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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**14400 DIX TOLEDO RD.
SOUTHGATE, MI 48195**

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Estheimer

Mr. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Mr. Craig read the Mission and Vision statements.

REVISIONS/ADDITIONS OF AGENDA:

2022/23 – 41 Moved by Dr. Pomponio, supported by Mr. Green, that the Board approve the October 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. October – National Principals Month
Ms. Irvine expressed her gratitude for the principals in Southgate Community Schools. Principals are among the hardest working yet often unrecognized individuals in education. They are the first ones to show up at school in the morning and the last ones to leave. Each October, MASSP and other organizations seek to honor these unsung heroes for their tireless efforts in the pursuit of excellence in education. Southgate Community Schools echoes that appreciation and we hope that our public takes a moment over this month to give appreciation to the principals that support their kids.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Robert Pawlowski

Southgate Community Schools had a booth at Harvest Fest this past weekend. Many community members were supportive of the sinking fund. Those who were not educated on it had the opportunity to have their questions answered. Mr. Pawlowski gave a shout out to the sponsors.

Door to door canvassing for the sinking fund will begin soon. Look for more information regarding the sinking fund online at southgateschools.com.

Mr. Pawlowski also gave a shout out to all of the principals, especially his first principal, Mr. Perry.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Ms. Irvine brought to the board's attention that there was a student present who is taking pictures for a photo journalism class.

As a follow up to the Dean conversation at the last meeting, Ms. Irvine reported that bussing for athletic events has been started. In addition, there was a change in one of the routes. It was decided that Trenton Road is not a crossable road, so middle school students living on the other side of Trenton Road are now eligible for transportation.

Also, WIN dates have been approved and will be released tomorrow. Families will be pleased that we have protected large blocks of instructional time for students. The new improved calendar is much more usable and friendly to families.

Go Titans. Football plays Woodhaven on Friday.

CONSENT:

2022/23 – 42 Moved by Dr. Pomonio, supported by Mr. Lamos, that the Board approve the September 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, HR Update, and the September 2022 Disbursements.

Yes: Craig, Freitas, Green, Lamos, Pomonio, Sage
No:

ACTION:

1. Approval of the Anderson High School Overnight Hockey Trips

Ms. McVicker, AD, requested approval of two overnight trips for the hockey team. The first is for November 18-19 to compete against Cadillac and Manistee. The second is December 9-10 to compete against Tawas and Bay Area Schools.

2022-23 – 43 Moved by Dr. Pomonio, supported by Mr. Sage, that the Board approve the two overnight trips for the Anderson HS hockey team.

Yes: Craig, Freitas, Green, Lamos, Pomonio, Sage
No:

2. Approval of the Grogan Elementary Window Leak Repair Project

Mr. Hardy proposed a repair of the Grogan windows. There has been an ongoing problem with water leaking into the classroom. It was first thought to be the roof but after the roof was replaced, the problem still exists. The windows were determined to be poorly constructed but the warranty is expired. The problem was found and Ram Construction repaired the windows. However, there are 15 additional windows that also need to be repaired at a cost of \$60,215. Ram Construction did the original repair work and this would be a change order from the 2020 Bond Fund.

2022-23 – 44 Moved by Dr. Pomonio, supported by Mr. Lamos, that the Board approve the window leak repair project at Grogan Elementary for an amount not to exceed \$60,215.00.

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

No:

3. Approval of the Science Room Faucets and Traps at Anderson High School.

Ms. Irvine explained that we have not had lab sinks in working order in our science rooms. This repair will allow access to the rigorous courses with a full experience of a lab setting.

Mr. Hardy explained that some of the sinks are disconnected and not up to code. The inability to use the sinks has been an ongoing situation for over a year. Going forward there will be a system in place to make sure that these sinks and traps are functional and up to code.

2022-23 – 45 Moved by Dr. Pomonio, supported by Mr. Sage, that the Board approve the purchase of 70 science room faucets and traps at Anderson High School for an amount not to exceed \$54,625.73.

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

No:

DISCUSSION:

None

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES:

None

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Green acknowledged a lot of good things happening in the district. He had the opportunity to visit schools. "The Board is doing their best, but we don't always get it right."

He mentioned the "buzz of the community", not just with football. The homecoming booths were successful, the band performed after the homecoming game and people stayed to watch.

Southgate Schools is a good place to be and it's getting better each day. Be proud of yourself as a community and as students.

Mr. Freitas echoed Mr. Green's comments on Homecoming. Also commented on the excitement of the community. The atmosphere, pride and vibe in the community is up. At the parent-teacher conferences, it was good to see that the teachers were excited.

Dr. Pomponio has been here for 14 years and there's been a lot of ups and downs. Over the past couple of years, the changes have been very transparent. This board has been a cohesive and intelligent board that looks at everything.

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-23 – 46 Moved by Mr. Green, supported by Mr. Lamos, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

No:

Respectfully submitted by: Jodi Badder



Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Secretary
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