

**South Lake Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
January 17, 2018**

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The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on January 17, 2018, at the South Lake Administration Building, 23101 Stadium Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Michigan was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by our President, Charlotte Rebelein.

Members present: Charlotte Rebelein, Michael Damiani, Robert Penn,  
Melissa Gordon (arrived at 6:50 p.m.) Kelly Gattuso

Members absent: Julie Magee, Lois Cardenas

Administrators present: Ted Von Hiltmayer, John Thero, Frank Thomas

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Rebelein.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Checks written for December 2017

General Fund	\$557,462.04
Activity Fund	\$12,509.54
Cafeteria Fund	\$38,551.05
Latch Key Fund	\$125.00
2014 Bond Fund	\$58,306.72
2017 Bond	\$430,073.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,097,028.22</b>

Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of December 20, 2017  
Attorney Invoices totaling \$2,675.71

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mr. Penn to approve above Consent Agenda.  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 4/0

**STUDENT REPORT**

Nolan Girven reported on the following:

- Happy New Year to everyone.
- Student Council is now planning Snowball. Theme is "Nights of Lights."
- Eats, Beats and Greetings will be held on February 1, 2018.
- Update on all current sports.
- Try to attend the John-John Bowl-a-thon to be held on January 21 at 12:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for a current high school student to help with medical expenses.

**KOEPSSELL BOARD BRIGHTENER**

Diane Boehm started the Board Brightener by presenting a short power point. She spoke about different cultures. The second grade students along with Mrs. Mangan read a wonderful poem about Martin Luther King and sang some beautiful songs. They are working on trying to break down stereotypes.

Melissa Gordon entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**ANNUAL MACOMB CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARDS**

Mr. Thero congratulated our CTE award winners. We will have two students and one local business honored this year at the 2017 Annual Macomb CTE Awards Banquet. Students are honored for excellence in their schoolwork while business partners are recognized for contribution to, and support of, career technical education efforts in public schools.

Our winners this year are:

- Clinton Pruitt, Grade 12
- Azelle Morisett, Grade 12
- Crystal Reed – Michigan’s First Credit Union

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

January is School Board Recognition Month, and South Lake Schools is joining all schools and Intermediate School Districts across the State to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education. Serving on a school board has been described as the ‘toughest volunteer job in America.’ Yet Michigan’s public school board members dedicate countless personal hours to attending meetings, school functions, and in preparation for the decisions they are called to make. School board members develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. On top of that, many pursue their own professional development to stay current with the ever-changing education landscape. Collectively, school board members in Michigan have spent about 7,000 hours attending training and professional development. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students. We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. They provide grassroots governance of public schools and preserve the core of our democracy— public education. Thank you South Lake Schools Board of Education members! Mr. Von Hiltmayer presented a certificate to each Board member.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Mr. Thero shared a presentation regarding various changes made by the MDE to the annual high-stake tests.

Our Kindergarten and Preschool Enrollment Fair is scheduled to take place this year on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Avalon Elementary School.

The second semester Schools of Choice window will close on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. We are offering unlimited openings in Kindergarten – 11<sup>th</sup> grades for Macomb county Residents.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education approval to adopt the proposed changes noted in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between South Lake Schools and the Local 2457 AFSCME Council 25.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Ms. Gattuso, to approve above changes as noted in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between South Lake Schools and the Local 2457.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Motion Carried:      5/0

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #38, 2017 Bond Fund. Invoices have been received and deemed appropriate for payment for work on the 2017 bond projects. This invoice will be paid out of the 2017 Bond Fund in the amount of \$270.00. This is a final payment.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mr. Damiani, to approve payment of Bond Draw #38 in the amount of \$270.00.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 5/0

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mrs. Liggins**, a Koepsell parent, spoke about her concerns regarding disproportionality as to teachers and administration in the district. She would like to meet with someone if possible. Mr. Von Hiltmayer offered to set up a meeting to speak with her regarding her concerns.

Mr. Eaton began by thanking the Board for their time and service. He has a concern regarding the pool locker rooms at the high school. He is a part of the senior swim program. He said they could not be happier with the facility but there is no heat in the locker rooms when they exit from the pool. He was hoping that someone would look into this for them.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Kelly Gattuso**

- I am going to try to attend the bowling fundraiser.
- Thanked the second grade students for coming in.
- Thanked **Mrs. Liggins** and Mr. Eaton from coming in to express their concerns.

### **Robert Penn**

- Thanked everyone for coming in.
- Thanked **Mrs. Liggins** and Mr. Eaton from coming in to express their concerns.
- Thanked the teachers from coming.
- Thanked the students from Koepsell. They did a great job.
- Reminder to attend the Jimmy Johns fundraiser on January 18 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Congratulations to the Tech award winners.

### **Melissa Gordon**

- Reiterate what was said by Ms. Gattuso and Mr. Penn.
- Welcome back to everyone.

### **Michael Damiani**

- Thanked Nolan for his report.
- Snowball will be taking place on February 10, 2018.
- Eats, Beats & Greetss will be held on February 1, 2018.
- Try to attend the bowling fundraiser on January 21.
- Thanked the second grade students from Koepsell for coming in. They have far more courage than I would have had.
- Hope everyone had a good holiday and safe and happy New Year.
- We are now getting back in the swing of things.

### **Ted Von Hiltmayer**

- Reiterate everything that was said so far.
- Reminder regarding the Eats, Beats and Greetss to be held on February 1 at the high school. There is fun for everyone. It will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Charlotte Rebelein**

- Try to attend the Eats, Beats and Greets. My favorite part is when the middle school students hand out instruments to the younger kids to play.
- Middle School is having an Open House on February 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.
- Thanked **Mrs. Liggins** and Mr. Eaton for sharing their concerns.
- Thanked the teachers for coming out.
- Welcome back to everyone, hope you have a great month in January. There is a lot going on.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Gattuso.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 5/0

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Gordon

Prepared by Veda Hall