



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: November 27, 2018 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kupser, Mossop

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Pastor, McLachlan

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS
ANDREW A. GREEN
REBECCA MOSSOP

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2018/19-55 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the November 27, 2018 Regular Board meeting agenda.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

Linda Clark-Food Service employee expressed her concerns and disappointment with the current situation in the department; lack of staffing, reduction of compensation to employees who work extra time, longer lines, students not participating in the lunch program and a general feeling of being un-appreciated.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

Bob Hines-spouse of a food service worker, spoke about the increase of outside food deliveries that cut into the food service participation and pose a potential safety risk. He commented on the food service being understaffed, employees not getting lunch and breaks and the difficulty and cost associated with applying for a food service job.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

Peggy Hardin-Food Service employee raised concerns over the purchases of unnecessary equipment and other items, she suggested employees be asked for their input before spending food service money.

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month: Mr. Robert Wolsek, Grogan Administrator, introduced the November Employee of the Month, Mr. Brian Wallace, to the board. He was presented with a plaque to honor him for his exemplary work ethic and pride in his job. He is the lead custodian at Grogan and has worked for the district since 2010.

Food Service Report: Mr. Mark Rodriguez, Food Service Director, gave the board a Power Point presentation reviewing the changes he has made within the Food Service Department since he began working for that department in August 2018. Mr. Rodriguez explained MLPH-Meals Per Labor Hour and how our department compares with the industry standard. We have had a reduction in student participation which he attributes to the decline in district enrollment. Even with the closure of a serving line at the high school the student participation remains the same. He reviewed things that hurt/affect the department; open campus at Anderson, fast food being brought in from outside at Anderson, district half days, snow days and vending sales.

Increased lunch prices are going into effect at St. Pius in January 2019. A 15% service fee will be implemented on Latchkey food orders that are unrelated to the National School Lunch Program. These monthly orders require food service employee time to fulfill these orders; ordering online, accepting the GFS delivery, food service driver making deliveries and the invoicing.

Student surveys at Anderson have revealed reasons why students are not participating in our food service program and included suggestions for foods they would like to have. The food service department will be making changes in January 2019 for new food concepts and presenting foods with eye appeal.

Discussion took place about the unhappiness of food service employees, the amount of time a student has for lunch, the length of time a student waits in a serving line, increasing student participation with new items being offered and whether the budget needs to be increased. Board members requested information about the outside business' coming in to deliver food to the buildings and the security issues this may present. Administration will look into this.

CONSENT

2018/19-56 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the minutes from November 13, 2018 Work Session and Regular Meeting and the HR Update as presented.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

ACTION

1. **Approval of position on 'lame duck' legislative session:** Ms. Pastor explained the Tri-County Alliance (TCA) issued a statement calling on the legislature to take no action on rushing legislation through during the upcoming 'lame duck' legislative session. Last week the State Board of Education voted to adopt TCA's statement as their own formal position on the issue. Mr. Estheimer and Ms. Pastor will be traveling to Lansing tomorrow to meet with the governor elect and legislators to try to encourage them to leave all educational issues alone until after the new session begins.

2018/19-57 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio the board support the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature is about to commence its Lame Duck Session, and

WHEREAS, decisions made in Lame Duck that impact public schools and our education system often have long term effects on our schools and children, and

WHEREAS, issues that affect public education deserve thorough review and debate, and

WHEREAS, ensuring proper review and debate on concepts and legislation that impact schools has the potential to create better solutions, and

WHEREAS, educators, board members, and community members are willing to guide and support well thought out legislation, and

WHEREAS, the next legislative session provides ample time for debate, dialogue, and review of legislation that impact children and schools, and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education (TCA) encourages legislators to leave any legislative action on education policies for the next Legislature and Governor,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southgate School District supports the position of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education (TCA) and similarly encourages legislators to leave any legislative action on education policies for the next Legislature and Governor when there is time for thoughtful review.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

2. **Approval of Graphic Arts Printer:** Ms. McLachlan explained to the board they are being asked to approve the purchase of a Roland VG-540 Printer/Cutter for the Graphic Arts vocational education program. It provides many advanced learning opportunities for the program, including creating view-through perforated vinyl for windows for enhanced security measures at a considerable cost savings. The funding for this purchase is provided by the added cost carryover funds from the Downriver Career Technical Consortium. Ms. Ann Marie Barnard, Graphic Arts Teacher was on hand to answer questions. Ms. Pastor added, that during recent active intruder training concerns were raised about the visibility into the offices at our buildings from the vestibules. She had a company come out and give her estimates on window graphics prior to finding out about the potential purchase of this machine by the Graphic Arts Department. The quote Ms. Pastor received was for approximately \$28,000.00 for the type of material this machine can produce. Ms. Barnard gave the board a handout showing examples of what the printer/cutter and do. She explained the Center for Creative Studies, where some of her former students attend, wants to put together a program to teach students on a work based learning how to run the equipment and use this new technology. They are willing to work with us and develop the graphics for our entryways. Providing both security and promotional value to our district. Ms. Barnard commented that this is a great learning experience for the students and there are many other ways this machine can be a benefit to the district by creating; banners, labels, posters, car stickers etc. Discussion took place about this model and its features, funding for this machine (funds used for this are from DCTC, no general funds will be used), durability, maintenance and the cost savings with a machine like this.

2018/19-58 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the purchase of a Roland VG-540 Printer/Cutter from BES Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$22,828.00.

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

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio announced the dates of the Band-A-Rama, Friday December 7 through Sunday December 9th.

Ms. Pastor announced Anderson High School Drama Club is presenting The Crucible at AHS on Thursday Nov. 29th, Friday Nov. 30th and Saturday Dec. 1st at 7p.m.

Mr. Estheimer will report back to the board about the trip he will be taking to Lansing with the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

2018/19-59 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer, support by Mr. Green, the board adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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