

**SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2013**

The regular meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on September 18, 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, Lois Cardenas

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

Mr. Innes - Welcome back to all students and staff.

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 August 2013:

General Fund	\$1,830,864.41
Activity Fund	\$4,156.21
Cafeteria Fund	\$2,441.39
2008 Bond Fund	\$74,458.02
Latch Key Fund	\$50.00
American Express	\$2,027.13
Total	\$1,913,997.16

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Moved by Mrs. Rebelein supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve above Consent Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

STUDENT REPORT

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

- Student Council is planning homecoming festivities. The dance will take place on October 5. The theme is The Jungle!
- Homecoming shirts were sold for \$20.00 and designed by two students. Half of the proceeds went to the Student Council.
- NHS met and are working on plans to serve the community with various events.
- The students are working on several fundraisers.
- Our football team is 3-0.
- We have great sport programs this year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Balint recommended Board of Education Approval to Extend Current Suspension for Student #2013SL01. The Board of Education has received information regarding the misconduct of one of the district's students, #2013SL01. The expulsion recommendation hearing will take place on October 2, 2013. Board approval is requested to extend the current suspension for student #2013SL01.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve request to extend current suspension for student #2013SL01.

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval to grant Sergio Garcia the High School Spanish/Science teacher position beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman to grant Sergio Garcia the High School Spanish/Science teacher position beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval to grant Erin Willard the High School Spanish teaching position beginning with the 2013-2104 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Dunn to grant Erin Willard the High School Spanish teaching position beginning with the 2013-2104 school year.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer recommended Board of Education approval to Adopt the Revised Non-Discrimination Policy for South Lake Schools as outlined below:

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment in which all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment. There will be no tolerance for discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed or ancestry, sex, marital status, genetic information, height, weight, sexual orientation, disability or age. The School District prohibits harassment and other forms of discrimination whether occurring at school, on School District property, in a School District vehicle, or at any School District related activity or event. Furthermore, the Board is committed to equal employment opportunities and the prevention of discrimination in all aspects of employment, including recruitment, selection, training, promotion and retention of staff. The Superintendent will designate compliance officers and develop and implement regulations for the reporting, investigation and resolution of complaints of discrimination or harassment. For additional information, contact the Director of Human Resources or the Director of Special Services, 23101 Stadium Blvd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, (586) 435-1600.

Moved by Mrs. Dunn, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve to Adopt the Revised Non-Discrimination Policy for South Lake Schools.

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

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

The Michigan Department of Education has provided the 2012-2013 school district data in the Annual Education Report. This report meets all of the Federal and State reporting requirements. These reports are available at each school and at the Board of Education office.

The current enrollment total as of September 13, 2013, is 2,004 students.

We have enrolled 116 Schools of Choice students for the 2013-2014 school year. Twenty current students have moved but intend to remain with South Lake Schools.

We now have a total of 32 students enrolled in our preschool program at Avalon.

Our Great Start Readiness Program has 13 students enrolled in the morning and 11 students enrolled in the afternoon at Elmwood.

Mr. Thero announced the Fall MEAP Schedule which will begin on Tuesday, October 8.

This year, all elementary schools have been identified to receive Title I funding. Elmwood Elementary School and Avalon Elementary School are utilizing a targeted assistance program model with Koepsell Education Center utilizing a school-wide program model. Title I funds will be used to support the salaries of some of the support staff members. The Title I team has met to develop a focused, data-driven, research-based program to address the needs of our elementary students.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Change Order for the lighting project. The change order is for Great Lakes Power & Lighting, Inc. for the installation of two battery ballasts. The total amount is \$643.84. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Rebelein, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve change order for Great Lakes Power & Lighting, Inc., in the amount of \$643.84.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Axiom Construction Services Group, LLC, for the repair to the wall at Elmwood. This will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund. Moved by Mrs. Dunn, supported by Mrs. Cardenas to approve payment to Axiom Construction Services Group, LLC, in the amount of \$1,650.00.

Mr. Innes thanked Mr. Dishman for answering his questions.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC. Five invoices have been received from PARTNERS for the following projects:

Invoice #	Project	Amount
2432.13127.03	Lighting Replacements	\$168.00
2433.13130.03	Flooring Replacements	\$480.00
2434.13129.03	Middle School Roofing Replacement	\$544.00
2435.13139.02	Computer Lab Furniture	\$133.00
2436.13131.02	Computer Lab Upgrades	\$119.00
Reimbursables		
2432.13127.03	Lighting Replacements	\$33.53
2434.13129.03	Middle School Roofing Replacement	\$13.76
2435.13139.02	Computer Lab Furniture	\$37.73
2436.13131.02	Computer Lab Upgrades	\$301.78
Total of Invoices		\$1,830.80

These invoices will be paid out of the 2008 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Mack-Crouchman, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to approve payment to PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC in the amount of \$1,830.80.

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

Mr. Dishman recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment to Sehi Computer Products, Inc. The invoices are for computers and monitors ordered and will be paid out of the technology portion of the 2008 Bond Fund for a total of \$57,870.00.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, supported by Mrs. Rebelein to Approve Payment to Sehi Computer Products, Inc. in the amount of \$57,870.00.

Discussion took place as to where the computers will be located. They will be placed at the high school.

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

Mr. Dishman would like to publicly acknowledge the "We Are Here Foundation" who made a generous donation of office furniture and supplies to South Lake Schools in August. Their donation will enable the district to redirect its funds to benefit the learning environment of the students and staff.

OPERATIONS AND FINANCE REPORT

Installation of the lighting in the gym and cafeteria has begun. The flooring and gym lighting enhance the learning environment.

Wiring is an ongoing project for the new computer labs. The installation of furniture will begin this week.

The Great Start Readiness Program classroom has all the necessary requirements for certification.

The Lac Ste. Clair Kiwanis will be hosting their Fun Fest and Expo at the Athletic Field on September 28 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

We have scheduled the audit review for Wednesday, October 9. This meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Charlotte Rebelein

- Thanked Mr. Von Hiltmayer, Mr. Thero and Mr. Dishman for all their hard work.
- Thanked the "We are Here Foundation" for the donation.
- Welcome back to parents, students and staff.
- Good luck to all our sports teams.
- Congratulations to Avalon Elementary School. The Panthers with Passion Charter JOO1 Clubs met the registration requirements of Optimist International and are now registered as official JOO1 Clubs. You are invited to attend the Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Avalon Elementary School Library.

Lois Cardenas

- Welcome back students and staff.
- Welcome to our new staff members.
- Thanks to the "We are Here Foundation."
- Great job on the AER report.

Karla Anderson

- Ditto to all.
- Flu vaccines are now available.
- Legislative team met this month and she will keep everyone informed
- Welcome back students and staff and enjoy!

Paula Mack-Crouchman

- Thanks to Errol French for his report.
- Congratulations to Kyonta Stallworth. Great article in the current Sentinel.
- Thank you to the community for all who attended the fundraiser for Sam Zettner who sustained serious injuries in an accident. It was overwhelming how many attended.

Christi Frazier

- Ditto to all!
- Welcome back students and staff.
- Welcome Errol French. It is exciting to hear about the high school events.

Ellen Dunn

- Ditto to all!
- Welcome back everyone!
- It was great to be in the buildings on the first day of school. The buildings look wonderful! Avalon's Open House was held last night and the energy of the staff and principal was amazing.
- Great articles in the Sentinel!

Pamela Balint

- Welcome back everyone!
- Apologized for the inconvenience of Nine Mile Road.
- Thanked John and Diane for all their time and effort in preparing the Title I paperwork for Koepsell.
- I met with the Journalism students along with Ms. Kennedy for their first press conference.
- Thanks to everyone who put their time and effort into preparing for the first day of school. All schools held Ice Cream Socials the night before school started. Thank you to the entire staff for attending these events. Meeting with parents and students helps with the anxiety of students on the first day. Elmwood's Parent-Teacher Curriculum Night will take place on September 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Hall and I helped peel apples at the Senior Center today. They will be making 1,200 pies to be sold at the 2013 Made in Michigan Market which will be held on Friday, September 20, 2013, from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. They will be selling the pies for \$10.00 each. There will be a charity hockey game presented by the GTJ Foundation. There will be live music and unique Made in Michigan vendors. All proceeds to benefit the St. Clair Shores Senior Center for Active Adults Meal Program.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Welcome everyone back to school.
- Welcome new staff members.

John Thero

- The Chinese middle schools students will be arriving on Monday, September 23 and staying here until October 7. We have placed all students with host families. I would like to thank all families for agreeing to host a student from China. We have a number of activities planned.
- We are starting a testing program for students in grades 6 to 10 to measure growth in students.
- Piloting a kindergarten student assessment.
- Elementary schools are starting their extensive reading programs.
- Thank you to the "We are Here Foundation" for their donation of 65 computers and monitors. They will be used in room 114 and 203 of the high school labs.

Matthew Dishman

- Thanks for all your patience as they complete the work on Nine Mile road. The target to finish this project is November 11.
- We are now serving breakfast to all elementary schools.
- Welcome back to everyone.

Veda Hall

- Ditto to all!

Allan Innes

- Please join the PTO, PTA and Dads and Moms Club.
- Very excited to see what the High School has in store.
- Thanks to all the Board members for attending the retreat last Friday. It helps us to grow and learn together.
- Was excited to read in the AER that we have 118 teachers holding a Master's Degree.

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