

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 19, 2014**

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The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on February 19, 2014, 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 Ellen Dunn.

Members present: Ellen Dunn, Paula Mack-Crouchman, Christi Frazier,  
Charlotte Rebelein, Karla Anderson, Lois Cardenas, Kelly Gattuso

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Dunn.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Checks written for January 2014:

General Fund	\$416,506.05
Activity Fund	\$5,350.17
Cafeteria Fund	\$39,708.39
2008 Bond Fund	\$98,161.27
Latch Key Fund	\$54.44
PEGS	\$9,697.71
American Express	\$29,453.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$598,931.25</b>

- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of January 15, 2014
- Minutes from the Board of Education Organizational Meeting of January 15, 2014
- Minutes from the Board of Education Study Session of January 21, 2014
- Attorney Invoices for the month of January totaling \$3,615.10

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

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

**STUDENT REPORT**

Errol French was here to report on the following:

- The juniors participated in a practice ACT last week.
- The MISD will be here Saturday offering classes to help juniors with ACT.
- Snowball was a success, the theme was Masquerade.
- We have a new Robotics Team at the High School.
- We have a new Cultural Diversity Club at the High School.

**BOARD BRIGHTENER**

Teachers Sue DeCook and Audrey Richmond, along with students Abdur Nealis, Isabella Tarpey, Elise Rhodenizer and Simone Greene from Koepsell Education Center, shared a Power Point presentation on Tyree Guyton and the Heidelberg Project. They painted old shoes as part of their project and were able to share this art with us. They were learning how to turn trash into art.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Mrs. Dunn introduced Kelly Gattuso, our newly appointed Board member. Kelly previously attended Avalon Elementary, South Lake Middle School and South Lake High School. She was involved in many clubs and sports at the High School. She also did her student teaching with South Lake Schools and works during the summer with our elementary students through an MISD grant program.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Mrs. Hall read the Oath of Office to Ms. Gattuso.

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**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education Approval to Adopt the New and Revised Bylaws, Policies and Administrative Guidelines that NEOLA provided. The Policy Committee along with Wayne Peters of NEOLA and Mr. Von Hiltmayer, met on December 11, 2013, to review the changes.

Moved by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to Adopt the New and Revised Bylaws, Policies and Administrative Guidelines as presented.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Balint spoke on the State of the District. On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, the district professional staff met in the High School auditorium to discuss plans and progress related to student achievement, student enrollment, and positive public relations. After a brief presentation from the Central Office administrators, principals met with their teachers to brainstorm ideas and strategies related to the above big ideas. We greatly appreciated the attendance of the staff members well beyond their required work day. Many good ideas were generated!

There will be a Parent-to-Parent meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at the Board of Education office at 6:30 p.m. The purpose will be to provide parents' perspectives on district issues. This meeting is for parents only.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education Approval to Grant Carolina Chedid-Nader a Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to grant Carolina Chedid-Nader a Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

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

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Mr. Therò recommended Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution in Recognition of Parenting Awareness Month. March is Parenting Awareness Month in the State of Michigan and we would like to recognize the parents in our district.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Anderson to Adopt the Resolution in Recognition of Parenting Awareness Month.

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

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Our annual Kindergarten and Preschool Enrollment Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Koepsell Education Center. We have a very comprehensive Kindergarten program. Our students learn in classroom environments that are designed to meet their developmental needs. We are proud of our Kindergarten program which offers Spanish, Mandarin, art, music and physical education.

At this time our Consolidated Application has been reviewed and approved for Title I funds and are now available for allocation. This year all three buildings are receiving Title I services. We will also be running some after school intervention activities in mathematics and a Title I summer program.

Students in grade 11 and eligible students in grade 12 will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam during the month of March.

The 2013-2014 MEAP scores have been released to districts but are still under public embargo. Administrators and teachers are reviewing the MEAP data for purposes of school improvement. The Board will receive a comprehensive report as soon as the embargo is lifted.

### **BUSINESS REPORT**

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Varsity Flooring Inc. in the amount of \$86,400.00 for the High School gym floor replacement project. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson supported by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to Varsity Flooring Inc. in the amount of \$86,400.00.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to SportsGraphics in the amount of \$3,388.00 for the pads in the High School gym. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to SportsGraphics for the amount of \$3,388.00.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Great Lakes Power & Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$3,382.19. This is for the lighting replacement project at the High School. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund. This is a final payment.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Anderson to approve payment to Great Lakes Power & Lighting Inc. in the amount of \$3,382.19.

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

### **OPERATIONS AND FINANCE REPORT**

The Mid-Winter Camp for February break was canceled as there was not enough interest at this time. We will try again before Spring Break.

There is some damage to asphalt and concrete due to the unusual cold and snow this winter. We will do our best to stay on top of all concerns at the buildings.

The staff has been working in all buildings over break. Pare had some frozen pipes so we have been working to clean that building.

The district is doing their best to maintain all of the buildings. We have been very fortunate so far.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS****Kelly Gattuso**

- Thank you to the community for attending this meeting.
- I attended Avalon, Middle School and High School. I did my student teaching here and continue to work in the summer on a literacy and science grant through the MISD. I am really involved and really happy to be here.

**Mrs. Cardenas**

- Thanks to the audience for staying tonight.
- Welcome to Kelly.
- The students did a fabulous job!

**Karla Anderson**

- Welcome to Ms. Gattuso, I look forward to working with you.
- Welcome to Ms. Chedid-Nadar, our new teacher.
- Thanks to all of you for your wonderful presentations.
- Thanked the students for the valentines.
- Attended the CTE Awards breakfast. Lauren Cornett and Tony Kirchner, along with Zainab Ahmed from Michigan First Credit Union were honored. It was a wonderful event.
- Save your box tops and soup labels.
- Have a nice Spring Break.

**Christi Frazier**

- Ditto to everything.
- Welcome to Ms. Gattuso.
- Thanked the students for being here. We have a top notch art program at our school.
- Thank you for the valentine cards.
- Spring Break camp is a wonderful idea...

**Charlotte Rebelein**

- Welcome to Ms. Gattuso.
- Thanks for the valentine, Gabrielle.
- The floor at the High School gym looks wonderful.
- Thank you to Koepsell students and teachers. You did a fantastic job.

**Paula Mack-Crouchman**

- Thanks to the audience for being here and involved.
- What a great project Koepsell is working on.
- Welcome to Ms. Chedid-Nader.
- Thanked Ellen for doing such a great job.
- Thank you for my valentine.
- Please read the article in the Connection regarding Mr. Innes. He took care of a Latch Key bill for a struggling family.

**Pamela Balint**

- Welcome to Ms. Gattuso. I am so proud of her. I was her sixth grade teacher.
- Koepsell's presentations were so articulate. I really enjoyed them.
- Welcome to Ms. Chedid-Nada; it is exciting to hire a new teacher.
- The District Open House will take place on March 11.
- We received beautiful Valentines from all our schools. They were the most creative and beautiful Valentines. We were able to send them over to the Senior Center for their Valentine Day Dance.

**Ted Von Hiltmayer**

- Welcome Ms. Gattuso.
- Mr. Von Hiltmayer presented a 212 award to Darrel Shepherd who was nominated by Marty Kliebert for his dedication and passion to the Culinary Arts Program.

**John Thero**

- Welcome to Ms. Gattuso.
- The Board approved technology purchases have been delayed due to bad weather.

**Matthew Dishman**

- Welcome to Ms. Gattuso.
- We had an anonymous donor pay for a large bill at Elmwood. This city amazes me and these kids amaze me.
- The Aquafest is being held at Blossom Heath on Saturday and Sunday.

**Veda Hall**

- Congratulations to Ms. Gattuso. Worked with her during cheerleading days.
- Thanked Koepsell for their wonderful presentation.

**Ellen Dunn**

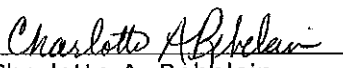
- Congrats to Chef Shephard on his 212 Award. He is very professional and the students model that every day.
- Thanks to the Koepsell students for being so honest this evening and thanks for learning about the Heidleberg project. This is a timely history lesson for all of us.
- Thank you Abby for my valentine.
- Attended the January 20 city MLK Day celebration. Mariam Cuevas Encisco, a former South Lake student was the guest speaker. She spoke about social justice issues.
- The Eats, Arts and Beats was a wonderful event.
- Please read your South Lake Newsletter. It has a lot of information and a great letter from our superintendent.
- Thank you Ms. Gattuso for stepping forward to serve on the Board. We interviewed nine community members. We were very honored to be able to have nine candidates and we thank the community for all their support.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Charlotte A. Rebelein

Prepared by Veda Hall