

**South Lake Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on April 19, 2017, 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, Charlotte Rebelein.

Members present: Charlotte Rebelein, Michael Damiani, Julie Ann Magee,
Melissa Gordon, Robert Penn, Kelly Gattuso

Members absent: Lois Cardenas

Administrators present: Ted Von Hiltmayer, John Thero

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charlotte Rebelein.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Mr. Ballee requested a change in the agenda due to the fact that our baseball team was still playing due to a rain delay. Mr. Ballee thanked everyone for letting him speak at the beginning.

The Winter Sports banquet was held on March 14. Boys' basketball won the league title and was the number one seed in the MAC Tournament. The MAC Tournament was the first of its kind and in our league we played the best three games of the season. We had several scholar athletes and nine student's with all A's.

South Lake will be hosting the track Silver Regional on May 20 and the MHSAA Regionals on May 22.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Checks written for March 2017:

General Fund	\$466,121.77
Activity Fund	\$12,126.39
Cafeteria Fund	\$51,592.76
2014 Bond Fund	\$114,123.93
American Express	\$22,723.57
Total	\$666,688.42

- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 15, 2017
- Minutes from the Board of Education Special Meeting of March 29, 2017
- Field trip request from Erica Marotzke to travel to New York to attend the Scholastic Art Awards
- Field trip request from Jim Ryan to travel to Atlanta, GA for the Robotic National Competition.
- Field trip request from Jill Stockwell to travel to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio
- Attorney Invoices in the amount of \$5,256.81

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Gordon to approve above Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 5/0 Abstain: 1 – Julie Magee

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Gladney reported on the following:

- Students returned to school on April 10 after Spring break.
- The seniors only have 27 days left.
- The NHS made 68 Easter baskets that were donated.
- On March 25, we had an Easter egg hunt, despite the rain there was a great turnout.
- The senior students were job shadowing last week.
- Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 participated in the PSAT and ACT. With the help of several staff members, he felt the students were more prepared. Mr. Beato said he would shave his head if they did better than last year.
- There is a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser on May 3.
- On April 28 at 6:00, the seniors will be participating in Oscar Night and Mock Elections.
- May 12 is the Honors Breakfast.

BIG FAMILIES OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Iras was here to share information with us regarding Big Families of Michigan. They will be sharing the Pare building with other non-profit organizations. He started out by thanking the Board of Education and South Lake community for giving them the opportunity to work in our building. This organization distributes many clothing items, food items, backpacks, college scholarships and laptops to students who are in foster care. If you get a chance, please read the book called Peter’s Lullaby that was written by Jeanne Fowler who herself suffered abuse by her family. They serve 38 counties in the State of Michigan. They have large fundraisers. They look forward to this partnership and invite you to participate at any time.

Mr. Iras spoke about Hands of Hope as Ann Trerice was unable to attend the meeting. Their charity focuses on helping other charities.

Mrs. Magee asked Mr. Iras to let us know where fund raising events will be held. Mr. Iras said there will be a Golf Outing on June 25 and one of their biggest fund raisers on October 12 at the San Marino Club.

They are very involved in helping Grandparents raising Grand kids. There are approximately 13,000 kids in foster care and 23,000 grandparents raising kids on their own. So much is needed.

He again thanked the Board for giving them the opportunity to work in our community. He said they will not let us down.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution for Review and Approval of the Proposed Macomb Intermediate School District Budget. Attachment A is the resolution for review and approval of the proposed Macomb Intermediate School District Budget. In accordance with state mandates, the Macomb Intermediate School District’s general fund operating budget must be approved by each of the Macomb County School Boards.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Ms. Gattuso to Approve to Adopt the Resolution for Review and Approval of the proposed Macomb Intermediate School District General Fund Operating Budget as written in Attachment A.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution Recognizing April 2017 as *The Month of the Young Child*. April is *The Month of the Young Child* in South Lake Schools. This is a time when communities and individuals recognize the needs and rights of young children and their families. In recognition of the young children in South Lake Schools, the resolution in Attachment B is presented.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Magee, to Approve to Adopt the Resolution to recognize April 2017 as *The Month of the Young Child* as presented in Attachment B.

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

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTINAL REPORT

Mr. Thero requested Board of Education Approval of Contract for the Network Firewall. Bids have been received from vendors for a network firewall. After careful review, it is recommended to award a contract to Gracon Inc. for a firewall in the amount of \$19,375.01. This contract will be paid from E-Rate and 2014 Bond Funds.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mr. Penn, to approve to award the Network Firewall contract to Gracon Inc. in the amount of \$19,375.012.

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

Kindergarten & GSRP Enrollment Update

As of April 13, we have 61 students registered for kindergarten. Great Start has received 15 applications.

April is Autism Awareness Month

The Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness month since the 1970's as a means of highlighting the growing need for concern and awareness about autism. 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 various 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. Activities include Daily Autism education facts read daily and selling Autism Awareness bracelets

Macomb County Early College Update

The Macomb Intermediate School District received approximately 295 qualifying Early College applications. Three of those applications were from South Lake students. All applicants are required to take an admission test (Accuplacer) at the Macomb Community College. This is the first year the Accuplacer test, which is tied to the SAT, was used to determine acceptance. In previous years, the Compass test (tied to the ACT) was used.

Summer School Update

South Lake Schools has entered into a consortium with Lake Shore 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 26 – August 3, 2017, Mondays through Thursdays. For more information, please contact your student's counselor.

South Lake Schools will also run summer programs for elementary and middle school students for the summer of 2017. We will offer a KinderConnect program for incoming Kindergarten students, First Fundamentals for incoming 1st grade students, Literacy Camp for students in grades 2-5 and an intervention program for students identified as at-risk in reading and math. All elementary programs will run July 17 - August 10, Mondays through Thursdays, at Elmwood Elementary School.

We will also offer a summer reading camp for all students in grades 1–3 that combines the use of trade books with fun activities for students.

Summer Math Camp will be held at South Lake Middle School for exiting 7th and 8th grade students. The camp will run from July 17 - August 17, Mondays through Thursdays. Students in grade 7 will attend from 8:30 – 11:30 and students in grade 8 will attend from 12:00 – 3:00.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education approval of a leave of absence for Andrea Gastmeier. Andrea Gastmeier has requested to extend her leave of absence for the 2017/2018 school year. Andrea's request meets the requirements outlined in the current collective bargaining agreement.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mr. Penn, to approve a leave of absence for Andrea Gastmeier for the 2017-2018 school year as noted above.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education approval of a leave of absence for Kimberly Cravens. Kimberly Cravens has requested to extend her leave of absence for the 2017/2018 school year. Kimberly's request meets the requirements outlined in the current collective bargaining agreement.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mr. Damiani, to approve a leave of absence for Kimberly Cravens for the 2017-2018 school year as noted above.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education approval to grant Damon Moore a Probationary Contract for the 2016-2017 school year. Damon Moore has accepted the English/History teacher position at South Lake High School effective Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Damon earned his Bachelor's Degree at Wayne State University.

Moved by Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mr. Penn, to approve to grant Damon Moore a Probationary Contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education Approval of Change Orders, Group #18, 2014 Bond Fund for the amount of \$298.00. The money for these change orders will be paid out of the 2014 bond fund.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mr. Penn, to approve the change orders as noted in Attachment A in the amount of \$298.00.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #29, 2014 Bond Fund. Invoices have been received and deemed appropriate for payment for work on the 2014 bond projects. These invoices will be paid out of the 2014 Bond Fund in the amount of \$15,487.87. Some of the invoices presented are final payments.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Magee to approve payment of Bond Draw #29 in the amount of \$15,487.87.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education approval of Bid Divisions and Contract Amounts. Sealed bids were opened for the Bond Construction Projects. At the Special Board Meeting of March 29, 2017, some of the project divisions were awarded. Board of Education approval is recommended for three of the remaining bid divisions. The total award recommendation amount is \$423,945.20.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, to approve the Bid Divisions and Contract Amounts as noted above in the amount of \$423,945.20.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Allen was present to speak to the Board. He was here to talk about the budget. The teachers did step up and take a 9% salary cut in order to help balance the budget. The key clause noted in the contract states that the Administration understands that sacrifices should be made by all parties. I am reminding you of your responsibility. Some teachers live paycheck to paycheck. The morale is low. The morale will plummet if the teachers are the only ones taking on the burden. We all need to do our part.

Mrs. Rebelein noted that our administrators received no raises and we have eliminated two support staff positions at the Board office. We are doing everything we can.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kelly Gattuso

- Thanked everyone for coming tonight.
- Reflecting as a mom and a teacher, you think about when you went to college and you were so excited to teach our children but as you get into the world of teaching, you realize there is one whole piece missing from education and that is how to help students who have to go through so much. Some of them have no shoes, food or family support. I do try to buy some snacks for my students. So many children are coming from abusive and neglected homes. She is so excited to work with Big Families of Michigan. They are absolutely amazing and will be a big help to our teachers and families.
- The South Lake musical was wonderful. I usually do not get a chance to attend them, but it was amazing. They did an awesome job. My kids loved it!

Julie Magee

- Thank you Kelly for your heartfelt comments.
- Thanks to Chad for his report and congratulations to all the student athletes.
- Thanked Stephen for his report.
- Thanked the representative from Big Families and information regarding Hands of Hope. It is great to see them helping in our community.
- The musical was wonderful.
- The Band Boosters are hosting a flower sale at this time. Contact the high school for further information.
- Congratulations to the South Lake Color Guard who went on to States.
- Thanked Mr. Allen for his report.

Robert Penn

- Thanked Mr. Allen and the teachers for attending and his comments.
- Looking forward to welcoming the Big Families and Hands of Hope.
- Thanked Stephen for his report.
- Thanked Chad for his report
- Elmwood has a family reading night tomorrow. Lou's Pet Shop will be coming by.

Melissa Gordon

- Echo's everything the last three have said

Michael Damiani

- Mr. Damiani started out by saying he wanted to speak about a subject near and dear to his heart. The Mighty Cavbots. The Mighty Cavbots attended the SeaPerch competition and were invited to attend the Nationals in Georgia. He introduced the team members and they displayed their trophy and plaque along with the winning robot. Mr. Damiani noted that the ladies were the ones pretty much stepping up this time. He would like to see more young women get involved in STEM. Asked teachers to steer their students over to them.
- Echo's all that was said by my colleagues.

- Asked Stephan when his last presentation would be. Stephen said next month and would introduce the next representative.
- Thanked Mr. Iras from Big Families.
- Nice to see we are cultivating an environment where we are making community services available.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Katy VanRheen and Sean Beaupre received Proclamations from Mayor Kip Walby at the City Council meeting on Monday. It was a great experience and honor.
- There was a question last month regarding funds available to send Katy and her father to New York. We were able to secure funds through the South Lake Education Foundation to pay for the cost of travel. We wish them the best on this trip.
- The Band Banquet will be held at the Eastpointe Manor on Tuesday, May 16. All Board members are invited to attend. More information coming soon.

Charlotte Rebelein

- Congratulations to the Sports Teams.
- Congratulations to everyone who has been winning.
- Congratulations to the Cavbots.
- I think we have a STEM team of lady Cavbots at the Middle School.
- Attended the Elmwood PTA. Mr. Fringer is working on securing a program for 4th grade students to have women come in and speak regarding careers in this field. It will be held at Elmwood on June 8.
- The Optimist Club will be holding their Banquet on May 10. Contact Kathy Rayner if you are interested in purchasing tickets. It will be held at the Assumption Greek Center. We have four people being honored this year. Katy VanRheen, Sean Beaupre, Kristie Penn and Justine Ventimiglia will be honored from South Lake along with other students receiving scholarships.
- Congratulations to all the Champions. Everyone is a Champion.

Mrs. Magee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Penn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Gordon, Board of Education Secretary

Prepared by Veda Hall