

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting of February 20, 2013**

The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on February 20, 2013, in the South Lake Administration building, located at 23101 Stadium Boulevard, St. Clair Shores, Michigan was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by our president, Allan Innes.

Members present: Allan Innes, Ellen Dunn, Karla Anderson, Christi Frazier
Paula Mack-Crouchman, Charlotte Rebelein

Members absent: Lois Cardenas

Administrators present: Pamela Balint, John Thero, Matthew Dishman, Toni Kasander
Administrators absent: Ted Von Hiltmayer

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Innes

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Innes recommended Board of Education approval for the items listed on the Consent Agenda which include:

Checks written for January 2013

General Fund	\$398,080.07
Activity Fund	\$5,288.22
Cafeteria Fund	\$29,094.39
2008 Bond Fund	\$194.00
Latch Key Fund	\$383.24
PEGS	\$36,393.01
American Express	<u>\$47,184.26</u>
Total	\$516,233.95

Board of Education minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2013
Board of Education minutes from the Organizational Meeting of January 16, 2013
Attorney Invoices in the amount of \$3,915.50

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Frazier to approve above Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

STUDENT REPORT

Hannah Apostolou gave an update on the following:

- Student Congress is working on the Snowball Dance.
- There will be a Pep Assembly on Friday.
- They have started a new project called the Spirit Jug.
- Juniors had a practice ACT last week.
- During the ACT, other students recreated Challenge Day.
- The Boys Swim Team became City Champs and League Champs.
- The Bowling Team became League Champs.
- The Girls basketball team became League Champs.
- The 8th grade orientation was held at the high school last week, we all had a great time.
- Parent teacher conferences are tonight.
- We are still taking donations for the Senior All Night Party.
- Please check out the Lancer website for updated school events.
- Beauty and the Beast will be performed at the High School on March 22 and March 23.

BOARD BRIGHTENER

Ms. Wells, Mrs. Tisdale along with Kelly, Star and Jessica, students from the Middle School, were here to present an update on the Green team and their new accomplishments. Some of the projects they worked on consisted of:

- Collecting empty juice box containers and made them into purses and wallets which were then presented to the Board and staff.
- Raise funds in order to contribute \$100.00 to the Adopt-A-Family program at the Middle School.
- A recycled quilt was made by Mrs. Charuba’s class.
- Purchased a new composter to go in the garden.
- Working with the cafeteria staff to compost left over food.
- Thanked Adam Weiske for redoing the new garden.
- Thanked Mr. Quick for developing a new Green website.
- Developed a recycling project with Pac Mail.
- The Green Team is creating an endangered species habitat in the media center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Rebelein, seconded by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to enter into closed session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of an expulsion hearing.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

Mrs. Balint and Mr. Fringer provided a synopsis of the events regarding the proposed expulsion of student #2012SL04.

The student and her mother were present to speak to the Board.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rebelein, seconded by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to return to open session at 7:11 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 7:12 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Resolution to permanently expel student #2012SL04 from South Lake Schools. The Board of Education has received information regarding the misconduct of one of the district’s students. The recommendation of the parties involved is permanent expulsion for 180 days.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board of Education Adopt the Resolution to permanently expel student #2012SL04 for 180 days.

Moved by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, seconded by Mrs. Dunn to Adopt the Resolution to permanently expel student #2012SL04 for 180 days.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mrs. Balint spoke on behalf of Mr. Von Hiltmayer. There were no action items this evening.

Mrs. Poleski nominated Kelle Vertin for a 212 Award because of her dedication and passion to increased student academic achievement in the area of mathematics. All of the extras Kelle does for students and staff are a result of her passion to lead mathematics instruction to new heights for students in South Lake.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Resolution in Recognition of Parenting Awareness Month. March is Parenting Awareness Month in the State of Michigan. Therefore, I recommend approval to adopt the above resolution.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Dunn to approve to Adopt the Resolution to Recognize March as Parenting Awareness Month.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

The Kindergarten roundup will be held on March 23, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at Elmwood Elementary School. Mr. Thero gave a short synopsis on our Kindergarten program.

REVISED SCHOOL CODE

A recently enacted Michigan law amended the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1147), which changed the minimum age requirement for a child enrolling in kindergarten. Currently, a student must be five years old by December 1st to be eligible for enrollment to kindergarten. New legislation will change the “cut-off” date and will be gradually phased-in over three years; changing the requirement by one month each year. The changes will be implemented in the following manner:

- For the 2013-14 school year, children must be five years old by November 1st
- For the 2014-15 school year, children must be five years old by October 1st
- For the 2015-16 school year (and beyond), children must be five years old by September 1st

TITLE I UPDATE

Our Consolidated Application has been reviewed and approved. Funds have been made available for allocation. This year all three elementary buildings are receiving Title I services. The Title I funds are used to compensate two literacy interventionists and one mathematics interventionist. This information is shared yearly at the required Title I Parent Meeting that is held in the fall at Title I schools.

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM (MME)

The Michigan Department of Education will administer the Michigan Merit Exam to all students in grade 11 and eligible grade 12 students during March of 2013. The schedule will be as follows:

March 5, 2013	ACT Plus Writing
March 6, 2013	WorkKeys (applied mathematics, reading and locating information)
March 7, 2013	Michigan Math, Science and Social Studies

MEAP UPDATE

The 2012-13 MEAP scores were publicly released on February 11, 2013. South Lake Schools is in the process of sending parent reports home. The Board will receive a more comprehensive report of the MEAP results at the March 20, 2013, Board meeting.

SMARTER BALANCED PILOT

In order to be prepared for the Smarter Balanced Assessment in the 2014–15 school year, the State has selected South Lake Middle School and South Lake High School to participate in a scientific pilot of the tests at particular grade levels. The schedule is listed below:

- MS Grade 7 ELA – Test Window 3/6/2013 – 3/21/2013
 Grade 8 ELA – Test Window 3/6/2013 – 3/21/2013
- HS Grade 11 ELA – Test Window 4/15/2013-4/26/2013
 Grade 10 Math – Test Window 4/15/2013-4/26/2013

South Lake teachers and staff are currently working on making the necessary preparations to ensure that the pilot tests are successful. Additionally, consultants from the Macomb Intermediate School District will attend some of the test sessions and observe. The purpose is to learn about the structure of these new assessments as well as how the technology works. This information will be shared with other districts in Macomb County.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education approval to purchase five additional access points from Newegg.com. The cost of the five access points total \$2,894.95. These additional access points would be used in the High School, Middle School and Elmwood. This will be paid out of the 2008 Technology Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein to purchase additional wireless access points.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education approval to purchase earphones for students to use while taking the Smarter Balanced Pilot Assessment in March and April. The total cost would be \$875.00. This will be paid out of the 2008 Technology Bond Fund. Discussion took place.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, seconded by Mrs. Dunn to approve the purchase of earphones for students at a total cost of \$875.00.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education approval to purchase a new printer for the High School lab from the REMC Company for a total of \$349.15. This will be paid out of the 2008 Technology Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, seconded by Ms. Frazier to approve the purchase of a new printer in the amount of \$349.15 to REMC Company.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to PARTNERS in Architecture for services on the South Lake High School gym lighting replacement project in the amount of \$4,361.52. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to PARTNERS in Architecture in the amount of \$4,361.52.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to VSC Inc. 2008 Bond Fund, in the amount of \$599.99 for the ceiling projector mount.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to approve payment to VSC Inc. in the amount of \$599.99.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Dishman has met with PARTNERS in Architecture this month and is very excited about the new lighting in the gym.

Mr. Dishman has been meeting with the staff of CSM Services. They are making some internal changes.

Mr. Dishman explained the process for closing schools on a snow day.

Mr. Innes thanked Mrs. Balint for her decision to close school on February 8.

The business office staff is working on a preliminary budget proposal for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

All Board members thanked Mrs. Tisdale, Ms. Wells and the students who presented the Board Brightener.

Mrs. Rebelein

- Congratulations to Kelle Vertin on her 212 Award.
- Book Fair will take place on March 14 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Karla Anderson

- Attended the Drama Club pasta dinner.
- Congratulations again to Timothy Carroll and Tyler Robbel on their CTE Awards. The breakfast was great.
- Attended the Hero in Me Bullying assembly at Elmwood. The students were very receptive to the information that was presented.
- Have a good March!

Paula Mack-Crouchman

- The Middle School held a grade 5 transition day on February 1. They were served lunch and were able to see what the school has to offer.
- Mr. Weber, Ms. Wells and Mr. Larsen were wrapped in toilet paper.
- 300 honor students at the Middle School were treated to a field trip at Great Skate.
- The Middle School is getting ready for the cardboard boat regatta.

Christi Frazier

- Ditto to everything!
- We have such a good communication method in place when we have a snow day. It gives the parents extra time to prepare when school is closed.

Ellen Dunn

- Attended the Hero in Me Bullying assembly at Elmwood. It was well presented and put together.
- Watching our students is really exciting.
- Glad to hear about the MEAP scores and how South Lake has been so diligent in doing the right things for our kids. We have shown a great increase on testing.
- Congratulations to the parents, students and staff.

Pamela Balint

- Congratulations to the middle school staff and students on their Board Brightener.
- There is a new program in Macomb County which aims to mentor "Future Docs." Out of 100 applications, 31 students were chosen from public and private schools. Lia Korzeniewski, Imran Rashid and Emily Sturgis from South Lake Middle School were chosen to participate in this program. All students must have a 3.5 GPA. The foundation of the Future Docs program is the concept of learning about the world of medical careers in a real-world environment. We will put a link on our Facebook page.
- Mayor Walby will be speaking tomorrow at the Senior Center for his State of the City address.
- Good luck to all the Juniors on your Merit Exam.

John Thero

- We hosted a breakfast for the Nine Mile businesses and as I was speaking to them, it was mentioned by one of the businesses that they were looking for recycling materials. I contacted Mrs. Tisdale at the Middle School and seven days later, material was dropped off. I am very impressed with our Green Team.

Mr. Dishman

- Kudos to the Green Team. Mrs. Tisdale has been the driving force.
- Remember to save your box tops and labels.

Veda Hall

- Think Spring!

Allan Innes

- We are working on the Superintendent Evaluation report. We will give more information at our March meeting.
- It is always with a heavy heart that we have to expel any student. Our number one priority is their education.
- The basketball and hockey playoffs will begin soon.
- Attended the Connective Conversations at the High School. It is good to see so many parents involved.

- The Senior All-Night Party fund raiser is still going on.
- Beauty and the Beast will take place on March 22 and 23.
- Congratulations to my daughter who completed her basic training last week. I am so proud of her.

Mr. Innes gave the following quote for this evening:

"All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents."
John F. Kennedy, speech (1963)

Mrs. Mack-Crouchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi Frazier, Secretary