

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 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 6:35 p.m. by our president, Allan Innes.

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

Members absent: Paula Mack-Crouchman

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

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 February 2013

General Fund	\$470,617.71
Activity Fund	\$17,646.42
Cafeteria Fund	\$31,758.95
Latch Key Fund	\$184.89
2008 Bond Fund	\$5,429.81
PEGS	\$19,698.01
American Express	<u>\$10,681.62</u>
Total	\$556,017.41

Board of Education minutes from the Superintendent Evaluation Meeting of February 13, 2013
Board of Education minutes from the Superintendent Evaluation Closed Session of February 13, 2013
Board of Education minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2013
Board of Education minutes from the Study Session of February 20, 2013
Board of Education minutes from the Closed Session of February 20, 2013
Middle School students travel to Cedar Point in Ohio
Middle School students travel to Washington DC
Attorney Invoices in the amount of \$3,091.79

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:

- Beauty and the Beast will be taking place on March 22 and 23, at 7:00 p.m.
- Spring sports programs have begun.
- Wigs for Kids game last Friday was great. We are still selling Stars at the high school.
- Had a large turnout at Snowball.
- In lieu of senior mock elections, we are hosting an Oscar Night.
- Seniors will be job shadowing on Thursday and Friday.
- AP Government students went on a field trip to court.
- Juniors just completed their ACT tests.

- The prom committee is now meeting. The theme this year is Old Hollywood. The Prom will be at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.
- The Senior All-Night Party committee sold cheesecake's and hams.
- A fund raiser will take place at Buffalo Wild Wings on April 29.
- Student Congress is working on Leadership Days.

BOARD BRIGHTENER

Diane Boehm, presented a power point showing Koepsell's Multi-tiered System of Support.

Mike Chmielewski along with students, Craig Jones, Daniel Westervelt, Marissa Ewald, Moryah Young, Holly Szymanski, Mackenzie Smith and Serenity Samuels, presented the Board a project they recently worked on demonstrating their understanding of how their quality needs are met. The project was cross curricular bringing in elements from math (measuring), writing, and technology. Each student read and shared their project with a Board member. The final products will be presented to their early childhood buddy at the end of the month in order to help them gain a better understanding of the topic.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

Mr. Larsen started his update by saying that we had a total of 108 students participating in six fall sports this year. Out of those 108 students, he noted the following:

- 56% of the athletes were on the honor roll
- One J.V. athlete earned all A's
- Six varsity athletes earned all A's
- 52 out of 87 Varsity athletes or about 60% earned Scholar-Athlete status
- Eight out of 21 J.V. athletes or about 38% earned Scholar-Athlete status

The following students were present to report on their specific sports team:

Lauren Giurlanda – Girls Basketball Kevin McClain – Boys Bowling
 China Wright-Smith – Cheer Jackie Cardno – Girls Bowling
 Joe Wilkins – Boys' Swim

SPORT	MVP/MIP
Cheer	Coach – Jessica Beckman Student Rep – China Wright-Smith MVP: China Wright-Smith MIP: Kym Shaffer
Boys' Basketball	Coach – Kurt Wilson Student Rep – Anthony Terry MIP: Jeff Golden MVP: Anthony Terry Record 7-7 Overall: 8-13 JV Record – League Overall Anthony Terry – All MAC Silver Montez Foutner – All MAC Silver
Girls' Basketball	Coach - Shay Lewis Student Rep – Lauren Giurlanda MIP – Moet Dickinson MVP – Lauren Giurlanda Record 11-1 MAC Silver Division Champs Overall – 18/7 JV Record – Overall 7-10 MAC Silver MVP – Nykya Jordan Macomb Daily Athlete of the Week – Nyshah Brown and Nykyra Jordan All MAC and All County First Team – Nykyra Jordan All MAC Silver and All County Honorable Mention – Taylor Pitts

	All MAC Silver Silver Honorable Mention – Lauren Giurlanda All MAC Silver Honorable Mention and All County Honorable Mention – Shantell Harris All County Third Team - Nyshah Brown
Boys' Bowling	Coach – Mark Lipinski Student Rep – Kevin McClain MIP – Cory Kenjorski MVP – Kevin McClain Record – 4/8 All MAC Blue – Cory Kenjorski
Girls' Bowling	Coach – Mark Lipinski Student Rep – Jackie Cardno MIP – Sarah Nelson MVP – Jackie Cardno Record – 4/8 All MAC Blue - Jackie Cardno
Unified Hockey	Student Rep – Russ DiCristofaro Record – 2/6 Overall – 4-21
Boys' Swim	Coach – Jim Bunting Student Rep – Joe Wilkins MIP – Matt Wilkins MVP – Ben Denys Record – 5/0 Overall – 10-1 MAC GOLD DUAL MEET CHAMPS – CITY CHAMPS First Team MAC Gold 100 Backstroke – Ben Denys First Team MAC Gold 400 Free Relay – Ben Denys, Logan Holtz, Chris Jackson, Sammy Atkins

Mr. Larsen thanked the Board of Education for their continued support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Balint is attending the State Board of Education Public Forum at the MISD this evening.

Mr. Von Hiltmayer congratulated David Robinson, a senior at South Lake High School for developing a logo for the 2013 St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational Soccer Tournament. David won second place and received a \$200.00 scholarship.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval to extend a leave of absence for the 2013/2014 school year to Kelly Yakel. Kelly's request meets the requirements outlined in the current collective bargaining agreement.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein to approve the leave of absence request for Kelly Yakel for the 2013/2014 school year.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval to extend a leave of absence for the 2013/2014 school year to Maria Quint. Maria's request meets the requirements outlined in the current collective bargaining agreement.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, seconded by Mrs. Dunn to approve the leave of absence request for Maria Quint for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer presented a 212 Award to Joe Lambdin. Joe went above and beyond his normal job duty to help a student's dream come true. Due to Joe's kindness and thoughtfulness, he was able to give a family who has seen its share of heartache a reason to smile. Joe exemplifies every aspect of Cavalier Character that the students are taught.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Thero gave an update on the following:

Kindergarten Update

The Kindergarten roundup will be held on March 23, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at Elmwood Elementary School. Ads were placed in the Eastsider and Shores Sentinel.

Celebration of the Arts

The Celebration of the Arts will take place on Thursday May 2, 2013, from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the high school.

March is Reading Month

March is the month we focus on reading and all the fun it brings. Some of the activities planned are:

- Family reading nights
- Piper Band Assembly
- Fairy Tale reading in an Enchanted Castle
- Reading Around the World
- World Poetry Day
- Teacher Swap Day.

The most enjoyable seems to be the guest readers. Some of our special guests included:

- Susan Fitzsimonds who wrote *The Hero in Me*.
- Lisa Rivard who wrote *I am Stumped*
- Kevin White who wrote *Count Down with Farmer Brown, Chasing Watermelons and Stubby Pencil Noodlehead*.

If you would like to participate as a guest reader, please contact one of our school offices.

Macomb County Early Middle College Update

The MISD has received 456 Early College applications. Seventeen of those applications were from South Lake students. Admission testing will take place on March 13, March 14, March 20 and March 21. A list of students who qualify will then be sent to the high school.

MEAP Fall 2012 Scores

MEAP scores for the Fall 2012 test cycle were shown in a Power Point presentation. We are celebrating the following:

- Above the State average in grade 5 Reading
- #1 in St. Clair Shores in grade 6 Math
- #1 in St. Clair Shores in grade 8 Science
- 7% increase in grade 4 Reading proficiency
- 9% increase in grade 5 Reading proficiency
- 8% increase in grade 6 Reading proficiency

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education approval to purchase five additional access points from Tiger Direct. The cost of the five access points total \$3,057.99. Last month the Board approved the purchase of five additional Cisco access points from Newegg.com. Unfortunately, Newegg was unable to fulfill the order. Tiger Direct was the next vendor on the list. The total cost would be \$3,057.99. This is an increase of \$163.04 from what the Board had previously approved. This will be paid out of the 2008 Technology Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to purchase additional wireless access points as noted above.

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

South Lake Middle School and High School students are participating in the Smarter Balanced Pilot test. The student accounts have been created and all required software is installed. We have found a few glitches. This will help us when the actual test is administered next year.

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 \$1,940.30. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve payment to PARTNERS in Architecture in the amount of \$1,940.30.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to Sehi Computer Products, Inc., 2008 Bond Fund in the amount of \$349.15 for the printer and tray. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to Sehi Computer Products, Inc. in the amount of \$349.15.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to award the telephone system upgrade to CTS Companies in the amount of \$86,149.00.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Frazier to approve the telephone system upgrade to CTS Companies in the amount of \$86,149.00

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

Mr. Dishman shared information regarding the new school breakfast program. We decided to pilot a program at Avalon that serves breakfast in all classrooms. Avalon served over 81% of their students. We will also be trying this at Elmwood and Koepsell.

The State Police Annual Inspection on our bus fleet showed that all South Lake Schools buses passed inspection. Thanks to our staff and the MISD for all their help.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

During Spring break, the staff will be working on floors, windows and additional work at each building. We are gearing up for spring sports.

The transportation staff held a meeting last week. They are discussing some changes for next year. New bus information will be shared with parents and staff.

Use of the new American Express card will have an impact on savings. We are in line to receive rebates of approximately \$6,000 at the end of the year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

All Board members thanked Diane Boehm, Mike Chmielewski and the students for their great Board brightener.

Mrs. Rebelein

- Volunteered at the Avalon Book sale.
- Congratulations to all the student athletes.
- Special congratulations to Matt Wilkins, MIP Diver.
- Have a safe Spring Break!

Mrs. Cardenas

- Thanked Koepsell students for her basket and poems.
- Sports, absolutely super! She once was told, "A sound body makes for a sound mind."

- Attended the Month of the Young Child Breakfast. Mary Bigler, speaker, could not say enough about reading to your children.
- Thanked the students and staff at Avalon for going several hours without power.
- Have a safe Spring Break!

Karla Anderson

- During the Study Session, there was a question regarding hours needed to post a Special Meeting. The posting must be done 18 hours in advance of a meeting.
- Mrs. Anderson just returned from Florida. It was great to see the Detroit Tigers working hard to get ready for the season.
- Have a safe Spring Break.

Christi Frazier

- Have a safe Spring Break.
- Don't forget to attend the Kindergarten and Preschool Fair on Saturday.

Ellen Dunn

- Attended the Month of the Young Child breakfast. Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Taylor shared some impressive displays.
- The Wigs for Kids Volleyball tournament was held last Friday. It was good to see all the staff members participating on their own time for such a great cause. Thanks to Mr. Voydanoff for all he has done to help this organization.
- Reading month is always so exciting. I am always looking to read new books.
- The flyer for the St. Clair Shores Adult Ed program was included in your Sentinel. You can now register on line at www.scs.communityed.org.
- The cast of Beauty and the Beast did a small assembly at Elmwood today. It was wonderful.
- Yesterday was the second day of student led conferences at Elmwood
- Tomorrow night is family reading night at Elmwood. There will be a special surprise.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Congratulations to Mrs. Dunn on receiving the MASB Master Board Member Award!
- Have a great Spring Break.

John Thero

- Excited that tomorrow morning we have 10 middle school students leaving for China.
- Last year, it was 81 degrees on the first day of Spring.

Mr. Dishman

- Kudos to Cathy-Clarke on starting the breakfast program for the students.
- Congratulations to all the sports teams.
- Tigers opening day is April 5.

Veda Hall

- Have a great Spring Break!

Allan Innes

- We are still working on the Superintendent Evaluation report. We were very pleased with Mrs. Balint and her work she is doing for our District.
- I am very proud of all our staff and students. We are doing a great job improving our MEAP scores.
- Oscar Night at the high school is a great event.
- Please keep in contact with your legislatures on current issues. Contact Sarah Roberts and let her know how you feel.
- Each year we are losing more money and receiving no increases.

Mr. Innes gave the following quote for this evening:

*"It is books that are the key to the wide world; if you can't do anything else, read all that you can."
Jane Hamilton*

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi Frazier, Secretary