



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: May 28, 2019 7:05 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Baker-Herring, Morin, Pastor, Wilson

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Kupser added Action Item #2-Approval of the contract between the Southgate Community School District and Southgate Special Education Paraprofessional Association Southgate Chapter.

2018/19-149 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the May 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting agenda with revision.

ADMINISTRATION

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

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Marquis Jackson addressed the board about the concerns he has regarding the treatment his son has received at Anderson High School after an issue his son was involved in. He raised questions about the Student Code of Conduct and the role of the school in helping his son with his well-being and academic success. Ms. Pastor addressed Mr. Marquis stating she will reach out to him in the morning.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, BOM

Ms. Vicki Dobbins addressed the board about bullying. It is unacceptable and we need to pay attention to our young people and what is happening to them. She is a member of the River Rouge School Board.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

Ms. Gena Stewart-President of the Western Wayne County NAACP, addressed the board about the fair treatment of all students, specifically the treatment of Mr. Jackson's son. She asked that the intervention process be looked into when it comes to a student being disciplined for a code of conduct violation. She asked that the school board has some procedures in place to make sure this is fixed.

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

Mr. Keith Stewart addressed the board with his concerns about the assistance given to students who get themselves in trouble. He asked that counselors and coaches work with students instead of telling them they will never play a sport again. These things shouldn't be said and steps should be put in place.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month: Mr. Robert Wolsek, Grogan Elementary Administrator, presented the Employee of the Month award to Ms. Melissa Kochanoski. She is the Young 5's kindergarten teacher at Grogan Elementary. She began working for Southgate Schools in 2001, and has taught hundreds of kids. She is the Grogan School Improvement chairperson, Grogan Social Committee Chairperson and is involved with the kindergarten screening process. She put together the kits that are used in our kindergarten readiness assessment. She gives generously of her time and talents. A full-time teacher, full-time wife and a full-time mother. Mr. Wolsek commented that we are very lucky to have her. Ms. Kochanoski was nominated by two parents who recommended her based on the incredible growth and progress they have seen in their child. Their child has been made to feel safe and comfortable by Ms. Kochanoski, she has stood by him all year.

CONSENT

2018/19-150 It was moved by Mr. Kupser supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the minutes from May 14, 2019 and the HR Update as presented.

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

NO:

ACTION

1. **Approval of 2019 Door Hardware Replacement Services:** Ms. Pastor is requesting the board approve the bid award for door hardware replacement services at: Allen Elementary, Anderson High School, Asher School, Beacon-Day Treatment, Davidson Middle School, Fordline Elementary, Grogan Elementary and Shelters Elementary. This project is being funded by the MSP School Safety Grant. Administration is recommending that the contract be awarded to IDN Door & Hardware.

2018/19-151 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the award for the 2019 Door Hardware Replacement Services in an amount not to exceed \$98,125.00.

Discussion took place about lock down procedures/changes due to this hardware and meeting the specifications of compliance issues.

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

NO:

2. **Approval of the contract between the Southgate Community School District and Southgate Special Education Paraprofessional Association Southgate Chapter:** Mr. Morin explained to the board they are being asked to approve a two-year contract agreement for the Southgate Special Education Paraprofessionals as reviewed during the closed session. This contract would expire on August 31, 2020.

2018/19-152 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Kupser, the board approve the two-year agreement between the Southgate Community School District and Southgate Special Education Paraprofessional Association Southgate Chapter.

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

NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Estheimer announced that Shelters Elementary is in need of volunteers for field day Thursday June 6. More information is on the Shelters PTO Facebook page. Shelters carnival is Friday June 7, from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. He and Ms. Pastor attended the Beacon Graduation and he thanked the staff for organizing the celebration. He and his fellow colleagues are looking forward to attending the AHS Honors Assembly tomorrow night, to recognize the accomplishments of the Anderson Grads and with great honor they will attend their graduation on Tuesday June 4. The board will attend the Asher Graduation ceremony on Thursday May 30. He congratulated our hard-working grads.

He gave an update from the Capitol; the senate passed the school aid budget narrowly it was a 21-17 vote on May 22. The house has yet to provide its version of the budget. The Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference met to determine the estimated revenues for the state for the upcoming year. The School Aid Fund was estimated to be \$68 million lower than what was projected in January for the remainder of this fiscal year. The state's General Fund is projected to be higher than the January estimate by \$151.5 million. These figures traditionally drive final budget negotiations. So fingers crossed that will be supported in the House. MASB formally supports governor Whitmer's proposal as did this board on April 9th, including necessary revenue increases.

Mr. Estheimer will be in Lansing next week to encourage passage of that bill and to encourage support of the proposal. The House Education Committee heard a presentation on school mental health. Hopefully this furthers the conversation on what can be done throughout the state to increase mental health services and mental health professionals in our schools.

Dr. Pomponio, in honor of Memorial Day, wanted to recognize public servants as well as the military veterans, teachers, nurses, police and firefighters. She thanked them for their everyday service to the public with support and honor of them.

She mentioned we had an anti-bullying committee, that has been set aside for now, but she wanted the students and public to know that we are still looking at anti-bullying and stressed the importance of always being aware, especially as we enter summer break. Students need to speak up, talk to their parents or a teacher. Bullying is happening whether we know it or not, whether we have a committee or not. She will always support people who struggle with bullying, who are not getting help and try to reach out to someone. She wants students and parents to know we have Ok-to-Say, where they can report anonymously. If students see that friends are being bullied or if they see anything that's happening, it's not tolerated, so speak up, step up, call Ok-to-Say or reach out to a friend. She is advocating for awareness of anti-bullying.

Dr. Pomponio gave her congratulations to the Class of 2019.

Mr. Freitas wanted to send a special thank you to Ms. Amy Sokolowski and Ms. April Schuck for coordinating the 7th Grade Washington D.C. trip. This is a lot of work, but students will remember this for the rest of their lives. He also thanked the staff that attended, making this an awesome trip. He thanked the parents that helped by chaperoning and helping out with all the different fundraising. Their dedication to our students is greatly appreciated and he thanked them.

ADJOURNMENT

2018/19-153 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Lamos, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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