



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
15475 LEROY-SOUTHGATE, MI-48195**

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

VICE PRESIDENT

ANDREW A. GREEN

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Pastor, Baker-Herring, Wilson

TREASURER

RICK LAMOS

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

2020/2021-47 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the board approve the October 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

NO:

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

JILL M. PASTOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Eric Reiss addressed the board and read the following: My name is Eric Reiss and I am a father of two students and a husband of a staff member in Southgate Community Schools. I am here today to ask the board to strongly reconsider the amended motion set forth at the Oct. 13, 2020 School Board Meeting and continue with only remote learning at Southgate Schools. A lot has changed in just a few weeks, Covid 19 cases are quickly on the rise, the Wayne County risk assessment for Southgate is now an E, which is the highest risk for our community. I have heard that we already have positive cases on some of our school sports teams, which can and will effect every school in the district. As parents, my wife and I have chosen to stay remote for our children for a number of reasons even though one of my children has an IEP and would really benefit from face to face learning. The very best way to help our community is to limit close contact and one of the easiest ways to do that is remote learning. I can tell you remote learning has not been easy in my home it is a struggle every day there are also positives to remote learning. My children are not stuck confined to a desk wearing a mask all day long, their teachers have been readily available for all issues that arise with their learning, and most important to me they are safe. I know the decisions that you face are not easy and affect numerous lives and I appreciate all of your hard work but having said that, your decisions should be data driven and not what is popular on a survey and the data shows that it is a huge risk allowing children and staff back in school. I feel we should continue remote learning and revisit the issue after the first of the year. Thank you for your time, Eric Reiss.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, CFO

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-
HERRING

PRESENTATIONS

2019/2020 Audit Report: Yeo & Yeo- Mr. Michael Georges presented the board with a detailed power point highlighting the audit results. He went over procedures; Internal Control Testing and Evaluation, Risk Assessment, Examination of Documents, Analytical Analysis, Asset/Liability Approach and Peer Review. Following the audit, Yeo & Yeo provides the district with reports; Auditors' Reports on Financial Statements, Report on Expenditures of Federal Awards, Required Communications with Board. All monies were spent correctly -no findings.

The results of the audit produced the Highest Level of Assurance. The school's financial records and statements are fairly and appropriately presented, and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Mr. Georges reviewed the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. Our fund balance is getting healthier. The General fund balance July 1, 2019 was \$2,726,852.00, the fund balance as of June 30, 2020 was \$3,251,561.00. He gave the ten-year enrollment trend analysis, we have had a 36% drop in student enrollment since 2011. Our foundation allowance analysis shows an increase; in 2011 we received \$7,535.00 per student, 2020 we are receiving \$8,111.00 per student. Retirement costs have increased 62% in 10 years. The board received charts that detailed where the revenue is coming from, including bond funds and millage enhancement monies and what the expenditures are.

Our future challenges include; The state economic/political condition, retirement rate increase, state revenue fluctuations, enrollment trends, rising healthcare costs, pension/OPEB obligation over \$96 million, new accounting pronouncements.

Mr. Georges thank the district for being on time with the prep work for the audit, it is complete for the year.

Discussion took place regarding the funds from both the bond and the millage enhancement, compensated absences, anticipating employee benefit costs and how we can figure out why kids leave the district.

CONSENT

2020/21-48 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the minutes from October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting, October 20 & 21, 2020 Special Meetings, and HR Update.

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

NO:

ACTION

1. Contract award recommendation for Roofing and Building Consulting Services: Ms. Pastor explained, board members received a recommendation letter from Plante Moran Cresa and a summary of official RFP details. The Project Team is recommending Intertek-PSI for the Roofing and Building Envelope Consulting Services. This award recommendation is for the 2020 Southgate Community School Bond Program.

2020/21-49 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board authorize the Superintendent, subject to the review and approval of the School District Counsel, to award the Roofing and Building Envelope Consulting Services not to exceed \$179,875.00.

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

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Green acknowledged Mr. Reiss for taking the time to address the board and thanked him for his comments.

ADJOURNMENT

2020/21-50 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Sage, the board adjourn the meeting at 8:34 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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