

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2013**

The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on April 17, 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, Christi Frazier, Paula Mack-Crouchman
Karla Anderson, Lois Cardenas, Charlotte Rebelein

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Avalon Troop #1892.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Checks written for March 2013

General Fund	\$524,843.19
Activity Fund	\$19,509.92
Cafeteria Fund	\$19,510.00
2008 Bond Fund	\$2,289.45
Latch Key Fund	\$49.44
PEGS	\$81,463.19
American Express	<u>\$51,848.09</u>
Total	\$647,665.11

- Board of Education minutes from the Study Session of March 13, 2013
- Board of Education minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2013
- Board of Education minutes from the Study Session of March 20, 2013
- Board of Education minutes from the Special Meeting of March 25, 2013
- Board of Education minutes from the Closed Session of March 25, 2013
- Checks written for March 2013 totaling \$647,665.11
- Attorney Invoices in the amount of \$3,119.35

Correction was made to attorney invoice amount. Correct amount is \$3,119.35.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve above Consent Agenda.

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

STUDENT REPORT

Hannah Apostolou was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Bonnie Holmes gave an update on the following:

- Girls Varsity Soccer is doing very well.
- The Beauty and the Beast cast did a wonderful job.
- Had fun at Oscar Night – Mock Election Awards
- NHS students sponsored a blood drive.
- Prom will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial – The theme is Old Hollywood.
- Student Council is working on Leadership Days.
- Having a Wigs for Kids raffle. Winners will be chosen on Honors Night.
- May 16 is NHS Induction.
- May 14 is Honors Night.

Mr. Innes expressed his condolences to the families involved in the tragedy that took place in Boston this past week. Our thoughts are with everyone.

BOARD BRIGHTENER

Jeanne Poleski introduced Ms. Saleh and Ms. Wood along with students from their kindergarten classes. The students are working on Sharing the Planet in their PYP units. They each read information regarding the planet and sang a song to the audience. Mrs. Poleski spoke about how she had the opportunity to hear about all our new and developing programs during the South Lake High School Showcase.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Mrs. Balint introduced Adam Wieske, a senior at South Lake High School. Adam received his Eagle Scout award and was here to present a power point on how he achieved this status. He landscaped the entire courtyard at the middle school. Mrs. Balint thanked Adam and his family for their hard work. Mrs. Balint also thanked Mrs. Tisdale for her involvement with the courtyard renovation. Mrs. Tisdale thanked Adam and his family.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution for Review and Approval of the Proposed Macomb Intermediate School District Budget.

In accordance with State mandates, the Macomb Intermediate School District must have its General Fund operating budget approved by each of the Macomb County School Boards by June 1, 2013.

Therefore, Board of Education approval of the proposed MISD General Fund Operating Budget as written in Attachment A is requested.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to Adopt the Resolution for Review and Approval of the Proposed Macomb Intermediate School District Budget

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

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education Approval to Amend Board Policy #2261.01. At the onsite review conducted by the Michigan Office of Field Services, we found that we did not have the required language regarding staff training in communication and working with parents as partners in the educational process, included in our existing Board Policy #2261.01. In order to comply with the Michigan Office of Field Services requirements, we are requesting Board of Education approval to amend Board Policy 2261.01 The new language would read:

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O - training will be provided for all Title I staff regarding how to effectively communicate and work with parents as partners in the educational process.

Additionally we have made the following grammatical changes:

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A - will convene an annual meeting at a convenient time to which parents of participating children are invited to attend to explain the parents’ rights to be involved and the schools obligations to develop an involvement plan

E- will develop jointly with parents a school-parent compact which outlines the responsibilities of the school staff, the parents and the student for academic improvement, including

Therefore, I recommend Board of Education Approval to Amend Board Policy #2261.01 as noted above.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to Amend Board Policy #2261.01.

It was noted that the number was incorrect in the body of the report. Policy to amend is #2261.01.

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval of Probationary Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year to the following teachers:

Probationary II	Probationary III Contract	Probationary IV
Fang MacCallumMhor	Jennifer Berbenchuck	Gail Ashburn
Stephanie Geiger	Christel Demaris	
Jayme Trachsel	Melissa LaMotte	
Elizabeth Bull-Davie	Kelsey Truman	
Andrea Matzka		
Cindy Boylan		

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein to approve Probationary contracts for the 2013/2014 school year to the persons listed above.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval to grant Tenure status for the 2013-2014 school year to the following teachers:

Joe Verbeke	Leigh Ann Foshee
Justine Galbraith	Karen Peck
Lisa Peace	

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve Tenure status for the 2013-2014 to the persons listed above.

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

Mr. Innes congratulated the teachers for all their hard work.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution Recognizing April 2013 as *The Month of the Young Child*. This is a time when communities and individuals recognize the needs and rights of young children and their families. Therefore, Approval to Adopt above resolution is requested.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve above resolution.

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

Mr. Thero gave an update on the following:

Celebration of the Arts Reminder

The Celebration of the Arts date is set for Thursday, May 2, 2013, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. The annual event will take place at South Lake High School. Student work from all of the arts' areas will be on display.

Kindergarten & Preschool Enrollment Update

The following is a breakdown of students registered as of April 12, 2013.

School	Residents	Schools of Choice	Total
Avalon	14	4	18
Elmwood	26	6	32
Koepsell	8	6	14
Total	48	16	64

At this time last year we had a total of 79 students enrolled for kindergarten.

Preschool currently has 16 students enrolled for the 2013-2014 school year. The following chart lists which sessions the students have enrolled in and where the openings remain. Last year at this time we had 35 students registered.

April is Autism Awareness Month

The Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness month since the 1970's. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism.

South Lake's Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Coaching Team consists of staff members working at grade levels to bring their knowledge to staff and students of each school, facilitate understanding, and foster patience for our students diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. As it has done for the past few years, this year the team will spearhead various activities to promote knowledge, discussion and interest about autism.

Summer School Update

South Lake Schools has entered into a consortium with Lakeshore Public Schools and the St. Clair Shores Adult and Community Education to offer summer school to high school and middle school students. Classes will run from June 24 – August 1, 2013 on Mondays through Thursdays except for the week of July 4 when classes will not run. For more information, please contact your student's counselor.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of change order for the high school gym lighting project, 2008 Bond Fund. This change order is from PARTNERS in Architecture, for McNulty Electric Inc. and pertains to additional labor and material required for change of location for light fixtures in the high school gym.

Moved by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to McNulty Electric, Inc., for \$633.00.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to McNulty Electric, Inc., 2008 Bond Fund. A payment application has been received from PARTNERS in Architecture for McNulty Electric Inc. This payment is for the high school gym lighting project in the amount of \$30,118.50.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Dunn to approve payment to McNulty Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$30,118.50.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to TigerDirect, 2008 Bond Fund, for the Cisco AirNet Access Points approved at the Board's last meeting. The total cost is \$3,057.99.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to TigerDirect in the amount of \$3,057.99.

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

Mr. Dishman shared information on the following:

- Waste Disposal Bid
- Economic Sanctions Act
- Breakfast Update

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Operations:

There is a county wide committee that has been meeting to review emergency procedures. As a member of this committee, we are discussing training and standardization of terminology across districts.

Finance:

One of the proposals from the Senate Fiscal Agency includes a \$50.00 dollar increase to the foundation allowance. What is buried in the fine print is the state's offset of the increase in the charge for MPSPERS of \$129.00 per pupil. This means the district stands to lose \$79.00 per pupil. We are interested in seeing how this is addressed with all the media outlets. Additional budget cuts that cause some concerns are loss of best practice funding which is \$52.00 per pupil and technology grants of \$10.00 per pupil. This equates to an additional loss of revenue of approximately \$120,000. Charter schools under this proposal receive a \$97.00 per pupil increase with no reductions.

There were some questions regarding the emergency procedures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

All Board members thanked Mrs. Poleski, Ms. Saleh, Ms. Woods and the Avalon students for the wonderful Board Brightener.

Mrs. Rebelein

- Congratulations to Adam Wieske!
- Congratulations to the teachers who received tenure.
- Thanks to the Special Education Department for the Autism Awareness ribbons.

Mrs. Cardenas

- Attended the South Lake Cavalier Showcase. It was outstanding.
- Thanked all the high school students for doing a wonderful job.
- Thanked all the parents who were able to attend this event.
- Attended the MISD Operating Budget meeting. Unbelievable how many programs they offer.
- Autism is the same worldwide.

Karla Anderson

- Kindergarten Round-up was fabulous. There were a good number of people attending.
- Thanked troop 1982 for performing the Pledge of Allegiance tonight.
- There was a wonderful speaker at the Month of the Young Child dinner.
- Congratulations to Adam Wieske.
- Proud of the group that participated at the Town Hall last night. They did a great job speaking and there was great information about the changes in our County. Our County needs to work on things for our family.

Paula Mack-Crouchman

- The Pledge of Allegiance was great.
- Adam, great job, loved the Middle School project.
- Read your current newsletter. There is a lot of information to read.
- Congratulations to the Middle School on their award of Evergreen status. Thanks to Jill Stockwell and Kathy Tisdale for all their hard work.
- We have three South Lake Middle School students in the Future Docs program.
- Middle School students traveled to China.
- 228 Middle School students were on the Honor Roll this semester.
- Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of the Boston Marathon

Christi Frazier

- Kudos to all!
- Very excited for the Middle School students involved in Future Docs.
- We have an awesome student body involved in so many community projects.

Ellen Dunn

- Enjoyed honors night. The speech from Ms. Kennedy and having our community present scholarships to the students was great.
- Congratulations to all the honor students.
- Astounded by the talent we had at the Celebration of the Arts from Kindergarten through grade 12.
- There was an article in the current library newsletter which showed the flash mob at the Elmwood reading night.
- Elmwood staff enjoyed their teacher appreciation week. They received many accolades and had a nice celebration.
- May 16 will be the next reading night. Ms. St. Clair Shores will be there.
- Elmwood will be having its first PYP Exhibiton.
- Students will be participating in Backpacking for Parkinsons, fun walk to honor their month long activities.
- The Middle School web leaders will be helping with field days this year.

Pamela Balint

- Congratulated Madison Olson (CHECK NAME). She decided to give all her birthday gifts to the Detroit Dog rescue. The high school will be hosting an assembly tomorrow.
- Adam Wieske will be honored at the St. Clair Shores City Council meeting on May 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Last week was nurses week and we would like to acknowledge Ellen and Karla for all their hard work.
- Proud of all our students and their accomplishments.
- Proud of our students who participated in the Seniors partnering with Seniors.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Our meetings are televised with both cable stations. We will be posting information on their as well.

John Thero

- Thanked the Galileo teachers.
- Thanked the Board for approving the new Mechatroncis program.
- Received information from the MISD which showed that students taking this program are able to find jobs.
- The Associate Dean from Macomb will be visiting our high school soon. He is interested in a pipeline with Macomb in regards to the new program.
- Students can receive 6 credits from Macomb if they complete two years. Is also checking with other colleges.
- Thanks again for all your support.

Matthew Dishman

- Going to meet with Brian Babcock and Chris Reyes regarding the 9 Mile construction. The main entrance will be shut down during the summer. Will post on the website.
- Save your box tops and labels for the students.
- Parkinson's walk is on June 1.
- Senior citizens are now using our high school pool.
- The Optimist dinner was a great event. Was good to hear the stories from the students showing their challenges and how they have overcome their these challenges.
- All three high schools will be receiving a light house to decorate. It will be auctioned off for charity.

- The Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Veda Hall

- Ditto to all.

Allan Innes

- The superintendent evaluation was finished this evening during our closed session. Mrs. Balint has made a marked improvement in many areas and we are very happy with her service. Mrs. Balint has declined her raise that was voted on two years ago. She felt the money should be used for our students. We look forward to her working with us for three more years.
- The Optimist dinner was great. I was very proud of all the students and watching them receive all their rewards.
- Will be building a float to be in the Memorial Day parade.
- His daughter left for San Diego this week. She is in the Navy and I am very proud of her.

Mr. Innes gave the following quote for this evening:

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
-- Malcolm Forbes -

Mrs. Mack-Crouchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Frazier

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi Frazier, Secretary