



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Electronic Board Meeting
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**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

DATE: June 9, 2020 7:00 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

ANDREW A. GREEN

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

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Freitas

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

2019/20-130 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig,
the board approve the June 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
Agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

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

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, CFO

PRESENTATIONS

None

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-
HERRING

CONSENT

2019/20-131 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Dr. Pomponio,
the board approve the May 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
Minutes, HR Update and Disbursements for May 2020.

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

ACTION

1. **Approval of the one-year extension of the pizza contract with Cottage Inn Gourmet Pizza for 2020-2021:** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve a one-year contract extension for Cottage Inn Gourmet Pizza. This recommendation comes from Mark Rodriguez. Discussion took place about pricing and which schools this contract covers.

2019/20-132 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approved the one-year extension of the pizza contract with Cottage Inn Gourmet Pizza through the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Pomponio stated that between this pizza and Domino's, she has heard nothing but good comments and feedback from this particular pizza

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

NO:

2. **Set Board of Education meeting dates for July 2020 through June 2021:** Ms. Pastor explained this is the traditional calendar the board sets for their meetings. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesday's of the month, with the exception of one in July and one in December. Discussion took place about a summer retreat and the setting of that date.

2019/20-133 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the board accept the calendar for upcoming Board of Education meetings from August 2020 through June 2021.

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

NO:

3. **Approval of the one-year extension of the milk contract with Berkshire Dairy:** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve a one-year contract extension for Berkshire Dairy. This recommendation comes from Mark Rodriguez. Board members received the memo and details in their board packets.

2019/20-134 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the one-year extension of the milk contract with Berkshire Dairy through the 2020-2021 school year.

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

NO:

4. **Approval of the one-year extension of the bread contract with Aunt Millie's Bakery:** Ms. Pastor explained, the board is being asked to approve a one-year extension for Aunt Millie's Bakery through the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion took place about "CoPro" which is a Wayne County bid.

2019/20-135 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the one-year extension of the bread contract with Aunt Millie's through the 2020-2021 school year.

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

NO:

5. **Chromebook purchase:** Dr. Baker-Herring explained, after the last board meeting and the approval of the Schoology Learning System, we want to be as prepared as possible for 1 to 1 learning. As per board policy #5003 all items that exceed \$3,500 must be brought to the Board for approval. Dr. Baker-Herring is recommending the purchase of the 685 Chromebooks (585 are Touchscreen Chromebooks for Y5-grade 1 students) on behalf of the Southgate Continuity of Learning Team (COLT): Technology Workgroup to ensure that every Southgate student has a district-issued device. The purchase will not cost more than \$239,113.50, and may be covered with Title 1, Title IIa, Title IV, 31a, CARES Act Fund, and/or Bond Funds. Discussion took place about which funds will be covering this purchase. Dr. Baker-Herring said she did emergency amendments for the grants so a little bit from each grant will partially cover the purchase. At this time there is flexibility with Title funds to ensure our students have access. There is also money that was not used, due to the pandemic. The original grant was submitted, then the mid-year revisions and now this emergency amendment. There is a rush to buy these now, so we have these Chromebooks ready to go September 1. Everyone worldwide is buying Chromebooks. Further discussion took place regarding the district's plan to go 1-1 prior to Covid and the service/warranty for the Chromebooks.

2019/20-136 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the purchase of the Chromebooks, not to cost more than \$239,113.50.

Mr. Craig asked to be updated on CARES Act and Bond Funds that may be used for the purchase of the Chromebooks.

Ms. Pastor will give board members the exact amounts that come out of each account.

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

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio gave her congratulations to all the seniors and graduates of 2020. She knows it was a little bit different this year but she thinks it was very nice to see all the creativity that came about with the caps decorated by students for walking across the stage to get their diplomas. That is not something students can do on a regular basis but she thought that was a little added bonus for them so it was nice. She wished good luck with the rest of the activities.

Mr. Lamos commented that he had a chance to visit the staff meeting regarding September's school operations decisions. Staff, administration and teachers were discussing how to manage day to day activities when we are able to open school in September. He was pretty comfortable that Ms. Pastor and the team are walking down a path with a good solid plan, irrespective of the exact scope of how we will be teaching in September through next May/June. It sounded to him like good progress was being made. He thanked Ms. Pastor for inviting him, he appreciated it.

Mr. Sage seconded what Mr. Lamos said, commenting that it was a little comical at some points in the meeting and he appreciated that as well.

Mr. Estheimer thanked the administration and committee who planned the commencement ceremonies this past week. He thanked Ms. Pastor, Mr. Lyons and his fellow board members who attended and supported those students. He got great feedback from the families of all those students and seniors. Great job. He is now looking forward to Thursday night at the Flat Rock Speedway for one final salute and farewell to the Class of 2020. Congratulations.

ADJOURNMENT

2019/20-137 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Lamos, the board adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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