

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING Anderson High School Auditorium 15475 Leroy St. SOUTHGATE, MI 48195

PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

**DATE: TUESDAY, January 11, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

VICE PRESIDENT

ANDREW A. GREEN

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Green

SECRETARY

DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Irvine, Wilson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Estheimer read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TREASURER

JASON CRAIG

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President-Mr. Estheimer nominated Mr. Craig, who accepted.

Vice President-Mr. Craig nominated Mr. Estheimer, who accepted.

Treasurer-Mr. Estheimer nominated Mr. Lamos, who accepted.

Secretary-Mr. Craig nominated Dr. Pomponio, who accepted.

TRUSTEES

NEIL J. FREITAS

RICK LAMOS

SHAWN SAGE

All offices will begin at the next board meeting.

### REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021/22-76 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the Board approve the January 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

## ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT

SHARON IRVINE

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

**NO:**

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

DIRECTOR

BARBARA WILSON, CFO

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Billie Schultz-Commented on the State Board of Education meeting and the Wayne County Health Dept. meeting.

Robert Pawlowski-Commented on the Adopt-a-Stop program and mass transit/bus passes.

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

DR. MICHELLE BAKER-

HERRING

### PRESENTATION

None

### SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Ms. Irving expressed her appreciation to staff, students and parents for their patience and flexibility during this time. We are doing everything we can to retain as many in-person options as possible for our students. The recommendation for handling cases is evolving very quickly, we are working to respond to those changes as quickly as possible. Frequent updates can be expected on how we are adjusting to the most recent recommendations. Everyone should stay closely linked to their emails for those updates.

**FINANCE UPDATE**

None

**CONSENT**

2021/22-77 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve the minutes from December 14, 2021 6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:20 p.m. Closed Session, 6:40 p.m. Closed Session and Regular Board Meeting. HR Update, Disbursements for November and December 2021 and Operational Organization.

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

NO:

**ACTION**

**1. Approval of the Closure of the MILAF Account Holding 2016 Capital Project Funds:** Ms. Wilson is asking for the 2016 Capital Project Fund MILAF account number 202647 to be closed. The account has a remaining balance of \$591.10 at 11/30/21. The remaining fund will be transferred to the Huntington Capital Projects Checking account.

2021/22-78 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the Board approve the closure of the MILAF account holding 2016 Capital Project Funds as presented.

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

NO:

**2. Approval of the Overnight Band and Winter Color Guard Trip:** Ms. Irvine presented on behalf of Zach Novicki. The Winter Guard Regional and World Championships take place February 12-13 and April 5-9. Board approval is being sought for these field trips.

2021/22-79 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the Board approve the overnight trips to Avon, Indiana February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and Dayton, Ohio April 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> for Winter Guard competitions as presented.

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

NO:

**3. Approval of the School of Choice Program for 2022-2023:** Ms. Irvine explained; annually we participate in a School of Choice Program. Typically we have applied to bring in 50 kindergarten students and then grades 1 through 11 as space allowed. The School of Choice window for kindergarten was in March, grades 1 through 11 was in August. We are going to make some revisions, we want to make sure that we are getting quick responses to families who are interested in attending Southgate Community Schools. We believe that if we ask our families to wait until August, there are those that will find alternate sources for schooling. We also want ample to go over records. We do plan on creating some additional rules around School of Choice. One of those is we will not accept any student who has had a suspension or expulsion in the last two years. We also want to look at considering the types of program we have available and whether we have full opportunity for enrollment or limited opportunity. This is the School of Choice Program we would like to have implemented, we have not yet submitted it to Wayne RESA. It is subject to approval, and will require some legal nuancing because we want to be sure our Atlas online is available for any student that would like to get in. We do want to limit our enrollment in kindergarten as well as any other grade level. We also plan to open a pilot

program for international baccalaureate which will be presented to the board at the next board meeting. We want to have some limited options there as well.

We are requesting our School of Choice window for 2022/23 to be March 1 through March 25 for kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> grade, all programs and qualifying non-resident students. August 15 through 19<sup>th</sup> for K-5 students, limited to space identified at that time, and resident students 1-12 who have moved out of the district and wish to stay in Southgate Community Schools. We would have a program School of Choice-type Atlas online unlimited, International Baccalaureate limited; K-10, 1<sup>st</sup>-10, 2<sup>nd</sup>-10, 3<sup>rd</sup>-10. K-11 not IB limited; K-40, 1<sup>st</sup>-10, 2<sup>nd</sup>-10, 3<sup>rd</sup>-10, 4<sup>th</sup>-10, 5<sup>th</sup>-10, 6<sup>th</sup>-10, 7<sup>th</sup>-10, 8<sup>th</sup>-10, 9<sup>th</sup>-10, 10<sup>th</sup>-10 and 11-10. K-5 no IB, limited spaces to be announced. Currently enrolled resident students who have moved out of the district and wish to continue in the school district-unlimited.

Discussion; baccalaureate program, Atlas Program.

2021/22-80 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve the School of Choice Program for Southgate Community Schools for 2022-2023 as presented.

*Mr. Craig stated he will not be able to support this.*

*Roll call vote:*

YES: Estheimer, Freitas, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

NO: Craig

**4. Approval of the Agreement Between SAEA and SCSD Board of Education:** Ms. Irvine is pleased to announce we have reached an agreement through the end of the 22-23 school year with SAEA, which is the alternative education teachers.

2021/22-81 It was moved by Mr. Craig supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve the agreement between SAEA and the SCSD Board of Education.

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

NO:

**5. Approval of the Agreement Between BESSS and SCSD Board of Education:** Ms. Irvine is pleased to announce we have reached an agreement with our Beacon Day Treatment Support Specialists through the 22-23 school year. She expressed her appreciation for all of the staff; SAEA, BESSS and SSEPA for all that they do. She recognizes that, in an environment in which we struggle to maintain and retain quality staff, we have exceptional staff. These agreements are here to support and retain these employees.

2021/22-82 It was moved by Mr. Craig, supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve the agreement between BESSS and SCSD Board of Education.

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

NO:

**6. Approval of the Agreement Between SSEPA and SCSD Board of Education:** Ms. Irvine is pleased to announce we have reached an agreement with our special education paraprofessionals, the group known as SSEPA. There is a great demand for our paraprofessionals and we appreciate the relationships that they have with our kids and we are happy that we have an agreement that we anticipate will support our kids moving forward.

2021/22-83 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the Board approve the agreement between SSEPA and SCSD Board of Education.

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

#### EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

#### INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio expressed her appreciate to Fordline Elementary students for the very touching video.

Mr. Freitas sent well wishes to Mr. Green who was at home, not feeling well.


Mr. Estheimer requested Board members select a date to meet for the Board's Winter Retreat. It was decided the Board would meet January 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

2021/22-84 It was moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Craig, the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

*Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski*

  
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Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary  
Board of Education

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