



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

DATE: February 11, 2020 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

ANDREW A. GREEN

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig, Freitas

TREASURER

RICK LAMOS

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Pastor, Baker-Herring

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

2019/20-77 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

ADMINISTRATION

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

PRESENTATIONS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, CFO

CONSENT

2019/20-78 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes, HR update and the disbursements for January 2020.

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

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-
HERRING

ACTION

- 1. Approval of Volunteer #2019-20-2:** Ms. Pastor explained to the board, according to board policy #4002...if the individual has been convicted of a felony other than a listed offense, the School District will consider the severity of the felony, when the conduct occurred, its effect on the ability of the individual to work in a school building, and any other matters considered relevant to the safety of the school community. An individual with a felony conviction will not be permitted to work in a school building unless the assignment is specifically approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Education. The Board of Education should consider when the felony conviction took place, the nature of the felony conviction and the potential volunteers' life experiences since the conviction.

Board members received a copy of the letter written by the volunteer and the I-CHAT of the person who wishes to volunteer for Southgate Schools.

2019/20-79 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve 2019-20-2 person to volunteer for Southgate Schools.

Mr. Lamos commented, these kinds of decisions are excruciating and very hard to make. He appreciates the meeting that was held earlier and has received all the information needed to make a decision.

Dr. Pomponio stated it is extremely difficult when you are considering students. She has been on the fence, trying to put all the information together, consider personal circumstances for a parent to volunteer for their child. It is very difficult. Whatever the opinions surrounding the case or the boards' role, she wanted everyone to know that the board looked at everything fully and completely and this has been extremely difficult.

Mr. Green concurred with his colleagues that this is not easy, none of them are easy when you are taking in all the factors. He looks to the communication from the lawyers as to what the law tells us as to when the conviction took place and the nature of the felony conviction. He is not dismissing anything but asks himself did that conviction from years back harm children and his answer to that is, no. He also knows there are no guarantees. The final and most important thing he considers, would he let his daughter be around this person, his gut feeling is he would be comfortable with his own daughter being around this person. This is not an easy decision.

YES: Estheimer, Green, Pomponio, Sage

NO: Lamos

- 2. Chromebook Purchase 6-12 Social Studies and 9-12 ELA:** Dr. Baker-Herring explained to the board, to continue the work toward the SCSD Curriculum Department's Long-Term Goals specifically the goals: Work with the SCSD Technology Department towards a 1:1 learning environment and utilize Open Educational Resources (OER) to support curriculum development across the district. She would like to recommend the purchase of Chromebook Carts for grades 6-12 Social Studies teachers and grades 9-12 ELA teachers for \$127,254.00 with the dedicated \$200,000.00 Enhancement Millage funds. A portion of the remaining funds will be used to purchase high-interest student novels as well as providing substitute teachers to provide time for the members of the departments to update/enhance the curriculum with the OER resources available to them.

Discussion took place regarding the tablets versus Chromebooks, the remaining funds from the dedicated \$200,000.00 enhancement money and how that will be spent, and the life expectancy for the Chromebooks. The \$200,000.00 from the enhancement millage will continue each year while the millage is collected.

2019/20-80 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approved the purchase of 6-12 Social Studies and 9-12 ELA Chromebook carts to be purchased from the dedicated Enhancement Millage funds with an amount not to exceed \$127,254.00.

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

- 3. Overnight & Out-of-State trip request for Southgate Winter Guard:** Ms. Pastor told the board they are being asked to approve an overnight and out-of-state trip request for Southgate Winter Guard to attend a competition in Indianapolis, Indiana from Friday, February 14, to Sunday, February 16, 2020. The Southgate Band Boosters will be paying the expenses for this competition. She explained this request came in right after the last board meeting, future requests will be brought before the board well in advance of the trip.

2019/20-81 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the board approve the February 2020 overnight and out of state trip request for the Southgate Winter Guard to compete in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

- 4. Overnight & Out-of-State trip request for Southgate Winter Guard:** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve an overnight and out-of-state trip request for the Southgate Winter Guard to attend a competition in Highland Heights, Kentucky from Thursday, March 12 to Sunday March 15, 2020. The Southgate Band Boosters will be paying the expenses for this competition.

2019/20-82 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the March 2020 overnight and out-of-state trip request for the Southgate Winter Guard to compete in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

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

- 5. Approval of School of Choice for Kindergarten:** Ms. Pastor requested that the board open enrollment for up to 50 School of Choice kindergarten seats for the 2020-21 school year. She provided copies of the Wayne RESA application, current statistics for School of Choice and the mobility report.

2019/20-83 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the board approve the School of Choice application period for up to 50 kindergarten seats for a 2-week period from Monday, February 24, 2020 to Friday, March 6, 2020.

Dr. Pomponio stated there can be two different arguments on the topic of School of Choice, do we need it or should we downsize. She believes K-5 is a good place to fill fill slots if we need to put School of Choice. That way they are with the district K-12.

Mr. Lamos agreed it is a good strategy to grow our population and maintain the quality of our deliverables in the district.

Ms. Pastor encouraged the board to take a look at the mobility reports from last fall.

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

6. Policy Committee:

2019/20-84 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the continuation of the Policy Committee as a standing committee of the Board of Education through December 31, 2020.

Mr. Estheimer stated the next few Action Items came out of the retreat.

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

7. Policy Committee Members:

2019/20-85 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the following members for the Policy Committee: Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Andy Green and Shawn Sage.

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

8. Finance Committee:

2019/20-86 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the board approve the continuation of the Finance Committee as a standing committee of the Board of Education through December 31, 2020.

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

9. Finance Committee Members:

2019/20-87 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Sage, the board approve the following members for the Finance Committee: Jason Craig, Neil Freitas and Rick Lamos.

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

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Green introduced Nathan Richards. Nathan addressed the board letting them know he is from Troop 1795 and he is working on a merit badge for communication. One of the requirements was to go to a meeting, look at an issue and write down everyone's opinions.

Mr. Green wished his daughter a Happy Birthday Eve and a Happy Birthday tomorrow.

Dr. Pomponio announce that one of the education memberships she joined this year was the ACTE Association for Career and Technical Education. It relates to national policy awareness, support for Career and Technical Education and STEM based courses. This month the governor joined with the Department of Labor and Department of Education to declare February as CTE Month. CTE offers students hand-on training that can be applied to real-world and in-demand education and career pathways as opposed to what they normally put through to scholarships for colleges so this is vocational and technical. She will be attending the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington D. C. on Capitol Hill, March 29th and 30th. Discussion on local needs, education and Perkins implementation guidance for those programs, will be included.

Dr. Pomponio stated that the organization she has just been brought into, the Wayne County College Access Network, is also discussing different pathways to careers for CTE Education.

Davidson Middle School is having a pre-preview night, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. This is for the incoming 6th graders.

Mr. Estheimer announced he had the pleasure of attending Freshman Night at the High School, along with Ms. Pastor and Mr. Freitas. It was great to see the incoming Freshman all excited and nervous at the same time. The staff did a great job.

Mr. Estheimer also attended the DCTC Career Expo last Wednesday. It was his first time attending and it was a great experience.

ADJOURNMENT

2019/20-88 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

YES: Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

