

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2013**

The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on May 15, 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

Members absent: Charlotte Rebelein

Administrators present: Pamela Balint, John Thero, Matthew Dishman,
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 April 2013

General Fund	\$372,583.13
Activity Fund	\$21,412.85
Cafeteria Fund	\$25,612.44
2008 Bond Fund	\$33,176.49
PESG Wires	\$37,369.00
American Express	\$35,654.06
Total	\$525,807.97

- Board of Education minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2013
- Board of Education minutes from the Study Session of May 1, 2013
- Checks written for April 2013 totaling \$525,807.97
- Attorney Invoices in the amount of \$1,804.00

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:

- Honors Night was held last night.
- Having a pennies war fundraiser.
- Tomorrow assembly – Detroit Dog Rescue
- NHS Induction will be held this week.
- Varsity Soccer is 11-0
- Honors breakfast is this Friday.
- Celebration of the Arts was held on May 9.
- Varsity golf – first place in the league right now
- Varsity baseball is doing well.
- Prom tickets are now being sold.
- Senior Lancer issue to be out soon.

- Testing for students is going well.
- Special recognition was given to the following students who achieved awards from Principal, Ms. Kennedy:
 - Hannah Apostolou received the Courageous Leadership Award
 - Sarah Lukasik received Exceptional Academic Achievement Award
 - William Vann received the Cavalier Character Award

Mrs. Balint thanked Hannah for all her help in reporting the events from the high school each month and presented her a bouquet of flowers.

FUTURE DOCS PROGRAM

Mrs. Balint introduced Lia Korzeniewski, Imran Rashid and Emily Sturgis, who achieved the special honor of being selected for a new program, Future Docs. The students spoke about the program and the places they were able to visit. They are having a great time.

GALILEO UPDATE

Mrs. Balint introduced Rebecca Schroll, Renee Zentz, Nikki Peddycord and Kimberly Lockhart who have been attending the Galileo Teacher Academy. They presented a short power point on how they are incorporating their experiences into the classrooms. Mrs. Balint thanked them and presented a bouquet of flowers to each of them.

PYP UPDATE

Mrs. Merivirta spoke about all the wonderful things the students are doing at Elmwood and Avalon. They have participated in several events and were able to visit various programs relating to the PYP. They will be participating in the Optimist Club of St. Clair Shores. The students are preparing for the first PYP Exhibition. The exhibition will be held at Elmwood on May 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Avalon on May 29 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Balint introduced Chris Rinehart, Joslyn Wyatt and Gail Ashburn and congratulated them on being named Teacher of the Year. She spoke about the great things they are doing for our students at South Lake Schools. Mrs. Balint presented a certificate and gift to each one and thanked them for all their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution Designating Electoral Representative for the June 3, 2013, MISD Biennial Election Meeting.

The South Lake School District is a constituent district of the Macomb Intermediate School District. The revised School Code provides that Board members of the MISD be elected biennially on the first Monday in June by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each constituent school district.

The South Lake Board of Education designates Lois Cardenas as the electoral representative of this Board for the MISD Biennial Election meeting to be held on June 3, 2013, and Karla Anderson as the alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Frazier to Adopt the Resolution Designating Lois Cardenas as the Electoral Representative for the June 3, 2013, MISD Biennial Election Meeting.

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

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc. South Lake Schools has received an invoice from The Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies Inc. in the amount of \$1,573.34 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to approve payment to Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School studies, Inc. for the amount of \$1,573.34.

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer awarded a 212 Award to Joy Wilkins who was chosen by Kathy Tisdale for all her hard work.

Mr. Von Hiltmayer presented the Board a brief overview of the updated website. The official launch date will be forthcoming.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education Approval of the Mechatronics Program and Curriculum for South Lake Schools.

In our continual efforts to ensure that students in South Lake have access to the most advanced programs available, we have been researching the possibility of beginning a Mechatronics program. Mechatronics merges the principles/processes of four engineering disciplines - electrical, mechanical, computer, and industrial - to produce complex "smart" devices.

In Mechatronics I students will learn electronics, mechanical systems, pneumatics, and measurement tools. In Mechatronics II students will continue to learn about electronics, program logic control, and robotics.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve the Mechatronics Program and Curriculum for South Lake Schools.

Discussion took place on above program.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Motion Carried: 5/1

Ms. Frazier

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education Approval of Mechatronics Resources.

Members of the South Lake staff have visited the Mechatronics programs in Utica, St. Clair RESA, and Macomb Community College to determine what resources should be used in a Mechatronics program at South Lake. After these visits and discussions with staff at these organizations as well as the CTE Directors in Macomb, St. Clair, and Genesee ISD's, it has been determined that the best vendor to obtain the software and hardware needed for instruction is AMATROL. AMATROL has developed the curriculum, hardware, and printed materials that are used in Utica, Macomb Community College, and at plants owned by manufacturing companies such as General Motors, and Ford Motor Company. The costs of these items are broken out in the budget overview and in the quote from AMATROL in the amount of \$27,630.00

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve above Mechatronics Resources in the amount of \$27,630.00

Discussion took place.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Motion Carried: 5/1

Ms. Frazier

We have a total of 74 kindergarten students registered at this time.

We have a total of 20 students enrolled in our preschool program.

At this time we have five applications turned in for our Great Start Readiness Preschool program for 2013-2014.

The MISD is once again going to offer a summer camp program for current students that will be entering grades 3-6 next school year. The program will run from July 29 – August 15, 2013, Monday – Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Avalon Elementary School. Lunch will also be provided for every student.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education Approval to Purchase 34 HP Desktop Computers. In order to support the new Mechatronics program, we will need to install 34 new computers for students to engage with the software-based curriculum resources as well as engage in learning on the hardware trainers. We have obtained pricing off of the State approved REMC bid list for 34 HP Desktop computers at a cost of \$1,081 each. This purchase will be made from the 2008 Technology Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Dunn to Approve the Purchase of 34 HP Computers in the amount of \$1,081.00 each.

Discussion took place as to computer usage.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 General Fund Budget. The purpose of this amendment is to adjust revenues to reflect higher state aid than projected and reduce expenses to encompass mid-year spending reductions.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 General Fund Budget.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 School Service Fund Budget. This fund consists of cafeteria and latchkey/preschool. The purpose of this amendment is to adjust revenues and expenses to more closely reflect the School Service Funds' actual activity.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 School Service Fund Budget.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 Benefit Trust Fund Budget. The purpose of this amendment is to adjust revenues and expenses to more closely reflect actual activity.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 Benefit Fund Trust Budget.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 Debt Fund Budget. The purpose of this amendment is to adjust revenues and expenses to more closely reflect taxes received and tax refunds.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 Debt Fund Budget.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 Building & Site Fund Budget. This fund consists of the Building & Site-General, the Building & Site-Energy and the Building & Site-Construction 2008 accounts.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Dunn to Adopt the Amended 2012-2013 Building & Site Fund Budget.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013-2014 Budget. The resolution stated the budget hearing will take place at the Administration Building on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing for the levy will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Notice for these hearings will be published in the Macomb Daily on May 28, 2013.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to Adopt the Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013-2014 Budget.

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

Mr. Dishman reported that Shred-it, the company that the district uses to do its shredding, has informed South Lake that due to our efforts in 2012, 9.91 trees were saved from destruction.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Operations:

On Thursday, May 9, 2013, Peter Lock from the Macomb County Emergency Management came to assess our middle school and high school students during our tornado drills. He stated that our students were the best behaved students he has seen in the past 22 years of service. Thanks to all the students and staff!

We are meeting with CTS the company that will be replacing our phone system in June. The phones will be down for a short period of time during this changeover.

Finance:

We have continued discussions with PNC Bank and First State Bank. We are currently determining the cost for borrowing and service fee rates for the two institutions. He will keep the Board apprised of the final decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lois Cardenas

- Thanked Galileo teachers for their presentation.
- Thanked Candice Merivirta for her update on the PYP events.
- Thanked Mr. Fringer and the students from the high school who helped with the Open House on a Saturday putting up signs on Harper and Jefferson.

Karla Anderson

- Great presentations tonight!
- There are so many end-of-the-year projects going on right now.
- Attended the Optimist Dinner. It was a wonderful event. Thanked everyone for donating money to produce a basket for the big raffle.
- Very excited about the new Mechatronics program. She thinks it is very important to offer new programs.
- Thanked Mrs. Koresky's class for making cards for Mr. Anderson after his recent surgery.

Paula Mack-Crouchman

- Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year for their dedication to all our students.
- What an exciting opportunity for the Future Doc students.
- Thanked Mr. Dishman, Mrs. Balint and staff for all their hours of work on the budget amendments. The Board receives the budget information in their Friday packet so they can review the information before the regular Board meeting.
- Mr. Thero, you should add photographer to your job description!

Christi Frazier

- Kudos to all!
- How exciting for the Middle School to be involved with the Future Docs program.
- We have an awesome student body who are so involved in our community.

Ellen Dunn

- Great being at the high school honors night. It was nice to see members of the community presenting scholarships to our students and Ms. Kennedy's remarks. Congratulations to all our students.
- Was astounded by the talent we had at the Celebration of the Arts.
- Our Elmwood reading night which included the flash mob was included in the library newsletter.
- The staff at Elmwood enjoyed the week long teacher appreciation events.
- Ms. St. Clair Shores will be at the next family reading night at Elmwood.
- Elmwood will be holding its first PYP Exhibition.
- Students at Elmwood are backpacking for Parkinson's.
- South Lake Middle School WEB leaders will be working with the elementary students on Field Day.

Pamela Balint

- Congratulations to Madyson Olson for donating her birthday gifts to the Detroit Dog Rescue. We are very proud of her. She was recognized by our local news and newspapers.
- 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 Appreciation Week. I would like to recognize Karla Anderson and Ellen Dunn.
- South Lake High School seniors partnered with the St. Clair Shores Senior Center to enjoy a day of fun. They all had a wonderful time.
- I am so proud of all our students for their accomplishments and hard work.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Remember to tune into your local cable channel for our monthly meetings and announcements.

John Thero

- Thanks to the Galileo teachers.
- Thanks to the Board for approving the new Mechatronics program. Students can receive up to six credits at Macomb if they complete two years of this program. Mr. Thero is checking with other colleges also. This program has helped students find employment in this field.

Matthew Dishman

- Meeting with Brian Babcock and Chris Reyes regarding the Nine Mile construction in front of the Board office. The main entrance will be shut down during the summer. Will post on website.
- Save your box tops and Campbell soup labels.

- Reminder about the Parkinson's walk on June 1.
- The senior citizens are now using our pool.
- The Optimist dinner was great. It is great to hear about the challenges students have overcome.
- Each school will be given a Lighthouse to decorate. They will be on display in June and auctioned off for a charity.
- The Memorial Day parade will be held on May 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Veda Hall

- Ditto to all.

Allan Innes

- The Superintendent evaluation began in February 2013. We have completed our evaluation and are very happy to report that we are very pleased with the service Mrs. Balint is providing to our district. We look forward to another three years. Mrs. Balint has declined an increase in her salary at this time.
- Very proud of all our students who were honored at the Optimist Banquet.
- We are building a float to be included in the Memorial Day parade.
- My daughter left today for San Diego. She is in the Navy with a few other South Lake Students. We are so proud of them all!

Mr. Innes gave the following quote for this evening:

*"If a child cannot learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn."
"Ignacio Estrada."*

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