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

**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

PRESIDENT  
JASON CRAIG

**DATE: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

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

VICE PRESIDENT  
TIMOTHY O. ESTHEIMER

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Estheimer

SECRETARY  
DR. DARLENE L. POMPONIO

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Irvine, Wilson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TREASURER  
RICK LAMOS

Mr. Craig read the District Mission and Vision Statements.

**REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

TRUSTEES  
NEIL J. FREITAS  
ANDREW A. GREEN  
SHAWN SAGE

2021/22-151 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve the May 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

NO:

**ADMINISTRATION**

SUPERINTENDENT  
SHARON IRVINE

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Titan Awards: This award goes to student athletes that lead from the front, set an example, possess selflessness, exhibit sportsmanship, commitment towards practice, games and continued improvement, honesty, positive attitude, enthusiasm for their sport on and off the field/court, toughness, work ethic, team work, focus, discipline, perseverance and exemplary behavior in school. These student athletes represent Southgate to the best of their ability. Mr. Dobek, Athletic Coordinator introduced the high school athletes that received the Titan Award: Joseph Rodriguez-Cross Country, Brennan Emans-Varsity Football, Paris Meller-Girls Golf, Joseph Truel-Boys Soccer, Grace Piesz-Varsity Volleyball, Karen Sanchez-J.V. Volleyball, Chase Barbosa-Varsity Basketball, Keegan Jackson-J.V. Basketball, Deangelo Stewart-9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball, McKenna Freitas-Varsity Basketball, Jenna Hinzmann-9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball, Luke Piscitelli-Bowling, Britney Manning-Bowling, Olivia Ensign-Varsity Competitive Cheer, Virginia Urbanek-Figure Skating, Josh Calhoun-Varsity Hockey, Ryan Leonard-Varsity Wrestling, Alexander Jewell-Varsity Boys Track, Maggie Stanley-Girls Varsity Track.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE  
DIRECTOR  
BARBARA WILSON, CFO

CURRICULUM/FEDERAL  
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR  
DR. MICHELLE BAKER-  
HERRING

Ms. Hinzmann, DMS Athletic Director, introduced the middle school athletes: Charley McKay-Cross Country, Logan Pharmer-Cross Country, Scarlett Sage-Sideline Cheer, Cyrus Connor-Soccer, Cole Cornett-7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball, T.J. Pokorny-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball, Cooper Randall-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball, Abbiegayle Juco 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball, Julianne Nadolski-7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball, Ella Doddie-Competitive Cheer, Sam Cowan-Middle School Wrestling, Aiden Nunnally-7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Baseball, Audrey Englehart-7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Softball, Isiah Daviston-Middle School Track, Habib Majedi-Middle School Track, Ella Hess-Middle School Track, Charley McKay-Middle School Track.

2. MASSW Social Worker of the Year: Ms. Irvine read a letter submitted to the Michigan Association of School Social Workers. This letter, which highlighted the amazing qualities and career of Ms. Dunholter, prompted her to be chosen as the MASSW Social worker of the Year. Ms. Dunholter received a commemorative plaque from the Board and superintendent.

3. FY23 Original Budget First Read: Ms. Wilson presented the Board with the first read of the 2022-2023 Proposed Original Budget. This budget is based on the following assumptions:

**Revenues:**

Local Sources-Local tax revenue is based on the full 18 mill levy authorized by law on taxable non-principal residence property, except commercial personal. \$46,000 reduction in anticipated property tax revenue.

State Sources-The foundation allowance is projected to increase by \$400 per pupil. Fall 2022 enrollment is projected to increase by 50 pupils.

Federal Sources-ESSER II fund completely expended by June 30, 2022

Other Sources-Enhancement revenue budgeted at 25% less, due to PSA inclusion in distribution

**Expenditures:**

Instruction-All negotiated contracts for 2022-2023 included. Projected severance is budgeted at \$300,000 based on an estimated 10 teacher retirements. Hard Cap cost increase 1.3%. Retirement costs have been budgeted at the average cost of 28.23% (44.88% net of UAAL 16.65% offset). No net increase to retirement costs.

General Administration-Central Office restructure.

Operations & Maintenance-\$90,000 added for Facilities Director. \$50,000 added to budget for swimming pool maintenance.

Pupil Transportation-\$850,000 added to transportation budget; \$350,000 District; \$500,000 ESSER III.

Athletics-Athletic Coordinator position added. Enhancement dollars allocated at \$386,650-

- \$250,000 Athletics
- \$100,000 Maintenance
- \$6,000 K-8 Robotics
- \$25,000 Band
- \$5,650 Transportation- Quiz Bowl, Robotics, Big Brothers, Band

Debt Service-GASB 87 implementation. Change in the way Operating Leases are recognized in the Financial Statements. Projected General Fund balance, percentage of prior year's expenditures is 10.2%. Board Policy 5002 requires we will endeavor to maintain an end-year general fund balance of 10% of the preceding year's expenditures.

The following are unknowns at this time:

- At this time, the commercial personal debt levy calculation is expected to be known by 6-14-22. We are not anticipating a reduction to the debt lev of 5.85 mills.
- The foundation allowance per pupil is not determined yet. State is required to complete their budget by July 1.
- Fall 2022 pupil count is not known at this time.
- ESSER III estimated allocation of \$5.4 million has not been fully released or distributed across the budget expenditures.
- Additional bargaining unit contract will be negotiated for 2022-2023.
- The impact of fewer Free and Reduced count based on reduced reporting requirements.

On June 14 the hearing will be held for the budget and more detail is expected at that time.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Robert Pawlowski congratulated the recipients of the Titan Awards and Ms. Dunholter for the MSSW of the Year award. He addressed the Board regarding the budget and money for advertising.

**SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Ms. Irvine reminded everyone to make good choices as this year draws to an end.

**CONSENT**

2021/22-152 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the Board approve the May 10, 2022 Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes and the HR Update.

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

NO:

**ACTION**

**1. Approval of the District Cement Work Package:** Ms. Irvine presented this item. The cement around Anderson's bus loop, Davidson's main entrance and approach, and the sidewalk surrounding North Pointe is badly in need of repair. In 2020, the District captured a five-year pricing contract from Royal Cement. Currently, cement replacement for Davidson is in Series 2 Bond Plan for 2020 Bond Funds. Because we have postponed roofing costs to Series 2, we have space to advance these projects. With the money saved by using this pricing, we are able to add Anderson's bus loop and North Pointe surrounding sidewalk. The quoted costs for each of these projects are:

• Anderson High School	Bus Loop	\$ 20,441.25
• Davidson	Main Entrance/Approach	\$164,781.50
• North Pointe	Building Surround	<u>\$48,705.75</u>
	Total	\$213,487.25

Using the current bond pricing, the cost for Davidson would be \$227,760.00. This will free up money for other smaller cement projects around the District. This work would be done during the summer and all funding will come from 2020 Bond Funds.

2021/22-153 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve no more than \$227,760.00 for the cement work for Anderson, Davidson and North Pointe.

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

NO:

**2. Approval of the Pool and Fitness Award Recommendation:** Mr. Matt Linder-Plante Moran, explained this recommendation represents the mutual efforts of Plante Moran and Southgate Community Schools Administration (the Project Team) to follow a predefined framework to identify, evaluate and recommend a solution for the Anderson high School Addition Sound Reinforcement Systems project.

The scope of work includes sound reinforcement systems at the Anderson High School pool area and weight room areas (two systems total). The project scope includes:

- Amplifiers, microphones and signal processing equipment for each of the two systems
- Dedicated speakers for each system
- A lockable cabinet for each system
- Associated wiring for both systems

The Project Team publicly issued an RFP in April 2022 for sound reinforcement systems. Bid specifications for the solution were developed by BAI Consultants through TMP, the project architects. Six vendors were notified of the opportunity, four vendors posted questions related to the RFP, however only one RFP response was received (from Sound Planning). Sound Planning's proposal was confirmed to be a complete solution. The Project Team found no issues with the RFP response and is satisfied that Sound Planning understands the project and timeline.

Based on the analysis of the proposal and clarifications the District recommends \$68,212.27 be awarded to Sound Planning for the Anderson pool and weight room sound reinforcement systems, and that an additional \$6800 in project contingency be set aside, pending contract negotiations. This project is being funded from the construction budget, not technology, and is within the budget for the project. Discussion: The role BAI played, warranties and what portion of the bond this will be funded from.

2021/22-154 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Sage, the Board approve the bid award of \$68,212.27 to Sound Planning Communications for the Anderson pool and weight room sound reinforcement systems and that no more than 10% contingency fee of \$6,800 to be set aside pending contract negotiations.

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

**3. Approval of Softball Pitching Machine:** Mr. Mitch Dobek-Athletic Coordinator explained, the Board is being asked to approve a new pitching machine for the softball program. The current one is over 10 years old. The technology of the newer machines allows for 7 difference pitches to be thrown. We are behind other districts when it comes to updated equipment. This past season the rubber is starting to wear on the wheel leaving it difficult to use consistently without having to adjust the height every two pitches. We are also asking to purchase the carousel feeder, which allows the coach to load the machine with up with 18 balls at a time.

We received three quotes on the new Softball Pitching Machine:

- Jugs Sports-BP3 Softball Machine with Feeder \$5111.00
- BSN Sports-BP3 Softball Pitching Machine \$4614.50
- Sports Attack-Elite e-Hack Attack Softball Machine \$15,499.00

Based on the research and the needs of the softball team, it is recommended that the machine be directly purchased from the manufacturer-Jug Sports. While the BSN is cheaper, that product did not give the option for the ball feeder. If it was added to BSN's quote it would make that machine \$200 more than the Jugs machine. This is an upgrade over what we have currently and we have many of this company's products that last a long time. The money for this machine was budgeted for the 2021-2022 school year, from the Enhancement Budget for Athletics. Discussion-passing the current machine to the middle school program, life span of a pitching machine, new technology.

2021/22-155 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Green, the Board approve the contract with Jug Sports for the BP3 Softball Machine with feeder for not more than \$5111.00.

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

**4. Approval of the Board Meeting Calendar for July - December 2022:** Ms. Irvine explained the Board meeting calendar was discussed at the last workshop. At the organizational meeting the calendar for the year would be established, it has been done on a fiscal year basis. To get us to that point, we have a calendar for Board meetings for the rest of this year. There will be one meeting in July which would be a workshop with an early meeting at 6 to cover any outstanding issues if needed. The first meeting of November would need to be changed due to the conflict with the election. Discussion-alternate date for November.

2021/22-156 Moved by Dr. Pomponio supported by Mr. Lamos, the Board approve the adjusted calendar to change November 8<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting Board of Education Master calendar for July through December 2022.

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

#### **EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None

#### **INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Pomponio shared a message with students and parents; You have successfully made it through elementary, middle and now finally high school. Many of you will go on to college, vocational schools, military, start your own business or take a break, in any case we have faith in you and trust you will always be Titan Strong no matter where life takes you. We are proud and happy for each one of you, but at the same time we parents are fighting back the tears of joy and amazement of how fast we have gotten here. Congratulations to the Titan Class of 2022.

Mr. Freitas-It has been my pleasure and an honor to get to know the Class of 2022 and their parents through their field trips, dances, sports and other events. Our most precious gift is our children. I would like to thank the teachers, administration, office staff, coaches and everyone else for everything they have done to shape McKenna into the awesome young lady that she has become. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Mr. Green echoed the sentiments of Dr. Pomponio and Mr. Freitas for the graduating seniors and to all of our students as the year is coming to a close. He acknowledged what happened in Texas today and unfortunately what continues to happen at great lengths in the world we live in right now. He asked that people be compassionate and kind to one another, and reminded everyone that decisions they make affect other people. We are doing our best to keep children safe which is a hard thing to say, there's no guarantee ever. Our district is working on extra levels of security. It's hard to be in this profession and continue to see this stuff happen. Hug your loved ones and keep people who have suffered the tragedy in your prayers tonight or however you chose to think about them.

Mr. Sage shared his fellow Board members sentiments and as the year comes to an end, thanked the students and teachers. He also recognized the superintendent and the Board who are tasked with difficult decisions and are trying to do the best they can. On nights like tonight where students are recognized it's a game changer, brought about by the superintendent and the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2021/22- 157 Moved by Mr. Lamos supported by Dr. Pomponio, the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

YES: Craig, 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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