

**South Lake Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on April 17, 2019, at the South Lake Administration Building, 23101 Stadium Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Michigan was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by our President, Michael Damiani.

Members Present: Michael Damiani, Robert Penn, Melissa Gordon, Lois Cardenas, Julie Magee, Renard Morey-Greer

Members Absent: Kelly Gattuso

Administrators present: Ted Von Hiltmayer, Frank Thomas

Mr. Damiani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Damiani requested approval of the Consent Agenda for April 17, 2019.

Checks written for March 2019

General Fund	\$257,138.07
Activity Fund	\$14,942.81
Cafeteria Fund	\$37,364.83
Latch Key Fund	0
2017 Bond Fund	\$9,872.00
American Express	\$56,355.19
Total	\$375,672.90

- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 20, 2019.
- Field trip request from Mr. Kubinski to take the band students to Nashville, TN from April 16, 2020 to April 18, 2020.
- New procedures for "Documenting Reports and Complaints of Sex Discrimination"
- Attorney Invoices totaling \$13,283.95.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Magee to approve above consent agenda.

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

STUDENT REPORT

Mrs. Gorsky gave the report tonight. Nolan was at baseball. He apologized for missing his third meeting in a row.

- This past Saturday was the Easter Egg Hunt at the A-field. I heard/saw it went really well because I had baseball practice and I saw all the little kids running around and having a good time. I think there were over 200 people here which is incredible.
- Oscars Night (Seniors mock elections) is next week on Friday, April 26.

- Honors night is approaching fast, I'm unsure about the time but it will be Tuesday, May 14th, in the High School's auditorium. Honors night is a night where we recognize students from grades 9-12 on their academic achievements. Seniors will also be honored and recognized on all the scholarships they won and the college they plan on attending in the fall.
- The end of the year is approaching and coming really fast. Seniors only have 29 more school days left, which is honestly pretty crazy..... I'm excited but at the same time I'm going to miss it.
- Varsity Girls Soccer: 1-1, JV Girls Soccer: First game is Friday, here at the A field, Varsity Baseball 3-2, Varsity Track, their first meet is today, Varsity Girls Tennis, no record yet

BOARD BRIGHTENER

Mr. Kubinski and a student played a beautiful duet to represent the Middle School for our Board Brightener. He said everyone will enjoy the Celebration of the Arts on May 2 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be artwork, band and choir students performing.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

Kurt Wilson gave us a winter sports update. He said that we want our coaches to help build integrity in our students. Sometimes they forget kids know how to act.

- He had no parent complaints this season.
- We added a wrestling team that was started by Lance Whitney. We started with 25 students and ended up with 6 or 7. Wrestling is a tough sport.
- Overall we could have won more games this season but behavior was good. No ejections.
- Our Middle School basketball team members almost doubled.
- Swim team was great.
- Cheerleading – many students interested. We typically have 30-40 students each year. Other schools are discontinuing and moving to competitive cheer teams which are very expensive.
- One incident this past season with another Middle School in St. Clair Shores. Police Liaison stayed in locker room with our girls. Kurt is still investigating. He will be contacting the Superintendent of that district.
- The Sports Banquet was a good time for all. He extended an open invitation to our school board for the banquet at the end of the year. He will try to cut the length of the banquet down. The banquet will be held across the street. Jennifer will email out invitations.

CHEF SHEPHERD'S VIDEO

Mr. Von Hiltmayer shared Chef Shepherd's video from Fox2 News. He represented our district well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education approval to adopt the Resolution to Approve the Macomb Intermediate School District General Fund Operating Budget as written.

Moved by Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to Approve the Adoption of the Macomb Intermediate School District General Fund Operating Budget as written.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education approval to Adopt the Resolution Recognizing April 2019 as “The Month of the Young Child.”

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Magee to Approve to Adopt the Resolution Recognizing April 2019 as “The Month of the Young Child.”

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested the Board of Education to Adopt the Resolution to Designate David Hambaum as our School Safety Liaison.

Moved by Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to Approve to Adopt the Resolution to Designate David Hambaum as our School Safety Liaison.

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

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested Board of Education Approval to Explore Elementary Reconfigurations. We believe a change in the grade level configurations within our elementary buildings will help improve the academic performance of our elementary students and allow our staff to better serve the needs of our students and families. A proposed configuration would be as follows:

Koepsell Elementary

Early Childhood Center that houses pre-K programs including the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Head Start, and additional pre-school programs

Avalon Elementary

Early elementary building consisting of kindergarten through second grade (K – 2nd) students

Elmwood Elementary

Upper elementary building consisting of third through fifth grade (3rd – 5th) students

A change of this magnitude requires careful consideration regarding the impact it could have on South Lake Schools as a whole; therefore, it is imperative that additional information is gathered regarding the impact on staffing, the budget, curriculum, professional development, teacher planning/preparation, technology, core content, electives, transportation, school start times, and public opinion at a minimum be considered before any formal recommendation is made.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to Approve to Explore Elementary Reconfigurations.

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

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer updated us on Mr. Thero’s Curriculum Report. He is representing South Lake at the Teacher of the Year Banquet tonight with Mr. Bruce.

Kindergarten & GSRP Preschool Update

The following is a breakdown of students registered as of April 11, 2019.

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020

School	Residents	Schools of Choice	Total	Young 5 Birth Dates and/or DK Request
Avalon	7	4	11	4
Elmwood	24	2	26	2
Koepsell	6	11	17	2
Total	37	17	54	8

Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP) has received 14 applications as of April 11, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year. The breakdown is listed below.

School	Number of Applications Received
Elmwood GSRP Full Day Program (Gauthier)	4
Elmwood GSRP Full Day Program (Robotnik)	5
Koepsell GSRP Full Day Program	5

April is Autism Awareness Month

The Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness month since the 1970’s as a means of highlighting the growing need for concern and awareness about autism. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism.

South Lake’s Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Coaching Team consists of staff members working at various grade levels to bring their knowledge to staff and students of each school, facilitate understanding, and foster patience for our students diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. As it has done for the past few years, this year the team will spearhead various activities to promote knowledge, discussion and interest about autism.

Early College of Macomb Update

The Macomb Intermediate School District accepted Early College applications for next school year. All applicants are required to take an admission test (Accuplacer) at the Macomb Community College. South Lake Schools had three students who applied and all three of those students qualified. Orientation meetings and scheduling for next fall will take place in early May.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Thomas recommends Board approval to grant Carol Dean a Probationary Contract once all the paperwork has been received for the 2018-19 school year.

Carol Dean has accepted the Elementary Teacher Consultant/Resource Room position at Koepsell Elementary School. Carol earned her Bachelors of Arts degree from Michigan State University, her Masters of Art at Wayne State University and her Emotional Impairment Certificate from Walden University.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Magee to grant Carol Dean a Probationary Contract once all the paperwork has been received for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas recommends Board approval to grant Connie Rubino a Probationary Contract once all the paperwork has been received for the 2018-19 school year.

Connie Rubino has accepted the Elementary CI position at Avalon Elementary School. Connie earned her Bachelors of Science degree at Wayne State University, her Masters of Arts degree from Oakland University and her CI endorsement from Saginaw Valley State University.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Penn to grant Connie Rubino a Probationary Contract once all the paperwork has been received for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas recommends Board approval to grant Tina Jamieson the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/HR position beginning May 1, 2019.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Gordon to grant Tina Jamieson the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/HR position beginning May 1, 2019.

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

Approval of Administrative Contracts for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

Mr. Thomas recommends Board of Education approval to grant the following staff members Administrative Contracts for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years:

- John Thero
- Frank Thomas
- David Hambaum
- Robert Beato
- Rebecca Schroll-Riedel
- Michael Bruce
- Michael Fringer
- Melissa Saleh
- Diane Boehm
- Janell Youngblood

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Magee to grant John Thero, Frank Thomas, David Hambaum, Robert Beato, Rebecca Schroll-Riedel, Michael Bruce, Michael Fringer, Melissa Saleh, Diane Boehm and Janell Youngblood administrative contracts for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #10 in the total amount of \$53,175.92. The invoices and payment application has been received and deemed appropriate for payment for work on the 2017 bond projects.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve payment of Bond Draw #10 for the amount of \$53,175.92.

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

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval to award South Lake Schools Bid Pak #5 Carpet/Resilient Flooring Division to be paid out of the 2018 Bond Funds – District Goal #5, to Floorcraft Floor Covering, Inc.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Morey-Greer to approve to award South Lake Schools Bid Pak #5 Carpet/Resilient Flooring Division to be paid out of the 2018 Bond Funds – District Goal #5, for a total of \$46,520.00 to Floorcraft Floor Covering, Inc.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Gorsky reported on the following:

- Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with nearly 200 people in attendance. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to help make this SLEA event possible.
- Eleven students competed in the 2019 Science Olympiad tournament. They had fun and learned much.
- Six students and four parents went to China during spring break. It was both fun and educational. We are planning for our sister school in China to visit us in September of 2019. We need host families! Our next trip to China will be spring break of 2021.
- Thank you Mr. Morey-Greer and Mr. Penn for attending the Board of Education workshop.

- Koepsell has a Cooking Matters class. There is a nutrition class and a chef who teaches cooking skills. It's free and meets Thursdays from 3:15-5:15 for 6 weeks.
- Donna Jaroma took some of our Choir and Performing Arts students to the DIA as well as the FOX Theater to see the musical "The Sound of Music."
- Koepsell is having a student council dance/art auction on Thursday evening 6-7 p.m.
- Joey McFarland has started Lego Robotics at Elmwood through a First Lego League grant.
- Elmwood earned Green Status for the green school program. Student council is making signs to support students during testing and secretly making signs for each staff member for teacher appreciation week.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Morey-Greer

- Thanks to teachers and staff for supporting the Easter Egg Hunt. All your effort is appreciated.
- Congratulations to Mr. Shepherd on his Fox2 appearance.
- Thank you to Mr. Kubinski for his presentation.
- Happy Administrative Asst. day to Mrs. Jamieson
- Mr. Wilson's report troubles him. Be guaranteed that he will work hard to make sure our staff and students are treated with respect.

Mrs. Cardenas

- Ditto.
- She had really hoped that Mrs. Hall would have been at the meeting. She is going to be missed. She was our rock. Congratulations to Mrs. Jamieson.
- Thank you to Diane West for everything.

Mrs. Magee

- Thanked Diane West.
- The Board Brightener was wonderful.
- The Athletic Report from Mr. Wilson was disheartening. She would hope that the community of St. Clair Shores could move forward. These are kids.
- She was so happy to see Chef Shepherd's video.
- She attended the school play with Mrs. Gordon and really liked it. Mr. Voydanoff won the 50/50 and donated the money back to the school.
- We are going to miss Veda.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Jamieson.

Mrs. Gordon

- Ditto.
- Wholeheartedly agreed that the treatment of our girls basketball team is unacceptable.
- Will miss you Veda.
- Thanks to Diane Gorsky for her reports.
- Congratulations to our new teachers and Mrs. Jamieson.

Mr. Penn

- Thanked Veda for all she has done.
- Congratulations to our new hires.
- Thank you so much to Mr. Kubinski and his student for their performance.
- Chef Shepherd is a great ambassador to have on TV representing South Lake.
- Thanks to Diane Gorsky for talking about our exchange program. His son went on the trip and had a wonderful time. He encourages people to host our visitors from China in September. He plans on hosting again. It's a great experience.

- Thanks to Lois for asking him to attend the MISD meeting. He enjoyed the opportunity to participate and learned a lot.
- The Easter Egg Hunt was wonderful. Thank you to Mrs. Gorsky and everyone who participated.

Mr. Von Hiltmayer

- Mrs. Hall is a great person and has worked in the district for 20 years. He worked with her both at the high school and at the Administration Building. She does not like to be in the limelight. She will be missed.
- Mrs. Jamieson also worked with me before. I am happy she will be working with me again.

Mr. Damiani

- Mr. Wilson's sports update was phenomenal. I am sure he handled the St. Clair Shores Middle School situation with the utmost decorum and professionalism.
- Thank you Mrs. West for reporting to us twice.
- Thanks to Chef Shepherd on his Channel 2 presentation. The salad looked wonderful. He represented us well.
- Don't forget Celebration of the Arts on May 2.
- Relay for Life on June 8 and 9.
- Mrs. Hall will be missed.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Jamieson. He has known her since Koepsell before Mr. Von Hiltmayer was there and looks forward to working with her.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Magee.

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

The meeting adjourned 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gattuso, Secretary

Prepared by Tina Jamieson