

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS  
Board of Education Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
January 15, 2014**

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The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on January 15, 2014, in the South Lake Administration Building, located at 23101 Stadium Boulevard, St. Clair Shores, Michigan was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by our president Allan Innes.

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

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

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 December 2013

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|------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund     | \$302,880.76        |
| Activity Fund    | \$10,050.24         |
| Cafeteria Fund   | \$36,855.88         |
| 2008 Bond Fund   | \$125,079.20        |
| Latch Key Fund   | \$50.00             |
| PEGS             | \$29,779.39         |
| American Express | \$49,734.40         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$554,429.87</b> |

- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of December 18, 2013.
- Checks written for December 2013 totaling \$554,429.87.
- Approval of overnight trip for students to travel to Lansing, MI on February 2 and 3.
- Approval of overnight trip for the graduating Class of 2014 to travel to Dave & Buster's for their Senior All-Night Party on June 10, 2014.
- Attorney Invoices for the month of December totaling \$2,073.80.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Dunn to approve above Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 7/0

**STUDENT REPORT**

Errol French was here to report on the following:

- Girl's basketball team won 34-12.
- Freshman attended the cookies and crams to get ready for exam week.
- Please try to attend the Eats, Arts and Beats taking place tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.
- Mid-term exams will begin next week.

**CTE AWARDS**

Mr. Thero presented awards to Tony Kirchner and Lauren Cornett. Each year students are honored for excellence in their school work while business partners are recognized for their contribution to and support of career technical education efforts in public schools. Tony received his award for his accomplishments in Auto and Lauren received her award for her work in the Culinary Arts room. They will be honored at a breakfast on Friday, February 7, 2014.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Balint thanked the South Lake Board of Education for all their hard work. 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. She noted how serving on a school board is of the toughest volunteer job in America. School board members develop policies and make tough decisions. We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

Mr. Von Hiltmayer announced the retirement of Barbara Taetsch and Dennis Purgatori. Dennis has taught at all levels throughout the district focusing on Physical Education as well as Weight Training, English and Science during his 40 years at South Lake. Barbara Taetsch taught at the secondary level throughout the district for the past 14 years teaching English, Journalism and Language Arts. We thank them both for their dedication to the parents, students, staff and community of South Lake Schools.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Mr. Thero reported on the following:

The CTE Awards will take place on February 7 at the MISD. Tony Kirchner, Lauren Cornett and Zainab Ahmed from Michigan First Credit Union will be honored.

Our annual Kindergarten and Preschool Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Koepsell Education Center.

The second semester Schools of Choice window will close at the end of the day on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Due to current student numbers, we have limited openings in K-9 for Macomb County residents.

**BUSINESS REPORT**

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval to Award the purchase of the gymnasium pads to Sportsgraphics Inc. for the amount of \$3,388.00. This is for the new padding of the walls in the high school gym. This will be paid for out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve the award of the of the gymnasium pads to Sportsgraphics. Inc. in the amount of \$3,388.00.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 7/0

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Allied Building Service Company of Detroit for the amount of \$17,983.20. This payment is for the work completed on the computer lab electric and data project. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Dunn to approve payment to Allied Building Service Company of Detroit in the amount of \$17,983.20.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 7/0

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Nova Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$10,247.50 for the high school gym floor replacement project. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to Nova Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$10,247.50.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 7/0

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Great Lakes Power & Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$3,382.19. This is for the lighting replacement project at the high school. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Ms. Frazier to approve payment to Great Lakes Power & Lighting Inc. in the amount of \$3,382.19.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 7/0

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to LaDuke Corporation for \$3,544.90. This is a final payment for the work on the roofing project. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond fund.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to LaDuke Corporation in the amount of \$3,544.90.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 7/0

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Qualified Abatement Services, Inc. in the amount of \$57,845.00. This is for the high school gym floor project. This is a final payment. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve payment to Qualified Abatement Services Inc. in the amount of \$57,845.00

Mrs. Rebelein asked for an update on the floor project. Mr. Dishman noted that it is almost complete and looks amazing. The floor will be ready for the first basketball game.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 7/0

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC in the amount of \$5,158.48. This is for their work through January 5, 2014.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve payment to PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC for the amount of \$5,158.48.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 7/0

### **OPERATIONS AND FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Dishman noted that the gym floor is coming along nicely. Seems like an odd time to replace it, but the district saved money replacing the floor at this time of year. Floor is on schedule to be finished. We only had to move one game. The community will be very pleased to see this new floor. The old floor was 50 years old.

Thank you for your patience due to the severe weather. Staff and contractors worked very hard to get things ready for the student return. Safety is always our concern. Mrs. Mack-Crouchman asked if the days missed would need to be made up at the end of the year. Mr. Dishman said no, we are allowed time for snow days.

We may have the ability to open up the elementary schools for latch key if the schools are closed for more than three days.

We are working on a budget update at this time.

The January 2014 Consensus Revenue Estimated Conference will be held on Friday, January 10, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Capital Building.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Barry Nannini thanked the entire Board for approving the change for the venue of the Senior All-Night Party. We will need to do a large amount of fundraising. They will hold the raffle drawing with the Michigan three digit numbers. They need all the support we can get.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Charlotte Rebelein**

- Congratulations to both of the CTE students on their awards.
- Congratulations to Mr. Purgatori and Mrs. Taetsch.
- Mr. Nannini, that sounds like a fantastic idea. Look forward to hearing about that.

#### **Mrs. Cardenas**

- Welcome back everyone.
- Congratulations to Tony and Lauren.
- Thanks to the community for allowing me to serve you. It has been my pleasure. Wonderful district, great staff and super kids.

**Karla Anderson**

- Congrats to Lauren and Tony. I will see you at the breakfast.
- Congrats to Denis Purgatori and Barbara Taetsch. They will enjoy their next adventure.
- Thank you Mr. Thero for the schools of choice information. Eighty-two students remained in our district after moving.
- Check your school events.
- Sander Levin will be sponsoring a roundtable this Saturday.
- Welcome back everyone.

**Paula Mack-Crouchman**

- Congratulations to Lauren and Tony.
- Thanked the students for all their beautiful art work.
- Good luck to all the students on mid-term exams.

**Christi Frazier**

- Thanks to all the students for preparing their cards.
- Congratulations to Lauren and Tony.
- Thanked Pam and the staff for her certificates.
- Thank you for the advance notice of school closings.

**Ellen Dunn**

- Congratulations to Tony and Lauren. Thank you for staying for the entire meeting.
- Congratulations to our retirees.
- I will take my card from the students to work and use it as my new picture.
- Remember to look at the Eimers Foundation page on Facebook. Robbie, Emma and Cindy Kostukoff are out in the cold, rain and snow helping the less fortunate in Detroit. Their passion is unbelievable.
- Letters of Intent for the Board vacancy are due to the Board office by January 24.
- Monday is Martin Luther King Day. Please join the SCS Youth Council at Lake Shore High School from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Miriam Cuevas Enciso.

**Pamela Balint**

- Congratulations to our CTE students.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Taetsch and Mr. Purgatori.
- Thank you and best wishes to Mr. Innes. He has given us ten years of service and he will be missed.
- It is time to start working on our budget.
- Please listen to what the State is proposing and voice your opinions.

**Ted Von Hiltmayer**

- South Lake High School is hosting the Eats, Arts and Beats tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. Please join us.

**John Thero**

- Started our first Robotics Team at the high school. The students are designing a robot that can throw a ball and score goals. The students are very excited. In fact they are trying to sneak into school to work on this project after hours.

**Matthew Dishman**

- The Eimers Foundation is amazing.
- Thanks to the Board for all their hard work attending not only meetings but after hour activities.
- Save your Campbell Soup labels and cereal box tops.

**Veda Hall**

- Congratulations to Tony and Lauren.
- Avalon hosting the Pinewood Derby on January 25
- Avalon hosting Family Game Night on January 28
- Elmwood hosting Family Reading Night
- Thanks to all the Board for all their hard work.

**Allan Innes**

- Thank you Mr. Nannini for all the information you included in your request for a Field Trip.
- Reminder to Board to respond for dinner.
- We have a tough job, but the teachers have the toughest job hands down. They do not get the credit they deserve.
- South Lake Schools received a bad rap some years ago. We were the district of change. We have all tried to adjust to the changes.
- We have the best administration in Macomb County. I would not leave if I knew this administration was not the best around.
- Working with these six other members has been a joy. I learned alot starting from Mrs. Anderson who has educated herself, along with Mrs. Dunn and the entire Board. You have all made me a better person.
- I will always be a Cavalier.
- Thanks Mr. Purgatori for the memories.
- It was nice to have an audience today.
- Thank you everyone for the ten years I have had here!

Mr. Innes read the following quotes:

*Educating is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. William Yeats*

*It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. Albert Einstein*

Mr. Innes noted that the teachers need our accolades. They have stepped up for us and the kids in the last five years. When I started, I thought schools had a lot of money. In the past four years, it has been cut, cut and cut. The teachers continued to do their best even when the money was not available. Please follow up with your legislatures. Thanks again.

Mrs. Mack-Crouchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Ms. Frazier.  
Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Motion Carried: 7/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christi Frazier, Secretary

Prepared by Veda Hall