



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
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**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

DATE: May 12, 2020 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

ANDREW A. GREEN

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

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

2019/20-115 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda.

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

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE
DIRECTOR
BARBARA WILSON, CFO

CONSENT

2019/20-116 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the April 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, HR Update and Disbursements for April 2020.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR
DR. MICHELLE BAKER-
HERRING

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

ACTION

1. **Wayne RESA Budget:** Ms. Pastor explained the board is being asked to approve the 2020-21 Wayne RESA Budget.

2019/20-117 It was moved by Mr. Green supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Wayne RESA General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2020 And

WHEREAS:

In accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed Wayne RESA budget, and must submit to the Wayne RESA Board any specific objections and/or proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2020

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Wayne RESA General Fund Operating budget for the 2020-2021 school year be supported, and that the secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Wayne RESA Board of Education, along with comments.

Dr. Pomponio thanked the RESA Board for assuring us services and stability from year to year for our district services, especially those that focus on student achievement for all students including special education especially during this time.

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

NO:

2. **School of Choice for Grades Kindergarten through 11th:** Ms. Pastor requested the board approve the School of Choice enrollment for Kindergarten through 11th grade as presented in the document she gave the board in their board packets. The board did approve 50 kindergarten slots during our first School of Choice window from February 24, 2020 to Friday, March 6, 2020 and we accepted 23 students.

2019/20-118 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the School of Choice application period as outlined for a 3-week period from Monday, July 27th through Thursday, August 13, 2020.

Mr. Craig commented that he understands where this is coming from and the good intentions of staff that bring it forward, but as he has said in the past he can't support School of Choice anymore. We've probably got an elementary school worth of School of Choice. If we don't start sometime, somewhere it's just going to continue on, so he won't be able to support the motion.

Dr. Pomponio commented that she is a little torn on her decision of School of Choice based on a fiscal standpoint and community standpoint. We have School of Choice students who have excelled in our district from neighboring cities such as Lincoln Park and Taylor, the other argument is the community aspect keeping the schools limited to Southgate residents only. The deciding factor for her this time is that there are successful students that she knows personally, throughout the district that are School of Choice and we are receiving funds currently for almost 800 students.

All the surrounding districts accept School of Choice students, she wouldn't feel comfortable turning any student away if they wanted to get an education from Southgate. Although this is a tough argument, she is supporting any student who wishes to attend Southgate schools from our surrounding neighbors.

Mr. Lamos asked Mr. Craig about his concerns, if it was about keeping buildings open for students who are not in our district.

Mr. Craig confirmed that is part of the discussion, if we have a whole elementary school that is School of Choice or elementary kids, than we could make the argument that we have one too many elementary's open. He does understand how the economics of it works. Until we say we are done, School of Choice encourages our kids to go to other districts as well. It's the sliding of students, as we accept one, one leaves- one leaves, one slides in. To him, this is not the way schools are supposed to run. He just doesn't think he can support it anymore.

Mr. Lamos thanked Mr. Craig, and said he respected his response.

Mr. Sage asked about the kids that are currently School of Choice, if this was denied, are they grandfathered in at this present time?

Ms. Pastor explained, the students currently enrolled from other districts would be, but the students that are currently Southgate residents but move would not be allowed to continue unless we got a Superintendent Release.

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

- 3. Overnight & Out-of-State Trip Request for Washington D.C.:** Ms. Schuck thanked the board for their continued support of this trip. She spoke about this years' trip for the 7th graders being cancelled due to the coronavirus. The focus is on rescheduling for next year and these students will be able to go as 8th graders in combination with next years' 7th graders. Same schedule as previously presented with the Brightspark Travel. This request is an expansion of the spots available for next years' trip.

Ms. Pastor added, the board received all of the documentation in their packets. This is to accommodate the travelers that were affected by Co-Vid 19 closure.

- 2019/20-119 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the May 2021 overnight and out-of-state trip request for the Davidson Middle School to visit the Washington D. C. area.

Mr. Sage asked if there was anything that the current eighth graders were doing that the kids enrolled in seventh grade might miss out in eighth grade if they do this trip, is there something they would have to pick between.

Ms. Schuck said they were going to try to include a trip to the Holocaust Museum as that is a study in the 8th grade. They are not 100% sure they can get in yet, but they are trying to find things that go along with the 8th grade curriculum so they have a balance of 7th and 8th grade. She also stated the 8th graders that are in the NJHS take a trip each year, but she has given the dates to the sponsors of that club so they are not conflicting.

Dr. Pomponio commented she is in support of the Washington D.C. class trip and was happy to see it start and happy to see it continue especially with the management of Ms. Sokoloski and Ms. Schuck. Several of the board members have also experienced this Washington D. C. trip with their children and it is a great way for students to get a hands-on history lesson.

Mr. Estheimer thanked Ms. Schuck for presenting and for all she does for students.

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

- 4. Approval of the Purchase of Perforated Film:** Ms. Pastor explained, as per board policy #5003, all items that exceed \$3,500.00 must be brought to the Board for approval. To further enhance the outside exterior of our buildings, for safety and for school pride, she would like to recommend that we purchase Perforated Film from the SCS Image Group of Ann Arbor. In some areas this film will make it harder to see into the interior of the building or buildings, yet you can see out. Included in the board packets were pictures of some of the possibilities of what the doors might look like when finished. The total purchase to include Allen, Anderson, Asher, Davidson, Fordline, Grogan, the Maintenance Building and Shelters for a total of \$17,620.00. \$5,613.00 would be from an Asher Custodial account that was originally set up to add a softball diamond behind Asher and the remaining \$12,007.00 from the remaining dollars from the 2015 Bond. Discussion took place about the cost including design, printing and installation.

2019/20-120 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Sage, the board approve the purchase of the Perforated Film from SCS Image Group, not to exceed \$17,620.00.

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

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

2019/20-121 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Lamos the board adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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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