

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2013**

The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on December 18, 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, Paula Mack-Crouchman,
Karla Anderson, Lois Cardenas, Charlotte Rebelein

Members absent: Christi Frazier

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 November 2013

General Fund	\$406,592.70
Activity Fund	\$28,485.44
Cafeteria Fund	\$67,492.04
2008 Bond Fund	\$34,972.78
Latch Key Fund	\$180.69
PEGS	\$37,510.13
American Express	\$35,533.71
Total	\$610,767.49

Minutes from the Board of Education Special Meeting of 11/13/2013
Minutes from the Board of Education Closed Session of 11/13/2013
Minutes from the Board of Education Study Session of 11/13/2013
Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of 11/20/2013
Approval of field trip for students to travel to Toledo, Ohio on May 30, 2014
Attorney Invoices for the month of November totaling \$4,246.50

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to approve above Consent Agenda.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

STUDENT REPORT

Taylor Pawlusiak, Vice-President of Student Congress was here to report for Errol French.

- Fall Sports Awards took place on November 19. Several athletes received various awards.
- The National Honor Society held a blood drive and were able to donate 37 pints of blood.
- Student Congress will be selling candy grams to raise money for Snowball.
- Snowball will take place on February 15, 2014.

BOARD BRIGHTENER

Kathy Tisdale, along with members of the Green Team were here and presented a Power Point showing the Green Team progress. They have teamed up with the Eimers Foundation to help give back to the community. They have made over a hundred sandwiches and goody bags to be given to the homeless people in Detroit. Mya Webster along with McKenzie Orzechowski, Lauren Maletski and Milana Goodrich spoke about the ways the Green Team helps every day.

Mrs. Tisdale introduced Cynthia Kostukoff, Rachel Kostukoff and Robbie and Emma Eimers. Robbie and Emma have started an organization called "The Eimers Foundation". Every Saturday, they go down into Detroit to give away food, clothing, hygiene products and baby items to the homeless and poor.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Mr. Rinehart was present to give an update on the fall sports. He thanked the Board of Education and Administration for their support.

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

Emily Ferrera and Liam Steen – Cross Country

Olivia Boileau – Varsity Girls’ Swim – Cheer

Taylor Pawlusiak – Varsity Girls’ Volleyball

SPORT	COACH	MVP/MIP
Cheer	Dominique Stalling	MVP: Danielle Stalling MIP: Kamarie Jones
B/G Cross Country	Mark Howes	MVP: Emily Ferrera/Liam Steen MIP: Nathaniel Peller/Kate Kelly Silver All Conference Awards went to Emily Ferrera and Kate Kelly
Varsity Football	Nick Marrogy	MVP: Martell Pettaway MIP: Demaris Heard Silver All Conference Awards All County Awards
Varsity Soccer	Paul Voydanoff	MVP: Joe Gargagliano MIP: Jacob Cook MAC Sportsmanship Award All County Awards All District Awards All League Awards
Varsity Girls Swim	Amy Way	MVP: Olivia Boileau MIP: Cassie Kury MAC Sportsmanship Award MAC Silver Champ 100 Butterfly MAC Silver Champ Diving State Qualifier Diving
Varsity Girls’ Volleyball	Liza Rogers	MVP: Taylor Pawlusiak MIP: A’Sha Jones Silver All Conference Awards

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Balint gave the Board and community an update on the EAA House Bill 4369, Third Grade Retention House Bill 5111 and School Grades vs. Color Coding House Bill 5112.

House Bill 4369 would have expanded the Education Achievement Authority and given it the power to take over schools anywhere in the state.

House Bill 5111 requires students not scoring proficient on the state reading test to be retained in third grade.

House bill 5112 would eliminate the newly developed color-coded school rating system and replace it with a letter grade method.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer gave an update on District goal #2. The District Facebook page and website continue to be excellent tools to expand the positive coverage of our students' and schools' many successes. To date, the South Lake Schools Facebook page has 462 "likes" and there are 89,066 visits to the District website.

Diane Larsen has nominated Paul Rossi for a 212 Award. He applied for a grant with the DNR and has spearheaded a salmon project (eggs-to adulthood) in his classroom. The excitement of the students has been amazing! He has spent hours and hours to make this happen. He even plans on coming in over winter break to take care of them. This truly is going above the call of duty!

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Mr. Thero reported on the following:

South Lake Schools will be taking applications for Schools of Choice students for the second semester. The window will open Monday, January 6, 2014, and close on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. There are limited openings in Kindergarten through 9th grade.

Mr. Thero presented a Power Point on this year's Schools of Choice.

Mrs. Anderson asked if this number included residents who moved out of the district and stayed with South Lake under the Schools of Choice program. Mr. Thero said he did not have the exact number, but would check and let the Board know.

Mr. Thero noted that in the fall of 2013, South Lake Schools applied for two grants to help with the starting of the first Robotics team at the high school. We have been notified that we have been funded for both grants.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Thero recommend Board of Education approval to purchase projectors and document cameras from VSC, Inc. in the amount of \$15,277.53. This will be paid out of the 22i Technology Grant.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve purchase of projectors and cameras from VSC, Inc. in the amount of \$15,277.53.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC. which includes lighting replacement and computer lab upgrades in the amount of \$635.38. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, supported by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to approve payment to PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC. in the amount of \$635.38.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to Sehi Computer Products, Inc. in the amount of \$102,690.00, for computers for the lab. The invoices will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve payment to Sehi Computer Products, Inc. for the amount of \$102,690.00.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval to Award the high school gym floor replacement to Varsity Flooring for the alternate bid amount of \$101,000.00.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Rebelein, to award the high school gym floor replacement project to Varsity Flooring for a total amount of \$101,000.00.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to Great Lakes Power & Lighting, Inc. In the amount of \$12,168.00. This is for work done on the lighting replacement project through October 31, 2013. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, supported by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, to approve payment to Great Lakes Power & Lighting Inc. for the amount of \$12,168.00

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval of payment to Independent Newspapers. This covers the advertisement for the bid. Total cost is \$787.30 and will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund. Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Anderson to approve payment to Independent Newspapers in the amount of \$787.30.

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

OPERATIONS AND FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Dishman noted that the gym floor removal has been completed. New padding for the gym walls has been ordered. Staff will be in over break. There was a water main break at Pare Elementary School. This was repaired by Art Tucker and Sons.

We are looking to establish an on-line payment system for parents. We have looked at three different companies for the services. The most economical is E-Funds.

Please see Bill PA 161 of 2013 (SB 352), signed 11/12/2013. This is another tax exemption on the books. This will have an impact on state education tax revenues which fund the school aid fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Charlotte Rebelein

- Congrats to the Green Team, Mia did a wonderful job on the montage.
- Thanked the Eimers Foundation for attending our meeting.
- Congrats to all the sports teams. They did a great job.
- Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Mrs. Cardenas

- Thanked the Green Team. They were phenomenal.
- Roby and Emma – What a wonderful job.
- Thanked Donna Jaroma, choir director at the Middle School for bringing the students to sing at the Nautical Mile meeting. They were fabulous and she was very proud.
- Have a safe and happy holiday.

Karla Anderson

- Great job to Mia. Looks like we have a future journalist to look forward to.
- Great presentation by the high school and middle school students.
- Save your box tops and soup labels.
- Happy Christhanukwanzivalmas!

Paula Mack-Crouchman

- Green Team was fabulous.
- Mia that was an amazing power point.
- I am speechless when it comes to the Eimers Foundation. Growing up with such a contribution to society that we need more of. Sharing their Saturday with the homeless. We thank you and your parents.
- Have a safe and happy holiday.

Ellen Dunn

- Thanks to the high school band and middle school choir for attending the Light up the Night. It was raining and the weather was not great, but they played for us anyway. Hallmark allowed the Avalon Junior Optimist students an opportunity to sign cards for the troops.
- If you get a chance, go to the Eimers Foundation website you will see posts from Robby. These kids are standing on street corners to hand out food and items. He has a cardboard box with a sign on it. It is amazing what he does. Several of our teachers and staff are involved with helping him out.
- Happy holidays to everyone.

Pamela Balint

- Spoke with Karen Palazzolo from Café Far Bella. She is part of the 9-Mack association and they were instrumental in helping us collect gloves, scarfs, hats etc. We were able to give them to very excited individuals.
- When you have someone like Robby and Emma making a mark on the world, it is only the beginning. We are very excited that our middle school is able to partner with this foundation.
- We will be attending a special event at the senior center tomorrow. The middle school choir and high school jazz band will be playing.
- Congratulations to all of our athletes.
- Thanked Taylor for standing in for Errol.
- Have a safe holiday season and enjoy your time off.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Have a safe and happy holiday season.

John Thero

- Have a great holiday. This gives you time to rejuvenate yourself.

Matthew Dishman

- The Board Office and Schools will be closed from December 20 through January 6. There will be limited access to the buildings.

Veda Hall

- Avalon collected over 200 food items for the St. Clair Shores Goodfellows.
- The Avalon Alpha Optimist Club mailed 300 cards to our Military service men and women.
- Please save your coupons for the Alpha Optimist Club.
- Students at all elementary schools were able to purchase gifts for family members during the Santa Shops.
- Middle School and High School Choir concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 19.

Allan Innes

- Bradley Mitchell, a former SL football player and track athlete, will be playing in the Division III Football National Championship (Alonzo Staggs Bowl) game for Mt. Union. It will be on ESPNU on Friday evening at 7 p.m. Cheer him on when you hear his name called on Friday night.
- Thanks to Mr. Fleming for hosting the fundraiser for Mr. Cunha.
- Great to have a grant for our Robotics program.
- Great to learn about the Eimers Foundation.
- Superintendent evaluation will be taking place in February. Information to be sent in January.
- Last day to apply for Board position will be January 24, 2014.
- A special meeting will be held on February 5.

Mr. Innes read the following quote:

The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think, rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men.
Bill Beattie

Mrs. Mack-Crouchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Mrs. Dunn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi Frazier, Secretary

Prepared by Veda Hall