



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: January 22, 2019 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Freitas, Lamos

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Baker-Herring, Morin, Pastor

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
RICK LAMOS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. Pomponio added Action Item #3-Approval of the purchase of HAAS TL-2 Tool Room Lathe.

2018/19-73 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Kupser, the board approve the January 22, 2019 revised agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio

NO:

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

THERESA MCLACHLAN, C.P.A.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month-Renne' Chilson, Allen Elementary Administrator, introduced Veronica Giancecchi, Administrative Assistant at Allen Elementary, as the January Employee of the Month. Ms. Chilson said staff members unanimously nominated Ms. Giancecchi, when she asked them at a staff meeting who they might choose to be the Employee of the Month. She presented her with a plaque and a poster describing the qualities that make her such an important part of the staff and the reasons staff members wanted to recognize her.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

CONSENT

2018/19-74 It was moved by Mr. Kupser supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the January 8, 2019 minutes and HR Update as presented.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio

NO:

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

ACTION

1. **March Application period for School of Choice for Kindergarten:** Ms. Pastor is requesting the school board approve School of Choice enrollment for up to 50 kindergarten seats. She provided board members with copies of the Wayne RESA application and the current statistics for School of Choice students.

Discussion took place regarding the process for determining the number of students accepted, advertised for and what our goal is for stabilizing our numbers.

2018/19-75 It was moved Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the School of Choice application period for up to 50 kindergarten seats for a 2-week period from Monday, March 4, 2019 to Friday, March 15, 2019.

Mr. Craig commented that he will support this but is really starting to lean towards not supporting this in the future. He doesn't know that the answer is pulling from other districts.

Mr. Kupser commented that he somewhat understands Mr. Craig's point, but if we don't approve, it's not like other district's won't approve it themselves. They would have the ability to pull from our resident population. We would be allowing ourselves to not have additional income per student FTE to come in. If everyone else is playing the game and we don't, it puts us at a disadvantage. As much as he would like to have our citizen's served by our district, until all the other districts that are suctioning out of our city get on board the same way we are just doing ourselves a disadvantage.

Mr. Craig doesn't disagree, we just can't seem to get an answer as to what is that number of kids, the right number. He also questioned the transient population and how long the School of Choice students remain in our district.

Dr. Pomponio feels as long as a student wants to come to Southgate and districts around us are taking School of Choice, we need to offer them opportunity to be a Southgate Titan. There is room for discussion if we were to head into deficit, to look at the big picture. She wants to see us offer this to students if everyone around us is opening their doors.

Mr. Kupser commented that we need to make a concerted effort to find out why we are losing students as well as how long students from other districts stay with us.

Ms. Pastor said she sent out 50 personalized notes to students who have left the district and asking the parents to call with suggestions about what we might do moving forward. She received only one call. We are having difficulty getting those exit surveys completed. We have tried different ways; from phone calls to notes, parents don't respond.

Discussion took place about some of the reasons people might leave and how we can get ahead of this.

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

2. **Approval of Parent Volunteer:** Ms. Pastor explained the board received a copy of an email and the ICHAT of a parent who wishes to volunteer for Southgate Schools. The board has the option of approving it or not approving it based on the information that was attached.

Discussion took place regarding the process of running a background check through Michigan State Police ICHAT, how a parent is notified of a negative result and the appeal process when they have been denied.

2018/19-76 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board not allow parent 2018-19-1 to volunteer for Southgate Schools.

Discussion took place regarding the time-frame of the offenses and the supporting the superintendent when she initially denies a parent due to their background.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Pomponio

NO: Kupser

- 3. Approval of the purchase of HAAS TL-2 Toolroom Lathe:** Mr. John Nasarzewski, Director of DCTC, addressed the board and let them know that due to the specialized nature of this equipment, he was requesting the School Board to consider a variation in the bid process due to the sole source nature of this item. This will allow the item to be purchased through grant funds and reimbursement from DCTC/Wayne County, at no cost to Southgate Community School District. Gerotech is the local distributor for HAAS CNC equipment. They already provide extensive educational discounts for schools. Since the Mechatronics program is also a dual enrollment program with Henry Ford College, we needed to ensure it is the same equipment they use at the college. It is also the same equipment that many of our local companies use. The 61 - (c) grant only allotted the required amount to purchase this piece of equipment. For this equipment (approximately \$40,000) if there is a 4% increase in its price, this will result in a price increase of \$1600. A link was provided to show some overall equipment prices. For the item from the grant, it is a toolroom lathe, or TL-2.

Discussion took place about the grant money and the procedures in place for reimbursement.

2018/19-77 It was moved by Mr. Kupser supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the purchase of HAAS TL-2 Toolroom Lathe not to exceed \$40,000.

Mr. Craig explained, there is a procedure in place for spending money, this is somewhat circumventing it a bit, but due to the unique nature of the specialized equipment and urgency on ordering it, they will skip it.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio

NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio announced the bathroom stalls project at DMS is still being worked on. It should be finished Jan. 26th or 27th. If parents or staff want to help, they are trying to complete the project so the writing can be placed on the stalls and ready for students to be inspired.

Mr. Kupser would like to add an item to the retreat, the budget graph, how it is reviewed as a board, what the board will do with the information and how the superintendent can be prepared for that set of questions.

ADJOURNMENT

2018/19-78 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Green, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Kupser, Pomponio

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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