



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

JASON CRAIG

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

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

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Pastor, Baker-Herring

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TREASURER

RICK LAMOS

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Southgate City Clerk, Michelle Kessler, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Shawn Sage.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS
ANDREW A. GREEN
SHAWN SAGE

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lamos revised the agenda. Mr. Craig added action item #2 Election of Treasurer.

2019/20-17 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Estheimer, the board approve the September 10, 2019 agenda with revision.

ADMINISTRATION

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

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, BOM

PRESENTATIONS

Bond Scope Overview-Mr. Rob Kakoczki reviewed the steps that were taken by the committee and the process for developing the scope of work for a proposed bond. The committee met 4 time with 12-16 members in attendance. The committee consisted of board members, staff members, administrators and community members.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-HERRING

A review of the facility assessment, photos from each building and a walk through at the high school was conducted. A priority list was developed with work that should be included in a bond proposal. The priority list was discussed to determine the scope of work.

Mr. Kakoczki summarized the scope of work for each of the elementary schools, middle and high schools. Proposed scope of work at Asher, Beacon-Day and North Pointe were also included.

The board was given the Bond Planning Schedule with dates. Proposed election, March 10, 2020.

Discussion took place about the scope of work. There will be no new taxes with this bond.

CONSENT

2019/20-18 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the minutes from August 20, 2019 Special Meeting, August 27, 2019 Closed Session and August 27, 2019 Regular Meeting and HR update as presented.

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

ACTION

1. **Approval of the Bond Scope:** Ms. Pastor explained the board is being asked to approve the bond scope of work for the March 2020 Bond Election. The bond scope is based on the recommendation of the Bond Committee that met this summer. The board will be asked to approve the full application after it is approved by the Michigan Treasury Department.

2019/20-19 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the scope of the work for the upcoming March 2020 Bond Election as presented.

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

2. **Election of treasurer:** Mr. Craig asked for nominations for treasurer. Mr. Estheimer nominated Mr. Lamos. supported by Mr. Freitas. Mr. Lamos accepted the nomination.

2019/20-20 Mr. Estheimer nominated Mr. Lamos for treasurer, supported by Mr. Freitas.

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

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Green hoped that everyone had a wonderful start to the school year, fall sports programs, the band and all the activities starting to get in full swing. He gave his condolences to former HR Director Jerry Morin whose mother passed away.

Dr. Pomponio announced there is currently a PTO at Davidson Middle School, the first meeting of the year was Monday. Last year's initiative was to begin the W.A.T.C.H. Dog program in the middle school, it will soon be starting. All interested fathers should contact the main office, Mr. Kemp or the secretary. Background checks need to be on file. The program will be rolled out in October. PTO officer positions are available if any parent is interested they should attend the October meeting. Dr. Pomponio addressed the 3rd grade reading bill and the work that is being done to look at students reading levels. Test scores have revealed that 55% of 3rd graders are not meeting the state standards for reading. She hopes parents will work together with the schools and teacher on that initiative.

Ms. Pastor commented that when we reviewed our 3rd grade reading data, we had 6 students that would have been suggested for retention, one qualified for special education services. We also look at other good-cause exemptions such as English Learners, did they receive MTSS for two years, do they have a portfolio to prove they were proficient and show a years' growth on NWEA. Southgate is closely monitoring those issues. These will be addressed, as this year's third graders will be the first ones that may be affected by this law. The governor has also issued a new study to see if retaining 3rd graders is actually beneficial. It is our hope they will find and review and possibly get rid of this legislation.

Mr. Lamos asked about our retention rate.

ADJOURNMENT

2019/20-21 It was moved by Mr. Estheimer supported by Mr. Green the board adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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