

**South Lake Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 20, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on December 20, 2017, at the South Lake Administration Building, 23101 Stadium Blvd., 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, Kelly Gattuso, Julie Magee

Members absent: Lois Cardenas

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Rebelein.

CONSENT AGENDA

Checks written for November 2017

General Fund	\$316,417.88
Activity Fund	\$13,028.99
Cafeteria Fund	\$35,068.39
2014 Bond Fund	\$53,357.73
2017 Bond (Oct updated Nov)	\$1,266,302.24
2017 Bond Fund (Nov)	\$574,633.50
American Express	\$75,396.26
Total	<u>\$2,334,204.99</u>

- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of November 15, 2017
- Minutes from the Board of Education Closed Session of November 15, 2017
- Attorney Invoices totaling \$2,878.50
- Field trip request from Susan DeCook to travel with her students to the Imagination Station in Toledo, Ohio on May 4, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

STUDENT REPORT

Nolan Girven reported on the following:

- Students very excited about the upcoming holiday break
- A recent project was making 100 sandwiches for the homeless
- High school yearbooks are available for pre-order for \$50
- NHS helped wrapped presents at Pare for foster families
- Happy Holidays to everyone
- It's a Great Day to be a Cavalier!

FALL SPORTS UPDATE

Mr. Ballee gave an update on our fall sports.

- Our Volleyball team were district champions but lost in the semi-finals
- Football had a tough season - with the alignment of the MAC, the next two years will be tough.
- Girls' Swim team worked hard
- We had 126 student athletes – 74 of those were scholars (about 60%) - 14 earned 4.0 and above
- Soccer record this year 3-12-1 and the league record was 3-6-1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer went over Senate Bills 584-586. On November 8, 2017, the Michigan Senate passed Senate Bills 584-586 which prohibit open carry but permit concealed carry of firearms on school grounds, day care centers, sports arenas, large concert halls, taverns, places of worship, hospitals, college dorms or classrooms, and casinos for those concealed pistol license holders with eight hours of training. The bills were transmitted to the House of Representatives and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. A committee meeting date has not yet been set and therefore there is currently no timeline for when further action will be taken on the bills.

Although these bills would "not prohibit a school district from adopting or enforcing policies regarding the possession of pistols, other firearms, or pneumatic guns by students of that school district[.]" and do not modify the provision which states that the Michigan Firearms Act "does not prohibit an employer from prohibiting an employee from carrying a concealed pistol in the course of his or her employment with that employer." The bills do specifically allow any other individuals who possess a valid Concealed Pistol License (CPL) with eight hours of additional training to carry firearms in any area otherwise designated as a "Weapon-Free School Zone."

These bills would also eliminate the authority school districts in Michigan currently have to promulgate policies that ban the possession of firearms on school property and at school sponsored events, including prohibiting individuals who possess a valid Concealed Pistol License (CPL) from openly carrying firearms in areas otherwise designated as "gun free school zones." Currently, our Board of Education has adopted policies that prohibit students, staff members, administrators, any person "under contract", and all visitors from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the Board. Current Board policy also requires the superintendent to refer anyone who violates any "Weapons" policy to law enforcement officials as part of the Board's obligation to provide a safe and secure learning environment.

Governor Rick Snyder previously vetoed similar legislation back in 2012 and recently stated "If it was that same bill, I would have the same set of issues in that form." [See MLIVE, *Gov. Snyder vetoed concealed guns in school once, and his position hasn't changed* (Nov. 9, 2017).] This is an encouraging sign for all public school districts in Michigan because we do not need more legislation that further erodes local control of our public schools. Instead, we need our lawmakers and our Governor to enact legislation to declare school grounds as a safety sensitive zone and to allow local school boards to enact policies prohibiting an individual who is licensed to carry a concealed pistol from carrying a pistol, whether concealed or unconcealed, on school grounds, except in the case of law enforcement personnel or similarly situated public safety personnel/agencies.

I encourage all of the South Lake community to contact their state representatives to express their own thoughts regarding any legislation that permits access of firearms in "gun free school zones" and limits the local control of our Board of Education.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Mr. Thero requested Board of Education Approval to take applications for Schools of Choice students for the second semester. The window would open Monday, January 8, 2018, and close Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. We would offer unlimited openings for Kdg. – 11th grade Macomb County residents. Applications will be available at the Board of Education office, online, or you can contact Tina Jamieson at 586-435-1640 for more information.

Moved by Michael Damiani, seconded by Robert Penn to approve Schools of Choice applications being accepted from January 8, 2018, through January 24, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. for unlimited openings for Kdg. – 11th grade Macomb County residents.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

Mr. Thero went over a Power Point presentation detailing this year’s Schools of Choice update.

Mr. Thero shared a Power Point presentation that will detail Michigan’s approved plan to meet the requirements of the federal ESSA law.

Previously all four core content areas were used in configuring the scores. Now only ELA and Math will be used. There has been an appeal filed with the federal government, but they say they will not be using science or social studies.

Mr. Thero has asked how the growth rates were configured. As soon as he hears the answer, he will update the Board in a Friday packet.

Mr. Thero wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Thomas had no action items.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #37, 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 \$487,530.59. Some are final payments.

Moved by Robert Penn, seconded by Michael Damiani, to approve payment of Bond Draw #37 in the amount of \$487,530.59.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstained: 1 (Julie Magee) Motion Carried: 5/0

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education approval for a list of change orders that have been received and approved for the bond projects. The money for the change orders will be returned to the 2017 Bond Fund. These amount to a credit of \$14,741.08.

Moved by Michael Damiani, seconded by Melissa Gordon, to approve change orders in the credit amount of \$14,741.08 to be returned to the 2017 Bond Fund.

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

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education approval for the Resolution to Impose a Summer Property Tax Levy. It is required by law that we have this resolution approved by the Board and send it to the various municipalities that levy the taxes for the district.

Moved by Robert Penn, seconded by Melissa Gordon, to approve the Resolution to Impose a Summer Property Tax Levy.

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

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education approval of Bid Divisions and Contract Amounts for the 2017 Bond Construction Projects in the amount of \$1,695,950.00 be awarded.

Moved by Robert Penn, seconded by Michael Damiani, to award two 2017 Bond Construction Projects Bid Divisions for the total contract amount of \$1,695,950.00.

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

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education approval to extend the lease to the Lake House, who is currently leasing at Pare Elementary School. This lease extension would last from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2021.

Moved by Julie Magee, seconded by Kelly Gattuso, to extend the Lake House lease from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2021.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane West said that there is a student at South Lake High School who is in the hospital fighting for his life and the family is struggling with the cost of the medical bills. They will be having a fundraiser in order to raise funds for the family. They are calling it the John John Bowl-a-thon. The cost is \$22 and will be held on January 21, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at Shores Lanes. If you can't make it to the event, the school is also taking up a collection. You could send a donation to the main office.

MISCELLANEOUS

Julie Magee

- Thanked Mr. Ballee for the athletic update and the season
- Thanked all the administrators for their hard work
- Wished everyone Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas

Kelly Gattuso

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

Robert Penn

- Thanked Mr. Ballee for his update
- Thanked Nolan Girvin for his update
- Elmwood concert and Santa reading at SLHS tomorrow and he is looking forward to it
- Happy Holidays to everyone

Melissa Gordon

- Merry Christmas to everyone

Michael Damiani

- Happy Holidays to everyone
- Wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year for everyone

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- The Band and Choir concert was combined due to the snow day last week. It was very well attended and a nice time for all.
- During winter break work will continue on the bond projects including the food court, cafeteria, Bistro and other things. The target date is still March 1st to have the Bistro finished.
- Have a restful and peaceful holiday break.

Charlotte Rebelein

- Thank you to everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
- Last night's concert was wonderful – probably the best she has ever attended. It was 2 ½ hours long and contained the Middle School band and choir, the High School band and choir and the combination of both bands and choirs. The students were great, the parents were happy.
- Thank you to all our teachers.

- Thanked Diane West and asked if she could get further information after the meeting on the donations for John John (who the check should be made payable to) and Diane said yes.
- Have a good holiday and be safe.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Michael Damiani, seconded by Robert Penn.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Gordon

Prepared by Tina Jamieson