



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

City Council Chambers

14400 Dix Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

DATE: March 3, 2020 7:05 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

2019/20-96 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Craig the board add Action Item #2-Purchase of Chromebooks for Social Studies 6-12 and 9-12 ELA and approve the March 3, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

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

NO:

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, CFO

PRESENTATIONS

Update on 3rd Grade Reading Legislation: Jill Pastor gave the board an update on the legislation that was passed two years' ago. The board received a letter from the Michigan Department of Education with detailed information. As a result of the focus on Literacy, the governor has increased significant funding for literacy coaches. Wayne RESA is willing to reimburse \$112,000.00 to the district for an "educator on loan" for the 2020-2021 school year for a K-3 Literacy Coach. At the K-5 level we have a fully in place multi-tiered system of support with three tiers; Tier one is the teacher recognizing a student is struggling-they will do small group instruction for services. Tier two is about 2 or 3 days a week, students are pulled from their classroom by the reading specialist or a Title One Interventionist, if they continue to struggle they move to Tier three. Tier three they are pulled out about 4 or 5 times a week. We also offer Title One-funded Summer School that is free for K-5 students.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-
HERRING

I-RIPS (Individual Reading Improvement Plans) are also being completed for students struggling in English Language Arts. The IRIP includes an at-home reading component.

In November the district hosted a 3rd Grade Dance Party. While 3rd grade student were dancing to DJ Piestrak, the Reading Specialists explained the components of the law and the possible good-cause exemptions. Each family left with a book from the Magic Treehouse Series and a bookmark. Board members were given a sample of the bookmark.

At the Dance Party, families had an opportunity to win reading series books and a comfy place to read. We followed up with letters to families that did not show up, with an example of what the good-cause exemption letter might look like. At conferences next week, the families of students who based on the winter NWEA result were projected to be partially proficient or not proficient on the M-Step will receive a letter with a new good-cause exemption form.

Ms. Pastor is working with the Tech Department so that we can have a link on our website for parents for more information about this reading law, the legislation and the good cause exemptions. Good-cause exemptions include: students on an IEP, students with a 504 Plan, students that are limited in English, students that have received reading intervention for two or more years or have been retained. Parents can put a rationale on the good-cause exemption form. The final decision for retention is left up to the superintendent. Ms. Pastor has met with all of the third grade teachers in the district. We are looking at students projected to not be proficient and collecting work samples and portfolios to help make that one of the good-cause exemptions. We are really working to make sure that students who may not do well on this one test, on this one day, don't get held back in third grade, that we move them on to fourth grade. Last year we would have had six students and of that six, almost all of them were involved in our multi-tiered system of support. We had twelve, but six were special education students.

The M-Step test has been moved up by about a week so that we can move the process up and parents will be getting the retention letter, not from us but from the Michigan Department of Education through CEPI.

Ms. Pastor commented that a lot of time has been spent on this so we can be sure we are doing the right things for students.

Discussion took place about the timeline for the good-cause exemption letter and the educator-on loan.

CONSENT

2019/20-97 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the minutes from the February 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

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

NO:

ACTION

- 1. Approval of District-Wide Professional Development Advisory Committee:** Ms. Pastor explained that effective October 1, 2019, Section 1010(10) of the State School Aid Act, MC: 388.1701 (10), adopted by the state legislature, was amended to include new provisions. According to the new law, a district may count up to 38 hours of qualifying professional development time for teachers as hours of pupil instruction, if all the requirements are satisfied. One of the requirements is: a district-wide professional development advisory committee appointed by the district school board and they recommend at least 8 hours of professional development. The advisory committee must be composed of teachers employed by the district who represent a variety of grades and subject matter specializations, including

special education; nonteaching staff; parents; and administrators. The majority membership of the committee shall be composed of teaching staff and therefore we have two alternates in case a teacher is not able to attend.

2019/20-98 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the District-Wide Professional Development Advisory Committee and appoint the following members: Les Armstrong, Dr. Baker-Herring, Rachel Cannon, Jason Doyle, Kimberley Gervasi, Andrew Green, Melissa Kasprzyk, Duane Lyons, Jason Martin, Jill Pastor, Kim Sanders, Dina Santilli, Tim Sohn and Ryan Furkas and Paul Piesz as alternates.

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

NO:

2. **Chromebook Purchase 6-12 Social Studies and 9-12 ELA:** Dr. Baker-Herring gave the board an updated quote. Due to changes in the availability of the Chromebook model we have been purchasing (HP G5). The model that is recommended for purchase from our Technology Department is the HP 14A. This model is an increase of \$7.95 per Chromebook. The reason for the late addition to tonight's agenda is due to an increase in the Google Management licenses that would cost the district an additional \$8.00 per Chromebook after March, 2020.

Dr. Baker-Herring is recommending the purchase of Chromebook Carts for grades 6-12 for Social Studies teachers and grades 9-12 ELA teachers not to exceed \$130,551.00 with the dedicated \$200,000.00 Enhancement Millage funds.

Discussion took place about why this came back to the board for approval. Dr. Baker-Herring explained the model, the board approved at a prior meeting, was no longer available to us. This model, recommended by the Tech Department as a replacement, costs a few dollars more for a total of \$3297.00. The board only approved an amount not to exceed the purchase price of the previous model. She had to come back to them to have it approved for this model's price, also noting this is a different quote.

2019/20-99 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the purchase of 6-12 Social Studies and 9-12 ELA Chromebook carts to be purchased from the dedicated Enhancement Millage funds not to exceed \$130,551.00.

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

NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio congratulated the Varsity Competitive Cheer Team, they are headed to Grand Rapids for State Finals March 7th at 10:00 a.m. March 4th there is a Powder Buff volleyball game, the cost is \$5-no passes.

Mr. Freitas wished the Girls' Varsity Basketball Good Luck tomorrow at their District Playoff Game against River Rouge. The game is at Riverview High School at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Pastor reminded everyone the bond vote is next Tuesday, March 10, 2020. We are anticipating a good turnout for voting. We are asking you to vote and if you have any questions about what the bond entails, we welcome phone calls or emails. We have posted many things on our website that include the major components of the bond.

ADJOURNMENT

2019/20-100 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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