



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: March 26, 2019 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kupser

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Baker-Herring, Morin, Pastor

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lamos added Action Items #8 Finance Committee & Members and Action Item #9 Policy/Personnel Committee & Members.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS
ANDREW A. GREEN
RICK LAMOS

2018/19-100 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the Board approve the March 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with revisions.

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

NO:

ADMINISTRATION

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

PRESENTATIONS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

CONSENT

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

2018/19-101 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the March 12, 2019 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes, HR Update and Disbursement for February 2019.

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

NO:

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

ACTION

- 1. Trip Request for the International Career Development Conference:** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve an overnight and out-of-state trip request for two Anderson High School students and 2 adult advisors to compete at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando Florida, from April 25, 2019 to May 1, 2019. These two students qualified during the state competition. The funds to pay for this competition are coming from DCTC.

2018/19-102 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Dr. Pomponio the board approve the April 25, 2019 to May 1, 2019 trip request for students and advisors to attend the International Career Development Conference in Orlando Florida.

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

- 2. Trip Request for Davidson students to attend the Washington, D.C. area in May of 2020:** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve an overnight and out-of-state trip request for approximately 140 students and 16 to 25 adult chaperones to attend the Washington, D. C. area from May 18, 2020 to May 22, 2020. Board members commented that this trip is looked forward to each year by students and parents, it has become a right-of-passage for our students. The approval of this now allows students to begin fundraising early, to save money.

2018/19-103 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the May 18, 2020 to May 22, 2020 trip request for Davidson students to attend the Washington, D.C. area.

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

- 3. Trip request for JROTC Cadets to attend the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (Summer Camp):** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve an overnight and out-of-state trip request for approximately 20 cadets to attend the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (Summer Camp) from Sunday, June 23, 2019 through Friday, June 28, 2019. Board members commented that this is an amazing experience for our cadets, who come back and give the board a very professional presentation about their time at camp.

2018/19-104 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the June 23, 2019 to June 28, 2019 trip request for cadets to attend JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (Summer Camp).

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

- 4. Extension of Yeo & Yeo contract for 2019 audit:** Ms. Pastor explained this is a one-year contract extension for Yeo & Yeo that the board is being asked to approve. A letter from Yeo & Yeo was included in the board packets. Discussion took place about the bid process for the auditing contract and the need for a level of consistency with the recent vacancy of our Business Manager.

2018/19-105 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the one-year contract extension for Yeo & Yeo as presented.

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

NO:

5. **The purchase of equipment for the recently approved Machine Trades & Engineering Course:** Ms. Pastor explained that per board policy #5003 all items that exceed \$3,500 must be brought to the Board for approval. This equipment includes 4 Lathe Motors and Gear Assemblies and 4 Controls, stand, tooling/work bed. This equipment will be purchased using DCTC funds. Discussion took place about how the money is refunded to the district by DCTC after we make the purchase. Board members commented on the detailed presentation by Mr. Nasarzewski at the last meeting and the great support DCTC is getting from local business to help our students begin phenomenal careers.

2018/19-106 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the purchase of the equipment for the new Machine Trades & Engineering course as described in the quote not to exceed \$34,088.00.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Lamos, Pomponio.

NO:

6. **Transfer of Barbara Wilson from Accountant to the Director of Business & Finance:** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve the transfer of Barbara Wilson to the position of Director of Business and Finance. She is being recommended for this position, to the board, by the interview team consisting of Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Jason Kupser, Rick Lamos, Chris Wlodkowski, Michelle Baker-Herring, Kelly Thomas, Ryan Furkas, Jerry Morin and Jill Pastor. Barbara Wilson has verbally accepted an offer of the position contingent on board approval.

2018/19-107 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the appointment of Barbara Wilson as the Director of Business and Finance.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Lamos, Pomponio.

NO:

7. **The designation of District Liaison to the Office of School Safety and the School Safety Commission:** Ms. Pastor explained that pursuant to Public Act 549, the Southgate Community School District Board of Education is required to designate a district liaison to the Office of School Safety and the School Safety Commission and provide named of emergency contract for the Attorney General Hotline as described in MCL 752.913.

2018/19-108 Mr. Green made the following motion supported by Dr. Pomponio:

WHEREAS, Public Act 435 of 2018 establishes the Office of School Safety within the Department of State Police; the Office of School Safety is tasked with working with the Michigan Department of Education to created model practice for school safety and offering school safety trainings to school districts;

WHEREAS, Public Act 538 of 2018 requires the Department of State Police to create a School Safety Commission to review model practices for determining school safety measures and to make policy recommendations to the Office of School Safety;

WHEREAS, Public Act 549 of 2018 requires the Board to designate a District employee to act as a liaison to both the newly-created Office of School Safety and the School Safety Commission;

WHEREAS, the District's designated liaison to the Office of School Safety and School Safety Commission must be a District employee who regularly and continuously works under contract for the District;

WHEREAS, under the Student Safety Act, MCL 752.913(3), the Attorney General is responsible for operating a hotline that allows the public to submit reports regarding potential self-harm and potential harm or criminal acts directed at school students, school employees, or school in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 670 of 2018 requires the governing body of a school to provide, at least biannually, to the Department of State Police current emergency contact information for at least 1 school official to ensure that the school official is able to receive information submitted through the hotline described above.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED;

1. That the Superintendent is directed to designate an individual employed by the District or who is assigned to regularly and continuously work under contract for the District to act as a liaison to the Office of School Safety and the School Safety Commission and the Superintendent shall notify the Department of State Police of the designated liaison by March 28, 2019; and
2. That the superintendent is directed to provide the contact information of at least 1 school official within the District to receive information from the Attorney General's hotline, to the Department of State Police by March 28, 2019 as required by Public Act 670.

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

NO:

8. **Finance Committee & Members:** Ms. Pastor explained this was discussed at the February 26, 2019 Board Retreat.

2018/19-109 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve establishing "Finance Committee" as a standing committee for the Board of Education through January 31, 2020 with the following members: Tim Estheimer, Neil Freitas and Jason Kupser.

Discussion took place about why this dates takes us through Jan. 31, 2020. It allows for the board retreat to be held prior to new members being appointed to the committee.

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

NO:

9. **Policy/Personnel Committee & Members:** Ms. Pastor explained this too, was discussed at the February 26, 2019 Retreat.

2018/19-110 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve establishing "The Policy/Personnel Committee" as a standing committee for the Board of Education through January 31, 2020 with the following members: Andy Green, Rick Lamos and Dr. Darlene Pomponio.

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

NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio attended the JROTC banquet and commented on the great job done by the JROTC. The Cadets were courteous and friendly and she thanked Col. Clemons and the cadets. Dr. Pomponio has been invited to meet with Governor at a Town Hall Meeting in Detroit on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

Mr. Estheimer concurred with the comments regarding JROTC. Winter Guard came in 1st Place at their competition and he congratulated them. Mr. Estheimer thanked Shelters and Fordline Elementary teachers; Ms. Babyak, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Clark and Ms. Mitchell for allowing him to come in and read to their classes during March is Reading Month. He let the board know that he attended the Wayne County Association of School Board Meeting on March 21 which was primarily about lame duck legislation some of which was voted on by the board at this meeting. Mr. Estheimer will share the information he received with board members.

Mr. Green shared "great things" going on in Southgate Public Schools to encourage parents to keep their students in our school system. We are heading in the right direction. From the top of administration to board members continuing their training and receiving awards, being elected to MASB position, all are working hard which trickles down to the teachers who are working hard with our students. There are many activities in our elementary buildings, our teams and groups are competing and succeeding in their competitions. We have a student council member from our district that was nominated for Student of the Year. There are many great things going on in our district and he implored parents to become aware of them. He wished all spring sports teams good luck and everyone a Happy Spring Break.

Ms. Pastor asked if a meeting could be set up with her and the new Policy/Personnel Committee to review suggested changes by Lusk Albertson. PFM, our financial group, put together a presentation called Michigan School Capital Finance. They along with Plant Moran CRESA are willing to come to a meeting to explain our options coming up. It will coincide with our facilities assessment presentation in April. This is information only. Ms. Pastor also informed the board that Debbie Dingell's office contacted our district to ask if the congresswoman could come in to read to kids during the March is Reading Month, without fan-fare. She went to Shelter's Elementary, read to the kids and answered their questions. Administrator, Ms. Gundick said she was wonderful. Ms. Dingell also stopped in to the Robotics Competition. Ms. Pastor commented that she attended her first Robotics Competition on Friday and returned Saturday with her husband to spend the day she loved it and is now hooked on Robotics Competitions.

Mr. Green added, the Quiz Bowl Team is going to the State Championship in Lansing.

Mr. Estheimer thanked Mr. Green for pointing out all of the great things going on in Southgate Schools and congratulated Mr. Green on achieving his Level 100 MASB award.

ADJOURNMENT

2018/19-111 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Green the board adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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