



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**City Council Chambers**

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

**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

**DATE: January 28, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

VICE PRESIDENT

ANDREW A. GREEN

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

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lamos

TREASURER

RICK LAMOS

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Estheimer read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES

JASON CRAIG  
NEIL J. FREITAS  
SHAWN SAGE

**REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2019/20-20 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Dr. Pomponio, the Board approve the January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

NO:

**ADMINISTRATION**

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

BUSINESS AND FINANCE  
DIRECTOR  
BARBARA WILSON, CFO

Dr. Baker-Herring introduced Ms. McKenna to update the board on the Music as Literature, an elective course offered at AHS for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Students examine the development and changes in music over time. The course draws connections to the cultural and social significance of certain music styles by different artists. It opens students up to different types of music and provides history and literature lessons as well as touches on poetry in music.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL  
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR  
DR. MICHELLE BAKER-  
HERRING

Dr. Baker-Herring introduced Ms. Sevrence to provide the board with an overview of a new course proposal; STEAM Makerspace. Ms. Sevrence explained how this course will; expand the elective offerings at DMS, and fit the objectives of the department and grade level. The course is aligned with the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks Standards and Benchmarks, GLCE's/HSCE's. It is a problem-based, project-based, hands-on, collaborative environment.

Ms. Sevrence showed examples of robots and explained the projects that will help teach students to explore a career in computer science and allow them to learn life skills and hands-on experience by creating, making and problem solving.

The course is targeted for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but would be appropriate for 6<sup>th</sup> grade as well. Ms. Sevrence also has technology devices that special education students can work with.

Dr. Baker-Herring let the board know Ms. Sevrence applied for and received \$8000 in grant money. She also received a grant from the Southgate Education Foundation. Ms. Sevrence hosted a workshop, on her own time for 25 people, and received \$2500. All monies are going toward equipment for her classroom.

## CONSENT

2019/20-71 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the minutes from January 14, 2020 Closed Session and Regular Meeting and the HR update.

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

NO:

## ACTION

- 1. Updated Policy Adoption:** Ms. Pastor explained to the board they are 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, Andy Green and Shawn Sage met on December 4, 2020 and January 14, 2020 to review these changes. She is recommending these to the board for full approval.

2019/20-72 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the board approve the Updated Lusk Albertson Policies as presented by the Board of Education Policy Committee.

*Dr. Pomponio stated the Policy Committee met and reviewed the Lusk Albertson policy updates. One policy prevented teachers from fundraising online. This is one of the changes made; policy 5010 Online Fundraising-no employee shall create, post or sponsor any online fundraiser without first seeking approval from the building administrator and superintendent. She supports this through the vetting of the updates per Lusk Albertson.*

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

NO:

- 2. Approval of Amended Budget for 2019-2020:** Ms. Wilson explained the change that she made to the document from the last meeting. Board members received the budget in their board packets to review. She is pleased with the way things are turning out this year. The foundation allowance was increased by \$240, originally projected to be \$69. The loss of students was much lower than projected. We budgeted for a loss of 250 and the number was actually 43.49 FTE. Our fund balance increased from 9.23% to 11.86%. Ms. Wilson reviewed the enhancement millage funds and expenditures and the Employee Severance (EPC). Discussion took place regarding the severance package and enhancement fund expenditures and the fund balance.

2019/20-73 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the 2019-2020 Amended Budgets for the General Operating Fund, Special Education Center Program Fund, Food Service Fund, Community Services Fund and Student School Activity Fund as proposed.

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

- 3. Approval of new course "STEAM MakerSpace" at Davidson Middle School:** Dr. Baker-Herring explained that based on the information the board members received in their packets and the presentation from Ms. Sevrence, she would like to recommend adding this course as an opportunity for the students at Davidson Middle School.

2019/20-74 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the "STEAM Makerspace" as a new course for Davidson Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year.

*Dr. Pomponio commented that she is happy to see the district continue to move forward as technology, science and the arts brings us innovative and exploratory knowledge for our K-12 students. She is proud to support the new course proposal for STEAM Makerspace.*

*Mr. Craig commented that this is exactly what we are looking for when we talk about how to make our schools better. It's how we give variety, educational but fun and gets kids interested in what they are doing. It is important for kids to be engaged and this will be a course everyone will look forward to, especially at the middle school where we may struggle to provide a little bit of variety when it comes to elective courses. He is proud to support this.*

*Mr. Sage stated he has kids at the middle school and thank Ms. Sevrence for doing this.*

*Mr. Estheimer commented that as it states in the proposal, students will benefit from having an additional elective that will allow them to explore a career in computer science and also provide students with life skills and hands-on experience by creating, making and problem solving. This goes along with our mission & vision statements: learning for life and the best choice for students. He thanked Ms. Sevrence for bringing this to the board.*

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

#### **EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None

#### **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Freitas announced AHS invites everyone to the first annual Titan maroon and white basketball game on Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. It will feature the boys and girls Varsity Basketball teams. Tickets are \$1.00 and proceeds will be donated to a local charity. The teams are working hard to promote the game by reading to elementary students. If there are corporations that would like to help sponsor the event it would be greatly appreciated. The teams will be coached by Mr. Sak and Coach Eugene.

He encouraged everyone to come show their Titan Pride and support this awesome event. He looks forward to seeing everyone on Feb. 12. at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Pomponio shared information from the MASB Board of Directors meeting in Lansing where discussion took place on House Bill 5041-stop arm cameras on buses. There was also a presentation from the governor's representative to support Launch Michigan which supports initiatives to; increase education investment, strategic planning and capacity building, transparency and data empowerment, interventions and supports. At the WCASB meeting they discussed having a roundtable discussion for board members at the next general meeting to discuss board governance among other topics. WCASB is bringing MASB CBA courses to Wayne RESA on March 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The classes offered will be CBA 105-Curriculum and Instruction and CBA 325-Board Leadership/Overcoming obstacles. WCASB will cover 50% the cost of the class if board members wish to attend.

Dr. Pomponio was brought into the Wayne County College Access Network by Wayne RESA's Jim Berry. She attended one of the joint meetings at HFCC with Region 25 Technical Education Council and Perkins Coordinators. This was a great collaborative meeting with other businesses, industries and colleges. She saw our Mechatronics Instructor, Mr. Nasarzewski, commenting that it is good to see our instructors out there getting additional training and support. The School -to- Career On-Ramp model was discussed.

Dr. Pomponio announced the Parks and Rec Department is seeking nominations for the Sports Hall of Fame for the City of Southgate. The Southgate Historical Foundation is having their annual Daddy-Daughter Dance, Saturday February 1 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Estheimer commented that we are lucky to have Dr. Pomponio on the board with her being a part of WCASB, MASB, and the College Network and thanked her for bringing great information to the board. He also wanted to inform the viewing audience that we had technical difficulties at the last board meeting which was the organization meeting when the board elects new officers. He announced that along with himself as Board President, Mr. Green is now the Vice President, Mr. Lamos is still the treasurer and Dr. Pomponio remains as the board secretary.

## ADJOURNMENT

2019/20-75 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Sage, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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

NO:

*Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski*

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Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary  
Board of Education























