

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2013**

The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on November 20, 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, Christi Frazier, Paula Mack-Crouchman, Karla Anderson, Charlotte Rebelein

Members absent: Lois Cardenas

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 October 2013

General Fund	\$891,301.91
Activity Fund	\$6,484.24
Cafeteria Fund	\$53,051.41
2008 Bond Fund	\$271,178.99
Latch Key Fund	\$788.26
PEGS	\$12,536.47
American Express	\$65,589.95
Total	\$1,300,931.23

Minutes from the Board of Education Study Session of October 9, 2013
Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 16, 2013
Minutes from the Board of Education Closed Session of October 16, 2013
Minutes from the Board of Education Study Session of October 23, 2013
Approval of South Lake Middle School student to attend overnight trip to Holland, Michigan
Attorney Invoices for the month of October totaling \$3,535.53

Moved by Mrs. Dunn supported by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to approve above Consent Agenda.

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

STUDENT REPORT

Errol French, high school representative, reported on the following:

- Students are participating in penny wars to donate to Mr. Cunha
- Getting students motivated for spirit week during snowball
- NHS working on Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed
- Link program is sponsoring a No Shave November fundraiser. (So far Mr. Lambdin has the best)
- Drama Club presented "30 Reasons not to be in a Play"
- Students will be participating in the Light Up The Night on Thursday, November 21
- The Fall Sports Awards were held on Tuesday evening

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mrs. Kliebert was here to recognize William Tynham. Mr. Tynham received the Outstanding Student of the Year Award from Michigan Rehab Services. Mrs. Kliebert said that credit should be given to Toni Kasander and Sandy Stone for helping William. He was unable to attend our meeting due to his work schedule. We will check to see when he is available so he can receive his award at a future Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education approval to adopt the Best Practices Incentive Resolution.

The Board of Education of South Lake Schools certifies that the district has complied with the following requirements:

- The district is the designated policy holder for medical benefit plan(s) pursuant to Section 22f (1)(a).
- The district has obtained a competitive bid on non-instructional services pursuant to Section 22f (1)(b). Custodial Services – Multi Year Contract.
- The district accepts applications for enrollment by non-resident applicants under Section 105 or 105c (MCL 388.1705) pursuant to Section 22f (1) (c). A Public School Academy is considered to have met this requirement.
- The district supports opportunities for pupils to receive postsecondary credit while attending secondary school pursuant to Section 22f (1)(e).
- The district offers online instructional programs or blended learning opportunities to all eligible pupils pursuant to Section 22f (1)(f).
- The district provides a link on the district’s home page to the URL for the MiSchoolData Portal which will contain the required dashboard indicators pursuant to Section 22f (1)(g).
- The School Board certifies that it provides health and /or physical education.

As compliance with seven of the eight Best Practices Incentive criteria will qualify South Lake Schools to receive an additional \$52.00/pupil allocation, Mrs. Balint recommends Board of Education approval to Adopt the Best Practices Incentive Resolution as outlined above.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Dunn to approve the Adoption of the Best Practices Incentive Resolution as outlined above.

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

Mrs. Balint noted that November 21, 2013 is National Parent Involvement Day. For nearly two decades Project Appleseed has inspired millions of parents to volunteer in thousands of schools nationwide. Project Appleseed has created signature family engagement days for schools that produce hundreds of millions in volunteer time each year. Schools should engage parents, grandparents and caring adults as an important part of a team that strives to ensure that each and every student succeeds. The website www.projectappleseed.org has a lot of great information.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval to grant Amy Way the High School Special Education teaching position beginning November 7, 2013, for the 2013-2014 school year. Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to grant Amy Way the High School Special Education teaching position beginning November 7, 2013, for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Mr. Thero recommended Board of Education approval to grant high school credit for Early College of Macomb. South Lake Schools participates in the Early College of Macomb. The list of equivalencies has been reviewed and deemed appropriate for credit bearing courses within the Early College. Therefore, Board of Education approval is recommended to grant high school credit for the college courses reviewed.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to grant the high school credit for the college courses reviewed.

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

Mr. Thero reported that students in grades 3-9 have recently completed their annual MEAP testing. Students were tested in English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Math. All materials have been checked and returned.

Mr. Thero also noted that South Lake Schools is working in a consortium with the Macomb Intermediate School District on the MiBLSi grant. This is the third year South Lake has participated in the grant. This resulted in the implementation of Reading Mastery at the K-1 levels and Corrective Reading for grades 4-12. For the 2013-2014 school year, we have expanded Reading Mastery to grade 2 and Corrective Reading to grade 3. In the 2012-2013 school year, each school implemented their plan and began tracking the progress made by comparing their data with the previous year's data. We are continuing this process for the 2013-2014 school year and are very pleased with the progress being made by the students and teachers as this initiative continues.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Independent Newspapers, Inc. An invoice was received from Independent Newspapers, Inc. for \$575.96 for the advertisement of the request for bid for the asbestos abatement of the high school gym floor replacement.

Moved by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, supported by Mrs. Dunn to approve payment to Independent Newspapers, Inc. in the amount of \$575.96.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Interior Environment for the computer lab furniture in the amount of \$26,824.65. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, supported by Ms. Frazier to approve payment to Interior Environment in the amount of \$26,824.65.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of payment to School Specialty, 2008 Bond Fund in the amount of \$16,370.09 for computer lab desks and chairs.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, supported by Ms. Frazier to approve payment to School Specialty in the amount of \$16,370.09.

Mrs. Dunn asked if the rooms are close to being finished. Mr. Dishman added that we are waiting on printers and projectors. Mrs. Rebelein asked what the additional desks were for. Mr. Dishman noted that these were teacher desks.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education approval to award the asbestos abatement bid to Qualified Abatement Services in the amount of \$89,559.00.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Dunn to approve award for the asbestos abatement to Qualified Abatement Services in the amount of \$89,559.00.

Mrs. Mack-Crouchman noted the wide range of bids. Mr. Dishman explained that they held a pre-bid meeting and not all companies bid the same on certain projects.

Mr. Dishman stated that the letters have been sent to the cities of St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe requesting a 100% summer tax levy. This is the 19th year the district has made such a request. It is anticipated that the municipalities will comply with our request.

OPERATIONS AND FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Dishman reported that the gym floor at the high school is being prepared for replacement over the next few months. The girls' basketball team will be playing in the auxiliary gym. The first boys' basketball game is scheduled for January 14. If it is not completed, we will move to the opposing team site. Our gym floor was built in 1952. We have received some exceptional bids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Charlotte Rebelein

- Thanks to the high school for helping set up for the Light Up the Night celebration.
- The Middle School choir will be performing.
- The Alpha Optimist Club students are making cards for the military. Jan and Jim's Hallmark donated tons of cards for the kids.
- Thanked Marty for her presentation.

Karla Anderson

- Flu vaccines are still available.
- Hope everyone has power back on.
- Don't forget to save your box tops and labels for the schools.

Paula Mack-Crouchman

- Dodgeball game looks like a lot of fun.
- Welcome to Amy Way.
- Thanked Marty for the nice presentation regarding William.
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Christi Frazier

- Happy Thanksgiving.
- Kudos to the kids!

Ellen Dunn

- Light Up the Night will be held tomorrow evening.
- Took her basket from the Alpha Optimist Club to work. Everyone commented on the wonderful job the students did. It was truly appreciated.
- Congratulations to the South Lake High School Band, who made states for the third year in a row.
- Glad we are continuing the PBIS program.

Pamela Balint

- Thanked David Gilboe Physical Therapy for their \$100.00 donation to the South Lake Middle School choir.
- Thanked Mr. Mazy for the Kiwanis donation of supplies to our schools.
- Thanked the SCS Police Department/Cops for Kids for the generous donation of \$400.00 to the high school "Bring It Program." Senior students receive recognition for doing well on the ACT during their junior year.
- The Dodgeball game will be held on November 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- Light Up the Night will be held tomorrow evening. Several of our children will be performing at this event.
- Happy Thanksgiving

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Pies are being sold at the Lake Front Bistro. You can purchase apple, sweet potato or pumpkin pies. More information is on the Lake Front Bistro Weebly page that you can access through our website.

- Diane Larsen nominated Catherine Smith for a 212 Award. She is the sponsor of the after school Chess Club at Koepsell. She volunteers every week for approximately an hour after school to teach the students the moves in chess. Her dedication has touched the lives of so many of our students.
- Diane Larsen nominated Amy Wynne and Angela Rushlow for a 212 Award. They sponsor the after school enrichment program on Wednesdays. They work in collaboration with the high school students each week who assist in hands-on activities in science.
- The Kiwanis will be selling their peanuts. Please remember to support them. We are now taking an active role in joining this organization.
- We sold 10 pies to the Kiwanis at their meeting today.

John Thero

- Happy Thanksgiving

Matthew Dishman

- The Lake Front Bistro will be in the building to prepare food on Thanksgiving morning to go to local charities.
- The Optimist Club will be here on Sunday putting baskets together for the needy. Thanks to Kathy Rayner for helping with this.
- Congratulations to Sam Lodato on his retirement.

Veda Hall

- Attended the Fall Play. The Students did a great job.
- The Lake Front Bistro is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 – 1:30. Student escorts are available as well as wheelchairs for those who need them.
- Avalon Student Council had a Parkinson’s pop day to raise money for Parkinson’s awareness.
- Avalon students are collecting socks and gloves to be donated to the warming shelter.
- Koepsell is also participating in the sock and glove drive.
- Koepsell Kindergarten students will be participating in a Stone Soup Thanksgiving Celebration on November 26.
- Koepsell students will hold their “Dare to Be” awards on November 26.
- The Middle School students will be performing at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Light Up the Night celebration with Ms. Wells and staff.
- Middle School students are holding a Food Drive for Gleaners until Friday, November 22.

Allan Innes

- Students did a great job in the fall play. It was very funny!
- Congratulations to Caitlin Winters. Great article in the Macomb Daily!

Mr. Innes announced his resignation from the South Lake School Board. He will continue his position until January 30, 2014. The open position will be posted soon. He will continue to promote South Lake Schools. Mr. Innes noted that Mrs. Balint is one of the best superintendents in Macomb County.

Mr. Innes read the following quote:

“The function of education is to help you from childhood not to imitate anybody, but to be yourself all the time.” Jiddu Krishnamurti

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi Frazier, Secretary

Prepared by Veda Hall