



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: June 11, 2019 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kupser, Lamos

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Baker-Herring, Pastor, Wilson

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TREASURER

JASON R. KUPSER

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2018/19-154 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the June 11, 2019 board meeting agenda.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS
ANDREW A. GREEN
RICK LAMOS

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Gina Wilson-Steward, President of the Western Wayne County NAACP let the board know when their group meets. She wanted the board to know they are always available to help where needed and gave the board her cell phone number.

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

Mr. Jackson thanked the board for the opportunity to speak at the last board meeting. He wanted to publicly thank Ms. Pastor for following through with what she said she was going to do. Mr. Jackson said his son has made a big accomplishment in his emotional state and the family is very thankful.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, BOM

PRESENTATIONS

None

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

CONSENT

2018/19-155 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the May 28, 2019 Closed Session, Regular Board Meeting minutes and the Disbursements for May 2019.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

DIRECTOR OF

HUMAN RESOURCES

GERARD L. MORIN

ACTION

- 1. Approval of Final Amended Budget for 2018-2019:** Ms. Wilson explained the board was being asked to approve the amended budget. Supporting documentation was given to board members in their packets.

2018/19-156 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the 2018-2019 amended budgets for the General Operating Fund, Special Education Center Program Fund, Food Service Fund and Community Services Fund, as presented.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

- 2. Approval of the 2019 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029:** Ms. Wilson explained to the board, it is the recommendation from our debt fund advisors-PFM, that we maintain the current millage rate of 5.85 mills on the debt fund and 18 mills for the general fund which is the maximum we are allowed to levy. The board received a letter of documentation regarding this.

2018/19-157 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the 2019 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029, with authority given to the Superintendent to make revisions if necessary based on the budget hearing to be held prior to July 1, 2019.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

- 3. Approval of the purchase of Z-Turn Lawn Mower:** Ms. Pastor explained, as per board policy #5003, all items that exceed \$3,500 must be brought to the Board for approval. This piece of equipment is needed for our grounds and maintenance crew to continue to keep our grass cut regularly. Jacob Galarza-Jimenez was present to answer any specific questions the board had. Discussion took place about who owns the lawn care equipment and the condition it is currently in.

Mr. Galarza-Jimenez commented on the fact the equipment was not properly maintained over the years but now is being serviced in-house by his crew; oil changes, tire rotations. He will be keeping a proper inventory of everything we currently have and what we will be buying.

Ms. Pastor said we really are in need of two Z-Turn mowers but with the end of the fiscal year we are proposing one now and one in the 2019/2020 school year.

Mr. Galarza-Jimenez spoke about the difficulty he is having cutting the entire district with only a few working Z-Turn lawn mowers. The rain has not helped and continues to cause delays in cutting. He will not put our equipment at risk of being damaged if the conditions are too wet and cause our equipment to sink and get stuck.

Discussion took place about extended warranties on the Z-Turn Lawn Mower and the length of time it takes to cut our properties.

Ms. Wilson stated the funds for this are coming from a grant. She added this is a cost savings as we no longer pay an outside vendor to cut our grass.

Discussion took place about the appearance of our property, the weather conditions that have prevented us from taking care of the grass and extended warranties.

2018/19-158 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the purchase of the Z-Turn Lawn Mower from Sell's Equipment not to exceed \$8799.00

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

- 4. Approval of the Door Hardware Project:** Ms. Pastor explained, as board policy #5003, all items that exceed \$3,500 must be brought to the Board for approval. At our last meeting the board of education approved the bid award for door hardware services. Justin Sherman from IDN has inspected every door that was scheduled for the door hardware replacement. He discovered the number of locks needed to secure the desired areas is down to 271 (from 322). There are 30 doors and accompanying hardware throughout the district that need to be replaced due to excessive damage and deterioration. These doors must be replaced in order for new locksets to latch and operate appropriately. There are another 30 doors/frames that need to be modified and/or adjusted in order for existing door and new hardware to latch and operate appropriately. There are another 46 doors throughout the district that currently have either crash/panic exit hardware or a deadbolt. Board members were given supporting documentation for the quote for the additional 30 doors and the cost to modify existing doors and frames to allow the lock sets to operate appropriately. The quote represents \$165,907.00. The MSP grant award for this project was \$213,920.70. The remaining \$48,013.70 will be used to help replace as many of the crash/exit hardware as possible. The MSP has given permission for us to make these adjustments to our original grant proposal. This entire project will be covered by this grant.
- Discussion took place about crash/panic exit doors, fire code and the full RFP that was previously awarded. The additional doors needing replacement will be prioritized based on statistics of school shootings. The high school will be first then Davidson followed by Beacon.

2018/19-159 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve up to \$213,920.70 be used to replace doors and door hardware throughout the district.

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

- 5. Updated Policy Adoption:** Ms. Pastor explained the board is being asked to approve the adoption of the Updated Lusk Albertson Policies. These updates were recommended policy manual changes from Lusk Albertson. The committee: Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Mr. Andy Green and Mr. Rick Lamos met on April 16, 2019 and May 23, 2019 to review these changes. We would like to recommend these to the board for full approval.

2018/19-160 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the Updated Lusk Albertson Policies as presented by the Board of Education Policy Committee.

Mr. Estheimer thanked the committee for their work on this.

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

- 6. Chromebook Purchase 6-12 Mathematics and 9-12 Science:** Dr. Baker-Herring explained to the board that in an effort to continue the work toward the SCSD Curriculum Department's Long-Term Goals:
- #2. Work with SCSD Technology Department towards a 1:1 learning environment.
 - #3. Utilize Open Educational Resources (OER) to support curriculum development across the district.
- Dr. Baker-Herring would like to recommend the purchase of Chromebook Carts for 6-12 Math teachers and 9-12 Science teachers for \$154,748.60 with the dedicated \$200,000.00 Enhancement Millage funds. The remainder will be allocated for consumable workbooks, renewing the 6-8 Glencoe teacher online access, as well as science kit materials for the

Anderson High School Math and Science Department and the Davidson Middle School Math Department.

Discussion took place about the adoption of this prior to the budget approval, the urgent need for materials for our students and the timing of placing an order and having the material prior to students returning in the fall.

2018/19-161 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the purchase of 6-12 Math and 9-12 Science Chromebook carts to be purchased from the dedicated Enhancement Millage Funds.

Further discussion took place about the motion mentioning the fiscal year the funds would come out of. Board members discussed; approving this purchase prior to the budget approval, the budgets allocated for curriculum, maintenance and athletics, and how millage funds were allocated.

YES: Estheimer, Green, Pomponio

NO: Craig, Freitas

Motion fails.

Mr. Craig asked that this be brought back after an approved budget.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio expressed concerns over the House Based Budget out of Lansing, the cuts to school aid and revenue streams. She went to a town hall meeting with the governor. The governor spoke on helping the schools and the roads. Dr. Pomponio is hesitant about the resolution the governor proposed, that she wants district's support of, because we could actually lose money. They are changing the sales tax to the gas tax. There is potentially \$270 of student aid that's going to be cut. Dr. Pomponio said she will remain objective and unbiased, but the governor it out there promoting this and we are supposed to support it.

Mr. Green stated it is the House that wants to cut the funding not the governor.

Dr. Pomponio further explained her concern is with the students being tied in with the fix the roads tax for gas and we are going to lose funds for students. The governor wants to champion it but does not have a strategy.

Mr. Green wished everyone a good summer.

Mr. Estheimer congratulated our seniors and kindergartners and wished everyone a good summer.

ADJOURNMENT

2018/19-162 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Green, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

YES: Craig, Estheimer, Freitas, Green, Pomponio

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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