



**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14400 DIX TOLEDO RD.
SOUTHGATE, MI 48195**

PRESIDENT
JASON CRAIG

DATE: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:00 P.M.

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

VICE PRESIDENT
TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig, Freitas

SECRETARY
DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Irvine, Wilson

TREASURER
RICK LAMOS

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Mr. Estheimer read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

TRUSTEES
NEIL J. FREITAS
ANDREW A. GREEN
SHAWN SAGE

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021/22-111 Moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Green the agenda
be revised to add Action Item #5, Forefront Contract.

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

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT
SHARON IRVINE

PRESENTATIONS

- Fall and Winter Individual Athlete Awards and Recognitions: Ms. Irvine introduced Mr. Pinkowski-Athletic Director at Anderson High School; he presented Fall & Winter Athletes from Swimming, Wrestling and Hockey. Coach Joyce Howell spoke about Grace Grabowski's swim accomplishments and record breaking season. Grace will be attending University of Findlay, she has received a merit and swimming scholarship. Wrestling Coach, Craig Lapanowski, spoke about Isaac Norscia, Jackson Sage, Ryan Leonard; their achievements for this season and the bright futures they have ahead of them. They have wrestled hard and represented Southgate very well and with class. Hockey Coach, Rickie Butler Jr., spoke about Ashton Petrarca's amazing, record breaking hockey season. Each athlete was honored with a plaque commemorating their remarkable seasons.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE
DIRECTOR
BARBARA WILSON, CFO

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR
DR. MICHELLE BAKER-
HERRING

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Pawlowski- Congratulated all athletes and thanked the Board for making the district better and stick up for teachers and students.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Ms. Irvine announced the kindergarten orientation on Wednesday with Open Houses from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Allen, Fordline and Shelters. Grogan will host their Open House 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. GSRP will be there, a school bus will be onsite for young students to be introduced to, in preparation for transportation in the fall. Willie Wonka will be presented by the Southgate Anderson Drama Club on Thursday, Friday and Saturday-March 10, 11 and 12th at 7:00 p.m. -Anderson Auditorium.

CONSENT

2021/22-112 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the Board approve the February 28, 2022 Closed Session and February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes, HR Update and Disbursements for February 2022.

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

ACTION

1. Approval of the Press Box Fiber Recommendation: Matt Linder-Plante Moran, explained the scope of work for the fiber cabling for the Anderson High School Press Box. This includes an underground bore from Allen Elementary School to the press box, installation of a twelve-strand fiber cable and termination hardware to connect to the Allen Elementary School network. Mr. Linder reviewed the RFP process and the four proposals received. Based on detailed analysis of the proposals the Project Team is recommending the Anderson Press Box project be awarded to AMcomm Telecommunications, in an amount not to exceed \$21,596.67, pending successful contract negotiations. The District intends to apply for E-Rate funding for this project. The lowest bidder could not meet our deadline. Discussion: Scope of work, market conditions/supply chain issues.

2021/22-113 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the Board approve the Anderson Press Box Fiber award in an amount not to exceed \$21,596.67 as presented.

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

2. Approval of the Structured Cabling Recommendation: Matt Linder-Plante Moran explained, this program is for the structured cabling for data cabling components required for the pool and fitness center at Anderson. This is all copper data cabling to support public address speakers and fiber optic backbone cabling. Mr. Linder reviewed the RFP process, pricing and the scope of work. AMcomm Telecommunications proposal was the only bid received. Vendors were reached out to, but no other bids were received. Vendors just could not take on anymore work this summer. The Project Team found no issues with the RFP response and is satisfied that AMcomm understands the project and timeline. They are a reputable vendor that Plante Moran has worked with before. This award is for \$67,169.00. This is an E-Rate eligible project. Discussion: scope of work and E-Rate reimbursement process.

2021/22-114 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the Board approve the Structured Cabling award in an amount not to exceed \$67,169.00 as presented.

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

3. Approval of the Beacon Therapy Dog Contract: Ms. Irvine presented this item. The social/emotional learning therapy dog is a very valuable resource for a population like those that are at Beacon. This would be a great investment which will be covered by ESSER funds. It's a perfect fit for the mental health piece that we know, returning to school is embracing. Discussion: Care and keeping of the dog, how the expenses are covered after the dog is released to the district, real outcomes of having a dog in this program, Board members requested tabling this item until representatives can be present for questioning.

2021/22-115 Moved by Mr. Green supported by Mr. Sage, the Board table this item until the next Board meeting.

YES: Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

NO:

4. Approval for USAC E-Rate Projects: Matt Linder-Plante Moran explained, these are another series of contract awards that are being recommended based on an E-Rate bid process. These are for a number of technology items to support bond program related technology initiatives within the district for; network electronics, wireless network, district's firewall upgrade and a redundant internet connection. A single RFP was issued with all of these items included in it. The scope of work was reviewed. The recommendations; for the network electronics and firewall to Delta Networks for \$134,207.39. Wireless Network Electronics to Inacomp for a total of \$6,624.94. Internet Access service to Wow, for total annual amount of \$8,738.70 pending USAC E-Rate approval. Discussion: Costs and funding.

2021/22-116 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve the USAC E-Rate projects as presented.

YES: Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

NO:

5. Contract with Forefront:

2021/22-117 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the Board approve the contract with Forefront.

YES: Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

NO:

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

None

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pomponio congratulated the students, coaches, teachers and administrators and gave her condolences to Norma Wurmlinger's family.

Mr. Green concurred with Dr. Pomponio and is looking forward to the play this weekend. He also congratulated Mr. Sage on his son's achievements.

Mr. Sage thanked the administration and the teachers for recognizing the athletes and the students on their accomplishments. He thanked the coaches for the phenomenal job they do.

Ms. Irvine acknowledged and congratulated Dr. Pomponio for being elected to the MASB Board of Directors.

Mr. Estheimer called for a moment of silence for Ms. Norma Wurmlinger. He announced the Powder Buff game on March 9, Willie Wonka play that begins March 10th, and AHS/DMS have conferences March 10 and 11th. Winter Drumline competition this weekend. Last weekend the Percussion and Winter Guard performed last weekend.

Ms. Irvine added that conferences are virtual unless a parent requests in-person.

ADJOURNMENT

2021/22-118 Moved by Mr. Green, supported by Mr. Sage, the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

YES: Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage

NO:

Respectfully submitted by: Theresa Grzechowski

Dr. Darlene Pomponio-Secretary
Board of Education

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