a profit of \$2,108.57 for this year. The number of students enrolled was 160, 157 successfully completed summer school and gained credit. The Free Lunch/Breakfast schedules were adjusted which allowed more students to take advantage of the program. This year summer school was held at Davidson Middle School due to the roof repairs going on at AHS. The program will return to the high school next year. Discussion took place regarding the offerings of the program.

Athletics: Mr. Pinkowski, AHS Administrator and Athletic Director, gave the board the athletic department update. Highlighting the reduction in the budget and the adjustments being made, transportation changes, the addition of an athletic trainer and update to our new website. Girls Varsity swimming 400-freestyle relay team qualified for the MHSAA State Finals, with a time of 4:33.16 which also broke the Lincoln Park pool record; the team swims out of Lincoln Park as a co-op due to the lack of a pool at AHS. Board members were given a packet from the football program which highlights the Coaches Expectations. Coach Dobek and staff have been working hard to instill cultural changes throughout the program, demonstrating core values and beliefs. Extra effort is being placed on character and sportsmanship.

The district has been named the MHSAA District host for the Division 2 Competitive Cheer Tournament. Mr. Pinkowski has received numerous compliments and positive comments about our updated athletic facilities because of the bond projects. Mr. Pinkowski thanked the board for all they did behind the scenes to make the visions a reality for our students. Discussion took place regarding the Coaches Expectations and the participation numbers.

He encouraged everyone to support our athletes and follow them on Twitter at: @staathletics.

CONSENT

2018/19-29 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the minutes from September 11, 2018 Work Session, Regular Board meeting and HR Update.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Mossop, Pomponio

NO:

ACTION

None

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio commented how she appreciates the district staff and teachers and all of the hard work throughout the year, going above and beyond their duties.

Mr. Estheimer apologized for missing the last meeting. He welcomed the new staff members and thanked them for being at the meeting. He also welcomed back the parents, students and staff. During information and announcement he will provide updates from the two schools he is the current liaison to; Shelters and Fordline. He has partnered with their PTO's and will keep everyone up-to-date on events in these buildings. He will also provide a brief update with the news from the Capitol as it pertains to education. He will keep his updates to five minutes or less. Recently the superintendent and the district's Crisis Response Committee, as well as the Southgate Police Department, completed a revamped Emergency Operations Plan. This document was released last year but revamped due to some suggested items added by the Michigan State Police. This is a living, breathing document with many scenarios and drills to keep our staff and students safe. Staff has gone through intruder training over the past several weeks. This is an intense and unfortunately, necessary training. He applauds all involved for working hard on this. Mr. Estheimer wanted to draw attention to two very important icons on our website- Bullying Stops Here, click and follow that link where there is a bullying incident report form which can be turned in to any building administrator or placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to any building administrator or building of choice.

The other icon is Okay2Say, this is a safe and easy way to report anything that is seen or heard that could jeopardize the safety of our staff and students. Once the icon is clicked on, there is a button to submit a tip. This is also listed on our cable channel; Stop the Silence, Help End The Violence-If You See Something Say Something.

Mr. Green also welcomed teachers, students and parents back for another school year. He too mentioned how important it is for all teachers to know how much we appreciate them. He is appreciative for the staff at Grogan as they have continued to educate his daughter since kindergarten. He welcomed all of the new hires. He is looking forward to the art at Beacon, he loves to walk through there and see the things they do. He is happy to see what is going on at Asher as Miss. Wendy take on a large task. Grogan Octoberfest and Book Week is next month. He wished Mr. Mike Toschi, whom he has known since he was a young coach, all Health and Happiness as he retires. Following Mr. Pinkowski's encouragement, he too asked that everyone enjoy a nice night out and support our community kids in their fall sports. The kids are trying hard, they may not always win but they give it their best shot and would love to see packed crowds. He congratulated the young ladies on the swim team for their achievement. Mr. Green gave his condolences to the family of Miss. Margaret Martin, a teacher and educator in Allen Park and the Downriver Community.

Ms. McLachlan announced that our annual audit and audit reports are now complete, sooner than anticipated. Our auditors, Yeo & Yeo would like to do the audit presentation at the October 9, 2018 meeting instead of the October 23, 2018 meeting. The board agreed to this and Ms. McLachlan will let the auditors know they can proceed with a presentation for October 9, 2018.

Ms. Pastor informed the board there is a grass roots effort to start a Southgate Education Foundation. We are currently getting ready to apply for a 501C. The Southgate Education Foundation will have one main fundraiser in the spring. This will be a dinner event where we can celebrate successes. She is looking for a couple of board members who might be interested in being part of the Articles of Incorporation and joining the team to plan this event. She asked that board members contact her after the meeting or by email.

ADJOURNMENT

2018/19-30 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Green, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Mossop, Pomponio
NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

