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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

DATE: Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Freitas

Mr. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Mr. Craig read the Mission and Vision statements.

REVISIONS/ADDITIONS OF AGENDA:

2022/23 – 13 Moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Green, that the Board approve the August 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Yes: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
No:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Facility Usage Process Update, First Read
Ms. Irvine recapped the current facility usage language which stipulates that the Superintendent develops the guidelines for this process. To help protect the District's investment, the proposed language change includes a statement that the District may limit the usage of the facilities due to possible damage. Groups that want to use the facilities, especially if they are charging, must get approval. Outside groups contact Central Office and internal groups contact the high school main office. Signs have been ordered that indicate approval is necessary for group usage of the fields. When the pool is opened, there will be a cost associated with all rentals. Mr. Hardy will be assisting with putting a process in place for the use of the pool.
2. Media Appeals Process, First Read
Mr. Lindsay reviewed the Media Appeals Process. The process begins by the complainant completing a Google form. The form is then printed and signed by the complainant and taken to Central Office for Mr. Lindsay's signature. From there, a committee will review the material content and the curriculum content of the book using a rubric. Once a decision is made by the committee, the committee will inform Ms. Irvine who will then relay the decision to the complainant.

The appeals process will be completed on a monthly basis, with a maximum of ten appeals per month. There will be one appeal prior to the start of school.

If there is an appeal on books that are part of a board approved curriculum, then the appeal will be reviewed by the curriculum committee.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Robert Pawlowski – Addressed the Board regarding installing additional levels of technology for security purposes. In addition, Mr. Pawlowski believes that the Media Appeals Process will help with student safety concerns surrounding certain books in the media centers.

Billie Schultz – Addressed the Board regarding her support of the Media Appeals Process. Ms. Schultz provided an excerpt of a book that she feels is inappropriate.

Cynthia Wiebelhaus – Offered the Board and the District the support of Moms for Liberty of Wayne County. Ms. Wiebelhaus suggested having a variety of people on the committee.

Shannon Gecko – Expressed her support of the Media Appeals Process to protect the students. Ms. Gecko also expressed that Southgate is leading this charge in the Downriver districts.

Daniela Cantos – Addressed the Board to share her concerns about protecting the students from any inappropriate books in the media center.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Ms. Irvine shared her excitement and welcomed the athletes and band students back. Practices started this week.

Information about bussing, class lists, and enrollment updates will be going out soon. Administrators and Administrative Assistants will be back in their offices on August 15. Classroom supply lists will be posted online soon.

Ms. Irvine stressed the importance of updating phone number and addresses as quickly as possible if there have been changes. Bus information is as accurate as the data that is in MiStar.

CONSENT:

2022/23 – 14 Moved by Dr. Pomonio, supported by Mr. Sage, that the Board approve the July 19, 2022 Closed Session Minutes, July 19, 2022 Regular Session Minutes, July 19, 2022 Board Workshop Minutes, HR Update, and the June, 2022 and July, 2022 Disbursement Reports.

Yes: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
No:

ACTION:

1. Approval of the Board's MASB Delegate

Ms. Irvine explained that annually, a representative from Southgate attends the MASB Conference and casts votes on behalf of the District. Ms. Irvine recommended that the Board certify Dr. Pomponio as the MASB Delegate for Southgate Community Schools for 2022/2023. Dr. Pomponio accepted the recommendation.

2022-23 – 15 Moved by Mr. Green, supported by Mr. Estheimer, that the Board certify Dr. Darlene Pomponio as the MASB Delegate for 2022/2023.

Yes: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
No:

2. Approval of the Mulch Installation, Phase II

Ms. Irvine introduced Mr. Jason Hardy, new Director of Operations, who provided the specifications needed to pass annual safety inspections of the mulch at the playgrounds. The last installation was Spring, 2021, and settling has occurred, causing the need for additional mulch. Superior Groundcover will be installing the new mulch.

2022-23 – 16 Moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Sage, that the Board approve the installation of mulch at Allen, Fordline, Grogan, and Shelters Elementaries for an amount not to exceed \$17,167.50.

Yes: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
No:

3. Approval of the GSRP Contract

Ms. Irvine introduced Ms. Nicole Walker, the new Early Childhood Director who gave a brief introduction of herself. Ms. Walker's goals are to have safe, educated, and happy students. She will be focusing on parent engagement through events, home visits, and parent teacher conferences.

2022-23 – 17 Moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Estheimer, that the Board approve the GSRP contract with Wayne RESA for the 2022/2023 school year.

Yes: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
No:

4. Approval of the Student Handbook Policy Package

Ms. Irvine explained that this policy package was brought before the Board for its first read at the June 28th meeting. The math curriculum review for this year will likely bring many changes to these policies, but there will not be a full review of all of the policies in the near future. It will be just a change request.

2022-23 – 18 Moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Green, that the Board approve the Student Handbook Policy Package.

Yes: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
No:

DISCUSSION:

None

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr. Hardy and Ms. Walker were introduced earlier in the meeting. Ms. Irvine introduced Renae Gowen, the new Asher Director.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

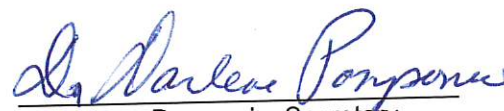
Dr. Pomponio – enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe.

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-23 – 19 Moved by Mr. Estheimer, supported by Mr. Green, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Yes: Craig, Estheimer, Green, Lamos, Pomponio, Sage
No:

Respectfully submitted by: Jodi Badder



Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Secretary
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