



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: December 11, 2018 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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:

2018-19-61 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the Board approve the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting Agenda.

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

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Jerry Stacy, parent of an AHS student and member of the Robotics Club, expressed concerns with the classroom used for building and the potential move of their equipment from that space. Ms. Pastor will gather information and contact Mr. Stacy.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of new Asher Administrator: Ms. Pastor introduced Ms. Kaendall McVicker to the board. Ms. McVicker addressed the board and spoke of her Education background and positions she held prior to coming to Southgate. She attended Adrian Public Schools and graduated from Sienna Heights University. She began her career in Adult and Alternative Education, recently re-starting an Adult Education Program in Livingston County. Adult Education is a passion of hers and she is excited to be in Southgate to continue the great work at Asher.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

Quiz Bowl Update: Ms. Furkas addressed the board and introduced Senior, Jessica Lee and Junior, Ben Altizer members of the Quiz Bowl Team. Matches have been against Trenton, Annapolis, Lincoln Park, Romulus, Wyandotte Roosevelt and Huron. There are two matches left, against Woodhaven and Riverview they will be held January 9th at Wayne County Community College 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Board members were invited to attend. The team is having a successful year, there record is 4-1. Freshman are encouraged to join Quiz Bowl.

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Employee of the Month: Ms. Thomas presented Employee of the Month, Gail Appleby. Ms. Appleby is a Special Education Paraprofessional who has worked in the district for 11 years in every building with children of many different needs. Ms. Thomas said Ms. Appleby has an amazing ability to build relationships with anybody no matter what their need is. She read many kind statements from staff members. When Ms. Thomas asked for nominations for employee of the month, Ms. Appleby received multiple nominations.

CONSENT

2018/19-62 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the minutes from November 27, 2018, HR Update and Disbursements for November 2018.

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

NO:

ACTION

1. **Approval of 2019 Annual Summer Tax Resolution:** Ms. McLachlan explained this tax resolution is required annually because the district has a 100% summer tax levy and the recommendation is that the district continue levying these summer taxes for the 2019 tax year. This maintains proper cash flow in the district as there is no state aid payment in September. A copy of this resolution is required to be filed with each city within our district's boundaries on or before December 31, 2018.

2018/19-63 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This Board, previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the Revised School Code), invokes for 2019 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests that each city and/or township in which the District is located collect those summer taxes.
2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2019 in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2019.
3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCL 380.1611 or MCL 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

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

NO:

2. **MASB Nomination:** Mr. Estheimer explained the board is being asked to select Dr. Pomponio to be placed on a ballot for the MASB Board of Directors Region 8. Michigan Region 8 board members will vote for the MASB board director through a ballot approval process at a later date. The position is to oversee MASB activities, classes and establish operating policies. Dr. Pomponio has worked with the MASB program, government relations, Resolution and By-Law Committees, and board courses through MASB-Michigan Association of School Boards. She has obtained the highest board member award level 7 and was awarded MASB President's Award.

2018/19-64 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Kupser, the board approve the nomination of Dr. Pomponio to be placed on the ballot for the Michigan Association of School Board's Board of Director seat.

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

NO:

Ms. Mossop commented that a point of pride is Dr. Pomponio's exemplary status with maintaining and keeping up with legislative, state and federal levels, this is a special interest of hers, she is very involved and highly qualified.

Dr. Pomponio accepted the nomination.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Estheimer announced Fordline's Santa Secret Shop begins December 12. Volunteers are needed. Parents are encouraged to visit the Angel Tree in the lobby for tags listing items for needy Fordline families. All items need to be returned by Monday December 17. Fordline PTO has a meeting Thursday December 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Children are welcome. Shelters Kids Concert is December 12 at 6:p.m. for Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Grades 3rd through 5th is at 6:45 p.m. Shelters Santa Shop is looking for volunteers.

Mr. Estheimer and Ms. Pastor were in Lansing on November 28 on the first day of the Lame Duck Session. They joined together with many other teachers, superintendents and board members throughout the state to encourage lawmakers to keep their hands off of education during the lame duck. They met with local representatives including Mr. Liberati. The results so far have not been positive, everyone is encouraged to reach out to their legislators, Senators and Representatives to encourage them to keep their hands off of public education and allow the incoming representatives to do their job as they were elected to do. Rushed or rash decisions during the Lame Duck are irresponsible for our teachers, students and families.

Mr. Freitas announced the Girls Varsity Basketball team is working to bring Southgate Community together. They will be having a Titan Night to honor each school by inviting them to be special guests at a girls' home game. Davidson Middle School will be the first school honored on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Friday, January 11, 2019 will be Fordline Elementary. Other schools will be announced soon. There will be a "Pink-Out" honoring cancer survivors and bring more awareness about cancer sometime in February, more details will follow.

Ms. Pastor announced the District received notification today from the Michigan Department of Education that all four elementary schools, Asher and Beacon qualify for free breakfast and lunch. Beginning January 7th all students will receive free breakfast and lunch. Currently DMS and AHS are not there with direct certifications and the formulas. She believes in the next few years they will also be added to the free lunch. We may be working towards eating breakfast in classrooms but it will not be instantaneous. We cannot house all of the students at breakfast, we will be working on doing that in smart shifts as different buildings are ready to go on board. Students will be receiving a flyer and we will be posting it on Social Media so that if parents do have any positive accounts we will be refunding their money from those six buildings.

The district found out yesterday they have received their 501C status for our Southgate Education Foundation. MOD Pizza opened up on December 6 and they are committed to working with the community and school district. They reached out to Ms. Pastor and they are sponsoring a "Pay What You Want Day" on Friday December 21st. This means when your order comes up for pizza and salad, they will tell you the amount and you can pay more and those proceeds will all come to the Southgate Education Foundation. This will take place from 10:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. This information will be shared through "all-staff" emails and Social Media.

ADJOURNMENT

2018/19-65 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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