



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**City Council Chambers**

**14400 Dix Toledo Rd, Southgate MI 48195**

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**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

**DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021 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

JASON CRAIG

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Irvine, Baker-Herring, Wilson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Estheimer read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS

RICK LAMOS

SHAWN SAGE

**REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2020/21-196 Mr. Craig made a motion to revise the agenda and remove the presentation due to the power outage, move Consent-HR Update to Action #6, move Action #6 to 1. A. and Action #1 to 1B supported by Mr. Green.

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

NO:

SUPERINTENDENT

SHARON IRVINE

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, CFO

**PRESENTATIONS**

Postponed until a future meeting due to power outage.

**CURRICULUM/FEDERAL**

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-

HERRING

**SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Ms. Irvine recognized two students in attendance, asking how their year went, both students were complimentary toward the board and staff, and stated their school year went well.

**FINANCE UPDATE**

Ms. Wilson presented the Final 2021 Budget Amendment. The 2020-2021 General Operating Budget is based on the following new assumptions since the last amended budget on March 23, 2021:

- Projected Fund balance is \$128,468.00 higher (\$425,024.00 fund balance) than the projected fund balance in the March 23, 2021 amended budget (\$296,556.00 fund balance).
- Medicaid School Based Services revenue of \$180,000.00 is not reflected in this amendment, as it has not been determined if we will receive the 2019-

2020 payment from Wayne County RESA within the allowable receivable period for FY 2020-2021

- ESSER II Funds of \$153,791.00 has been expended in the 22-2021 amended budget, but revenue will not be recognized until 2021-2022.
- Projected General Fund balance as a percentage of unrestricted revenues at the time of this amendment is 12.69% (State Early Warning calculation must be greater than or equal to 5%).

The final amendment of the FY21 budget shows an increase in fund equity from our March amendment. We had an opportunity to return our Young 5's program to At-Risk this year to backfill the grant space of teachers who were removed from this budget for remote teaching. We are waiting to find out whether Medicaid will be released in FY21. We also have some expenditures from ESSER although revenue will not be recognized until FY22. This will balance out after July 1.

Ms. Wilson reviewed the expenditures and revenue for the General Fund, Special Education Fund, Food Service Fund, Community Services Fund and Student/School Activity Fund.

Discussion took place regarding board policy and what percentage should be in the fund balance.

### CONSENT

2020/21-197 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the Minutes from May 27, 2021 Special Meeting, June 8, 2021 Closed Session and June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

NO:

### ACTION

1. **A. Approval of the Revision to the Indoor Mask-Wearing Requirement for Southgate Community Schools:** Ms. Irvine presented this action item. On June 8, the Board of Education approved a policy to retain mask-wearing requirement despite vaccination. Since then, MDHHS has completely eliminated mask-wearing requirements for all. School districts may choose their mask-wearing policies. Most Downriver districts are making masks optional for summer school. To make masks optional for summer school for Southgate Community Schools, the Board will need to revise its prior resolution.

Discussion: requiring masks to be worn by those 11 and under and those 12 and over having the option. Giving parents the option to choose what is best for their family. CDC guidelines about mask wearing and social distancing.

2020/21-198 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the board revise the Southgate Community Schools' mask-wearing policy to allow mask-wearing to be optional in district facilities, effective immediately.

YES: Estheimer, Freitas, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

NO: Craig, Green

1. **B. Human Resources Update:** Mr. Craig noted the hiring of a new cabinet member and inquired as to what Central Office will look like and how the superintendent sees Central Office's organizational structure as we move forward. (This item was originally moved to action #6)

2020/21-199 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the HR Update as presented.

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

1. **Approval of the FY 21 Final Budget Amendment:** Presented by Ms. Wilson under Finance Update.

2020/21-200 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the board approve the FY 21 budget as presented.

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

2. **Approval of the DMS and Gerisch Bleachers:** Ms. Irvine presented this action item. Our middle school athletic program uses fields at Davidson and Gerisch. Our 2020 Bond Program will cover athletic facility upgrades. To date, these have been focused on Anderson. By adjusting our Anderson office plan, we have been able to produce financial space to replace these bleachers. The bleachers will be installed on a concrete slab. The quote has Sourcewell pricing. We are a member of Sourcewell. Because these vendors have been pre-approved by the state, multiple bids are not required. Discussion: the location of the bleachers and material they are made from.

2020/21-201 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage the board approve the purchase of replacement bleachers for the Davidson and Gerisch athletic fields in the amount of \$39,464.00 from the 2020 Bond Fund.

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

3. **Approval of the Anderson high School Natatorium and Weight Room Bid Package #2 Contract Award Recommendation and Granger Construction's Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal:** Mr. Kakoczki presented this action item and gave board members backup documentation. On April 20, 2021 Construction Documents were formally issued and made available to the contractors. An advertisement for bid was published in a local newspaper and also posted to the required State of Michigan website.  
On May 20, 2021 sealed electronic bid proposals were received and publicly opened, and over the following days were reviewed to determine the budget implications. Post-bid scope review meetings were conducted from May 24, 2021 to June 7, 2021 and were attended by various members of the Steering Committee.  
Upon completion of the post-bid scope review meetings, and after subsequent clarifications and discussions, the Steering Committee is recommending the firms listed in Granger Construction Company's Award Recommendation Letter dated June 29, 2021 for contract award. The Steering Committee is also recommending the GMP proposal for Granger Construction Company that outlines their construction personnel, CM general conditions, CM contingency, contractor general conditions, allowances, bonds, insurance and fee as outlined in the June 29, 2021 letter. The total project award recommendation for Bid Package #2 contingency is \$13,763,279.00. Mr. Kakoczki Reviewed the Budget Summary, and Granger Construction Company's Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal (GMP). The project is over budget; contingency and escalation funds that were set aside will address this. They will break ground in August.  
Discussion: the boilers at AHS and Natatorium area, parking and construction disruptions as students return to school.

2020/21- 202 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the Anderson High School Natatorium and Weight Room Bid Package #2 Contract Award Recommendation and Granger Construction's Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal in the amount of \$13,763,279.00 as presented.

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

- 4. Approval of the MHSAA Renewal Application:** Ms. Irvine presented this action item. Annually the District is required to renew its participation with MHSAA. The District registers Anderson and Davidson for membership.

2020/2021-203 It was moved Mr. Craig supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the MHSAA renewal application for 2021-2022 for Anderson high School and Davidson Middle School.

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

- 5. Approval of the Elementary Playground Package:** Ms. Irvine presented this action item. Currently, our elementary main playgrounds do not meet code. All of them have broken and altered pieces, including missing slides, platforms and railings. We have received a legal opinion outlining the ways in which ESSER II money may be used to fund bond projects, freeing the bond for new and newly equipped playgrounds. Plant Moran has identified \$575,000.00 of air quality renovation work that will be eligible for this. These playground and playground pieces will be funded from the 2020 Bond Program. The breakdown by building:

- Allen Elementary: \$20,197.08-new playground components
- Fordline Elementary: \$6,771.00-new playground equipment components
- Grogan Elementary: \$125,380.00-new playground (removal of all main playground existing structures)
- Shelters Elementary: \$126,973.00-new playground (removal of all main playground existing structures)

Discussion: district responsibility for injuries/accidents, insurance claims, air quality, testing our systems, the kinds of filters that can be used without causing our system issues, the need for setting aside funds for routine maintenance, capital outlay and creating board policy for setting the funds aside.

2020/21-204 It was moved by Mr. Green, supported by Dr. Pomponio, the board approve the Elementary Playground Package in the total amount of \$279,231.08, as presented.

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

#### EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

**INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Estheimer welcomed everyone back to in-person meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2020/21-205 It was moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Mr. Craig, the board approve the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

NO:

*Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski*

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Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary  
Board of Education

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