

**South Lake Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2017**

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The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on November 15, 2017, at South Lake High School, 21900 E Nine Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, Michigan was called to order at 6:30 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**

Checks written for October 2017

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|----------------|---------------------|
| General Fund   | \$447,791.85        |
| Activity Fund  | \$20,134.66         |
| Cafeteria Fund | \$78,976.08         |
| 2014 Bond Fund | \$377,862.53        |
| Total          | <u>\$924,765.12</u> |

- Minutes from the Board of Education Superintendent Evaluation Meeting of October 11, 2017
- Minutes from the Board of Education Closed Session of October 11, 2017
- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017
- Minutes from the Board of Education Study Session of October 18, 2017
- Minutes from the Board of Education Special Meeting of November 1, 2017
- Minutes from the Board of Education Closed Session of November 1, 2017
- Attorney Invoices totaling \$2,324.03

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

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

Mrs. Rebelein began by reading the rules and regulations regarding public comments at Board meetings.

**STUDENT REPORT**

Nolan Girven reported on the following:

- Homecoming was great and they loved the DJ.
- Everyone is very excited about the new food court. It is a big success and the students love the pizza.
- Attended the play last week "Murder in Bloom" and it was very interesting.
- Yearbooks are on sale for \$50.00.
- Spring supplement is on sale for \$10.00.
- South Lake staff tries their best to make all students succeed.
- I am proud to be a Cavalier!

**BOARD BRIGHTENER**

Mr. Bruce started out by saying that the Middle School has some new initiatives this year. Students now have their own organized binders. Students learn how to track their own data and be responsible. During the past summer, the staff formed a binder committee. All students have a color coded binder. We have been tracking the success of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and there was a significant difference in failing grades. He then introduced Louna Obeid who is the chairman of the binder committee. She showed a power point on all sections of the binder and student expectations. The students receive many incentives if they complete this binder. They hope that someday it will be a district wide program.

**BOND UPDATE**

Mr. Hambaum presented a power point showing the changes that are being made to the high school building at this time. We hope to have the Culinary Arts classroom and Bistro finished in early March. Next year we will focus on site projects at all buildings. The most significant change will be to have a new bus loading zone at the Middle School.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution of Support for the School Finance Research Collaborative. The Board of Education of each public school in Michigan is encouraged to adopt a Resolution of Support for the School Finance Research Collaborative. The Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Boards both support the school adequacy study commissioned by the School Finance Research Collaborative. This collaborative is composed of bi-partisan education experts and business leaders across Michigan with a goal of determining the true cost of educating all Michigan public school students pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The collaborative hopes to send a clear message to policymakers in Lansing that this information is critical in ensuring that Michigan public schools, and the services they provide students, are funded in the most effective and appropriate manner possible.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mr. Damiani, to Approve to Adopt the Resolution of Support for the School Finance Research Collaborative.

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

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Mr. Thero requested Board of Education Approval of Sexual Abuse Prevention Curriculum. One out of every five children in the average classroom will be sexually abused by the time they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. A teacher or counselor who presents safety information about touching could very likely prevent a young life from ever having to experience the pain and trauma of sexual abuse. Upon Board approval, a parent/guardian letter will be sent out to families explaining the instruction and give parents the opportunity to review the curriculum.

Moved by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas, to approve the Sexual Abuse Prevention Curriculum as noted above.

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

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Jennifer Pfeifer the Math Intervention Specialist position at Avalon Elementary School starting 10/16/2017. Jennifer earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree from Wayne State University.

Moved by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mr. Damiani, to grant a probationary contract to Jennifer Pfeifer for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Andrew Monroe the Elementary Art Teaching position starting on 11/6/2017. Andrew earned his Bachelors of Arts and Master of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University.

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

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

### **BUSINESS REPORT**

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #36, 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 \$627,991.19. Some are final payments.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mr. Penn, to approve payment of Bond Draw #36 in the amount of \$627,991.19.

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

Mrs. Rebelein noted that the Board receives the packet of information prior to the Board meeting and is able to ask questions if needed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Julie Magee**

- Welcome to the new hires.
- Thanked Nolan for his report.
- Attended the play last weekend and they all did a great job.
- Thanked the administration team who is working really hard.
- Thanked Mr. Thomas and Veda for the information regarding student counts. Looks like we are maintaining our students and moving in the right direction.
- Thanked Mr. Fringer and Mr. Bruce for their hard work. They are doing an exceptional job trying to keep our students here.
- Thanked Mr. Hambaum. This is really dear to me as I worked on the bond projects before. I feel that you are doing a wonderful job overseeing the work that is being done. It all seems to be going well.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

#### **Kelly Gattuso**

- The homecoming parade was great. My kids had a great time watching the students.
- Welcome to our new hires.
- I am still trying to wrap myself around the changes being made to the building.
- I am very excited about the new bus route for the middle school. I lived right next door to the school and it was very hard to back out of our driveway.
- I was not able to attend the play but a friend of mine said it was spectacular.

#### **Lois Cardenas**

- Welcome to Mrs. Pfeifer and Mr. Monroe.
- Thanked Mr. Hambaum, looks just gorgeous.
- Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and eat well.

**Robert Penn**

- Welcome to our new hires.
- I have met Mr. Monroe. He is a really great guy and I have heard great feedback. Super happy with him.
- Thanked Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Obeid for their presentation regarding the binder system. My son was not happy at first, but has since learned to love it. I think we should look into this binder system at all buildings.
- Thanked Mr. Hambaum for the tour.
- There was a great article in the Sentinell regarding Elmwood's fundraiser.
- There are a lot of great things going on in this district.
- We are just blown away at the money we are raising at Elmwood.

**Melissa Gordon**

- Thanked Mr. Hambaum. My son is very happy with the new kitchen.
- Welcome to Mrs. Pfeifer and Mr. Monroe.
- Thanks Nolan for your report. Her son had a great time at the homecoming dance. Talking about going to snowball which he has never done.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

**Michael Damiani**

- Ditto to everything!
- Nolan, another wonderful job. You have made this your own.
- Welcome aboard to the new hires. We are a family here.
- Mr. Hambaum, wonderful tour. I cannot wait for it to be finished.
- Thanked Mr. Thomas for his report. It would be a burden if it was not for you.
- Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

**Ted Von Hiltmayer**

- Welcome to Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Pfeifer.
- Thanked Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Obeid.
- The Middle School feels different. I am very pleased with the direction it is going in.
- Thank you all for coming out tonight. We want to give the public an opportunity to see the bond projects taking place.
- We are excited about all the things happening.
- We hope to do another meeting at the high school once the Bistro is completed.

**Charlotte Rebelein**

- Thanked Nolan for his report.
- It was fun to judge the parade floats. The Candyland theme was fantastic. The students did a great job on the floats.
- Thanked Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Obeid for their report.
- I was at the Middle School last week and happened to be there for their student celebration.
- Welcome to Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Pfeifer. We are a family.
- Thanked Mr. Hambaum. You are keeping us informed very well.
- Thanked all the administrators.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to enter into closed session at 7:17 p.m. for the purpose of an expulsion hearing. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Mr. Beato provided a synopsis of the events and provided the Board with his reasoning for the expulsion.

The student and grandmother did attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Gattuso, seconded by Mr. Damiani to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken. The Board returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Resolution to permanently expel student 2017SL004.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas, to permanently expel student #2014SL004.

Ayes: 6      Nays: 1      Motion Carried:      6/1

Mrs.- Magee

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Gordon

Prepared by Veda Hall