

**South Lake Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on September 13, 2017, in the South Lake Administration Building, located at 23101 Stadium Boulevard, St. Clair Shores, Michigan was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by our President, Charlotte Rebelein.

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

Administrators present: Ted Von Hiltmayer, John Thero, Frank Thomas

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Rebelein.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Checks written for August 2017:

General Fund	\$344,627.91
Activity Fund	\$4,814.56
Cafeteria Fund	\$3,405.73
American Express	\$4,695.15
2014 Bond Fund	\$9,429.00
2017 Bond Fund	\$749,108.01
Total	<u>\$1,116,080.36</u>

Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of August 16, 2017

Revised Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting of June 21, 2017

Attorney invoices for the month of August 2017 totaling \$269.50

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

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

STUDENT REPORT

Nolan Girven is our new student representative. He is the student council president this year. He reported on the following:

- Students and staff are getting adjusted to the new time slots.
- Students like the extra half hour.
- Students are trying to get into the swing of things.
- Everyone loves the new cafeteria. Glad there is no staircase going upstairs any longer.
- Football is 0 and 3; Volleyball is 0 and 1, Soccer 0-6 Cross Country has had two meets so far.

Mr. Damiani welcomed Nolan to the meeting.

WEST SHORE HOMEOWNERS

Marcel Verstraete was here to present South Lake Schools a check for \$600.00. They thanked the Board for not selling the property that is now Frederick Park. It meant a lot to all of us. He is a parent of two students that attended South Lake and it was a great school and still is a great school.

KROGERS

Frances Cars was here to present a check for \$1,000.00 to the high school. She noted that each time they update one of their stores, they make a donation to someone in the area. This year they chose South Lake High School.

KIDS ON THE GO

Kristy Schena was here to introduce the program "Kids on the Go." They are interested in leasing a portion of Pare. This is a place that kids ages 3-17 can go to attend therapy for fun, along with social skill groups, basketball camps, art therapy and performing arts. They will be speaking with Frank regarding space needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer spoke about Policy #5517.01, "Bullying and other Aggressive Behaviors." It is the policy of the District to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. This policy protects all students from bullying behavior regardless of the subject matter or motivation for such impermissible behavior.

Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties, including Board members, parents, guests, contractors, vendors, and volunteers, is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, including hazing, gestures, comments, threats, or actions to a student, which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation.

Demonstration of appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers to provide positive examples for student behavior.

This policy applies to all "at school" activities in the District, including activities on school property, in a school vehicle, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the school's control, or where an employee is engaged in school business. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment.

A copy of this policy in compliance with State requirements is available in its entirety in all school offices, the Administration Building and on our school website.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Mr. Thero reported on the following:

M-STEP Report

John shared a Power Point regarding the results from the Spring 2017 M-STEP Assessment. The news was good for South Lake. We improved in 18 out of 33 tests. The scores have been released from the Michigan Department of Education. Discussion took place as to the growth of our students.

Current Enrollment Update

Elementary has 777
Middle school has 346
High School had 530 (unverified)
Total as of 9/8/17 is 1,653

Section 105 Schools of Choice Update

We have been busy with enrollment. We have enrolled 162 Schools of Choice students for the 2017-18 school year. Out of this total 16 are current students that have moved from the district but intend to remain at South Lake Schools!

Great Start Readiness Preschool Update

At this time all of our Great Start Readiness Preschool classrooms are full. We have waiting lists for both the full-day program at Koepsell and half-day program at Elmwood.

Title I Update

This year all elementary schools have been identified to receive Title I funding. For the 2017-18 school year, all three elementary schools have been approved by the Michigan Department of Education as Title I School wide Schools. This means that while the schools still target students for intervention, the school has greater flexibility in how to spend resources and implement programs. The Title I funds will be used to support the salaries of some of our support staff members:

- Sara Crouch Full-time Literacy Technician
- Nancy Gauthier Full-time Literacy Technician
- Stephanie Lerner Full-time Literacy Technician
- Pam Bartel Full-time Literacy Technician
- Angela LoVasco Full-time Literacy Technician
- Miranda Kokeny Full-time Mathematics Technician
- Karen Hanencamp Full-time Mathematics Technician
- Open Position Full-time Mathematics Technician

The Title I team has met to develop focused, data-driven, research-based programs to address the needs of our elementary students. This year we will continue to utilize Corrective Reading in Literacy and Connecting Math Concepts in Mathematics. Both of these programs are direct instruction programs that focus on eliminating skill deficits found through an assessment process for each student individually.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Olivia Perucca the Shared Time Art Teacher position effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Olivia earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College for Creative Studies.

Moved by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to grant Olivia Perucca a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant James Winowiecki the Middle School ELA position effective for the 2017-2018 school year. James earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Oakland University.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Gordon to grant James Winowiecki a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to Genna Merrick the High School Math Teacher position effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Genna earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Michigan State University.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Penn to grant Genna Merrick a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Jayme Peoples the Spanish teaching position effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Jayme is returning to our district as of 09/01/2017. Jayme earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Eastern Michigan University and her Masters of Education Degree at Wayne State University.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Gordon to grant Jayme Peoples a Tenure Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Nina Chisnall the Special Education Teacher Consultant position effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Nina earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Eastern Michigan University and her Masters of Education degree from Saginaw Valley State University.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mr. Damiani to grant Nina Chisnall a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Jessica Crowell the third grade teaching position at Elmwood Elementary effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Jessica earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Western Michigan University and Masters of Education Degree from Northcentral University.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to grant Jessica Crowell a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant LaRae Hinz the Shared Time Music teacher position effective for the 2017-2018 school year. LaRae earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Concordia University.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Penn to grant LaRae Hinz a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Samantha Page the Shared Time Spanish teaching position effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Samantha earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mr. Damiani to grant Samantha Page a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Amanda Lipa the Grade 4 Elementary teaching position at Avalon Elementary effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Amanda earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to grant Amanda Lipa a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Kari Suchota the Kindergarten Teaching position at Avalon Elementary effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Kari earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Central Michigan University and her Master's in Education from Saginaw Valley State University.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Ms. Gattuso to grant Kari Suchota a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Justin DeSantis the Math teaching position at South Lake Middle School effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Justin earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Central Michigan University.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Damiani to grant Justin DeSantis a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Stephanie Lerner the Literacy Intervention Specialist position at Avalon Elementary effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Stephanie earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wayne State University.

Moved by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mrs. Magee to grant Stephanie Lerner a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Angela LoVasco the Literacy Intervention Specialist position at Avalon Elementary effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Angela earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Michigan State University and Masters of Education degree from University of Detroit.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to grant Angela LoVasco a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Chowana Jordan the Restorative Justice Facilitator position at South Lake Middle School effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mrs. Magee to grant Chowana Jordan a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Maria Morisette the Great Start Readiness Associate Teacher position at Koepsell Elementary School effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Maria earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University.

Moved by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mr. Damiani to grant Maria Morisette a Probationary Contract for the 2017-2018 school year pending fingerprint results.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Theresa Strother a leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year. Theresa's request meets the requirement outlined in the current bargaining agreement.

Moved by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve this leave of absence request for Theresa Strother as noted above.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #34, 2017 Bond Fund. Invoices have been received and deemed appropriate for payment for work on the 2017 bond projects. These invoices will be paid out of the 2017 Bond Fund in the amount of \$571,182.37. Some are final payments.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Ms. Gattuso, to approve payment of Bond Draw #34 in the amount of \$571,182.37.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Rebelein started this section by reading the rules and regulations regarding public comments at Board meetings.

Telisha Jones was here to share with the Board her concerns regarding the changes in bus stops for this year. Her daughter has been at Avalon since kindergarten. When she enrolled her five years ago, she was told she could not attend Koepsell. Her students were able to take the bus prior to the change and because they attend Avalon, can no longer get a bus stop on the other side of I94. Her biggest concern was the safety of our students who have to cross the bridge to attend Avalon. She asked the Board to reconsider and add one more bus stop for students who attend Avalon where her home is located.

Sojourner Love was our next speaker. She expressed the fact that the bus stops were taken from them. There is no way to get her student to the bus stops that are closer to Avalon. She wanted one stop to be located on the other side of I94.

Carole Hamilton was a former parent at our school. She was here to support the parents regarding the bussing issue. She asked the Board to reconsider or have a discussion. She would like them to help her understand the reason for the changes. The parents brought their children here tonight to show them how to voice their opinion in a peaceful way.

Emma Murray spoke to the Board and said that she has had three generations of children in South Lake Schools. She feels the children are hurting. They want to go to Avalon. They love Avalon. They just want a bus so the kids can go to school safely.

MISCELLANEOUS

Julie Magee

- Nolan, you did a good job.
- Thanked homeowners for coming out.
- Thanked Kroger for their donation.
- Thank you to the Kids on the Go organization.
- Welcome to all the new hires.
- Thanked all the parents for coming out and voicing their situation.
- Welcome back everyone!

Kelly Gattuso

- This is a very hectic time of year!
- Thanks for coming and voicing your feelings and suggestions.
- Excited for all the new hires.
- Waiting and so excited for Kids on the Go. It is a great organization. We are so lucky they chose us.
- Have a good school year.

Lois Cardenas

- Welcome back everyone.
- Carole, it is good to see you.
- Welcome Nolan!
- Welcome to all the new teachers.
- Thanked the parents for coming out to our meeting.
- Have a great school year!

Robert Penn

- Thanked the West Shore Association.
- Thanked Kroger's for their check.
- Enjoyed the presentation regarding Kids on the Go.
- Welcome to all the new hires.
- Thanked Ms. Jones, Ms. Love, Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Murray for coming out. Appreciate your concerns.
- Welcome back!

Melissa Gordon

- Welcome back to everyone.
- Thanked Nolan for his excellent report.
- Welcome to all the new hires.
- Enjoyed the Kids on the Go presentation.
- Thanked the parents for coming out.
- Now is a good time to get involved in your school. Parents are needed at all levels. You can help at school or from home. Meet your new teachers and administrators!

Michael Damiani

- Nolan, excellent job. You can only go up from here.
- Welcomed the new teachers to our family. We are glad to have you.
- Thanked the West Shore Homeowners Association.
- Thanked Krogers for their generous donations.
- Very excited about Kids on the Go.
- It is the beginning of the school year. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in your schools. Talk to your child's teachers to see what you can do to help.
- Thanked the community for coming out. We appreciate the decorum and order that you expressed your opinions with.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Thanked the community members for coming out. It helps us to reflect on your comments.
- We have had a string of four weeks in the Sentinel on the front page highlighting many things going on. They spoke about the change in ours start date and times, transportation and Pare Elementary. They wrote about the non-profit organizations housed at Pare and the many positive things going on there. The most recent article was written regarding our M-STEP scores. You can go on line to see the articles.
- Welcome to our new staff members.
- Special people make this a special place.
- This was a very busy summer. We hired 18 new staff members. Thanks to Frank, John, Veda and all the administrators who help with this.
- Roy O'Brien is hosting a fund raiser for South Lake schools to be given to the Fine Arts programs. You can test drive a vehicle in our high school parking lot and we receive \$20.00 for each test drive. It will be held on October 11 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- We will have students visiting from China. If you are interested in hosting a family, please contact Mr. Thero.
- Thanked everyone for a great start to the school year!

Charlotte Rebelein

- Thanked everyone for coming out and Mrs. Hamilton, it was good to see you.
- Welcome to Nolan.
- Welcome the new staff. Welcome to our family. We truly are a family.
- Ran into some former parents and talked to them about their kids growing up here and they told me that we were always a family.
- Ditto to everything said.

Mrs. Cardenas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Damiani.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Gordon

Prepared by Veda Hall