



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**City Council Chambers**

**14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195**

**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

**DATE: April 9, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Craig, Freitas, Green, Kupser, Lamos, Pomponio

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Estheimer

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Pastor, Wilson

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS  
ANDREW A. GREEN  
RICK LAMOS

**REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2018/19-112 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Kupser, the board approve the April 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

NO:

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**ADMINISTRATION**

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

**PRESENTATIONS**

Facilities Assessment: Rob Kakoczki and Mark Sawyer-PMC, gave the board a Power-Point presentation detailing the most recent facility and IT Assessment Report. The condition of our buildings and the cost summary, by priority, was reviewed. The terms used for prioritizing; Good/Fair/Poor were compared and defined as to what constitutes a critical need. Photos were provided to back up the assessment. Each district building was assessed. Plumbing, Site Condition. HVAC, Electrical and Safety/Security systems were prioritized by Critical Need, Deferrable Maintenance, Property Enhancement and Other Assessments (future potential projects). The board was given explanation in a detailed report for each building.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, BOM

Mr. Sawyer summarized the IT Assessment by building. The district provided documentation and information that assisted in the preparation of the assessment. Infrastructure Technologies, Applications, Instructional Hardware, Instructional Support Technology and Safety/Security Technology were the areas of focus. Each area was rated on a scale by; Trend, Sustainability, Risk and Priority and a Summary of Recommendations was given. The board received a detailed report of the IT assessment.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Discussion took place regarding the cost of a pool, how the conditions were assessed, and determining what the critical needs are and how to prioritize them. Additional discussion about; funding, capital vs operational costs and tracking rebates.

Mr. Kakoczki stated he has been with the district throughout the bond project so he has a very good perspective on what has been addressed and what our needs still are.

**CONSENT**

2018/19-113 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Kupser, the board approve the March 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, HR Update and Disbursements for March 2019.

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

**EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None

**ACTION**

1. **Support of Governor Whitmer's Budget Proposal:** Ms. Pastor is requesting that the board support Governor Whitmer's Budget Proposal.

2018/19-114 It was moved by Mr. Freitas supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the following motion:

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Constitution requires the state to support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the non-partisan School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC) has provided Michigan with comprehensive recommendations on how to change our approach to how we fund Michigan's school to fully prepare all students for careers and success; and

**WHEREAS**, the SFRC and other school finance studies have pointed to the need for significant new funding for K-12 school in addition to changing how those dollars are allocated to reflect the unique needs of each individual students; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has released a proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget that reflects the work and recommendations of the SFRC; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school aid budget represents a historic investment in school across Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget would provide an additional \$495 x pupil to Southgate Community School District and better support the programs our students rely on; and

**WHEREAS**, Groups representing Michigan's business, education, labor and environmental communities have come out in support of Governor Whitmer's budget recommendations as the right path forward for Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, School districts in Michigan must approve next year's Fiscal Year budgets by July 1, 2019;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Southgate Community School District believes that Governor Gretchen Whitmer's budget recommendations put the needs of our students first and foremost and we encourage the Michigan Legislature to support them.

*Dr. Pomponio stated she had an opportunity to meet with the Governor in a small, town-hall get-together with a few invited guests. She did a good job with the data that was representing the past budget for our school district per-pupil funding. Dr. Pomponio thinks it's a great idea that her attention is on the education and student funding, but she is cautiously supporting because it sounds good, it's the very beginning of her term, but she does not see a lot of details where she would have liked to.*

*Mr. Kupser commented that beyond the televising of this meeting and the board voting and the meeting minutes, what mechanism is used to urge Michigan Legislators to pass and the governor to sign this bill. He asked what comes from the district?*

*Ms. Pastor replied that the basic premise is that the school boards across the state do or do not support the budget only to show the legislature that it's been brought up at a board and been supported or not have been supported by the 500 + school districts in Michigan.*

*Mr. Green added this goes to the Education Committee in Lansing, if the majority of school boards vote against it, that's going to be a red flag on her budget.*

*Mr. Lamos asked about the foundation allowance change.*

*Ms. Pastor said it is right on the state website and the amount would be an additional \$495 per student.*

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

NO:

2. **Approval of Contract Extension for D.M. Burr Group:** Ms. Pastor requested that the board approve a one-year contract extension for custodial, grounds and maintenance between D. M. Burr Facilities Management and Southgate Community Schools. This Contract would not be any increase for the district.

2018/19-115 It was moved by Mr. Kupser supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve a one-year contract extension for custodial, grounds and maintenance between D. M. Burr Facilities Management and Southgate Community Schools.

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

NO:

3. **Approval of School of Choice for Kindergarten:** Ms. Pastor requested that the board approve the School of Choice enrollment for Kindergarten as presented in the attached document. This enrollment would complete the 50 spots that the Board of Education approved at the January 22, 2019 meeting.

2018/19-116 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Kupser, the board approve the School of Choice application period as outlined for a 14-day period from Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 16, 2019 for Kindergarten students.

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

NO:

4. **Approval of School of Choice for Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>:** Ms. Pastor requested that the board approve the School of Choice enrollment for 1<sup>st</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades, as presented in the attached document. Discussion took place about the number of spots available. The documentation did not clearly describe the exact number of available spots per grade. The board decided to table this item until the April 23, 2019 meeting.

2018/19-117 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board table Action Item #4 until the next board meeting for the purpose of accurate numbers.

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

NO:

*Further discussion took place about the loss of students and how we track that information. Ms. Pastor said the ad-staff and cabinet are looking at a mechanism for tracking this information.*

#### **EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None

#### **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Green commented that Mr. Freitas did a great job reading motion #2 and the torch has been passed.

Dr. Pomponio mentioned that the Anti-Bullying Committee talked about getting a PTO into Davidson, that was done and some awesome parents have participated with the PTO this year. The PTO is very active right now and a recent project they have been working on for the anti-bullying connection, was the Inspirational Project. The parents and the PTO worked on painting the bathroom stalls with support from sponsors and the community. The project was completed over the weekend. Dr. Pomponio thanked; Tittle Brothers and Ken Mack who donated funds and painted the quotes, Lowes-who donated the primer, paint and brushes. She especially thanked Megan Rickel and the parents who are active in the PTO for all they do to help the teachers and administration. Ms. Rickel spearheaded the project, getting the people together and encouraging parents to go in weekends and days off to work on this. She said the project turned out beautiful and encouraged everyone to go see it. The News Herald is going to a story on it.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

2018/19-118 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Mr. Kupser, the board adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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

NO:

#### **WORK SESSION**

1. **Future Bond Discussion Plan:** Ms. Pastor explained that one of the things we can do is invite PFM Financial to a meeting to present the financial opportunities, Plant Moran CRESA could come back as well. She is asking the board what they would like to do so she can plan and schedule everyone.  
Mr. Craig commented that a meeting all on its own, as a work session, to address the facilities assessment, what we could bond for and when we could do that, might be better than pairing all of this information with a regular board meeting.

Mr. Kupser asked about the temperament of the community to pass a bond and if there is some type of data point that we bring to that type of discussion as well as the timing of an election

Ms. Pastor said the representative from PFM Financial, Kari Blanchett, would have that kind of information, including when we would need to go for a bond that doesn't increase taxes.

Board members agreed this is going to be a separate meeting and will get dates to Ms. Pastor so she can schedule everyone who needs to be in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2018/19-119 It was moved by Mr. Kupser supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board adjourn the Work Session at 8:25 p.m.

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

NO:

*Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski*

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Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary  
Board of Education

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