

**South Lake Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on September 12, 2018, 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, Robert Penn, Lois Cardenas, Kelly Gattuso, Melissa Gordon, Julie Magee

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Rebelein.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Rebelein requested approval of the Consent Agenda for September 12, 2018.

➤ Checks written for August 2018

General Fund	\$306,235.59
Activity Fund	\$ 8,317.63
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 954.04
2014 Bond Fund	<u>\$ 24,500.00</u>
Total	\$340,007.26

- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of August 15, 2018
- Attorney Invoices totaling \$25,096.00

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

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

STUDENTS REPORT

Mr. Girven was here to report the following:

- The high school hosted Meet the Teacher Night. It was well attended. I was unable to attend but I heard great things about it.
- We are thrilled to have Mr. Wilson as our new Athletic Director.
- Welcome to all our new staff members.
- Homecoming will be held on October 12. The theme this year is Mardi Gras.
- Senior prom will be held on June 5 on the Ovation Yacht. They are beyond excited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer reported on Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior towards students, Policy #5517.01. It is the policy of the District to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. This policy protects all students from bullying behavior regardless of the subject matter or motivation for such impermissible behavior.

Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties, including Board members, parents, guests, contractors, vendors, and volunteers, is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, including hazing, gestures, comments, threats, or actions to a student, which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation. Demonstration of appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers to provide positive examples for student behavior.

This policy applies to all “at school” activities in the District, including activities on school property, in a school vehicle, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the school’s control, or where an employee is engaged in school business. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment. A copy of this policy in compliance with State requirements is available in its entirety in all school offices, the Administration Building and on our school website.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Thero started out with a power point presentation showing the results from the spring 2018 M-STEP Assessment. He spoke about the NWEA testing which looks very promising showing a growth in the data. Mr. Thero also mentioned that all students who attend Avalon and Koepsell are receiving free breakfast and lunch. Mr. Thero also reported on the following:

Current Enrollment Update

Elementary 767
Middle School 372
High School 513
Total as of 9/07/18 1,652

Section 105 Schools of Choice Update

We have been busy with enrollment. We have enrolled 154 Schools of Choice students for the 2018-19 school year. Out of this total 16 are current students that have moved from the district but intend to remain at South Lake Schools!

Great Start Readiness Preschool Update

At this time all of our Great Start Readiness Preschool classrooms are full. We currently have a waiting list of 21 students. We have just been given 8 additional full day slots for GSRP and have posted for another teacher. We hope to have the classroom up and running in a few weeks.

2018-19 Title I Update

This year all elementary schools have been identified to receive Title I funding. For the 2018-19 school year, all three elementary schools have been approved by the Michigan Department of Education as Title I School wide Schools. This means that while the schools still target students for intervention, the school has greater flexibility in how to spend resources and implement programs.

The Title I funds will be used to support the salaries of some of our support staff members:

Sara Crouch Full-time Literacy Technician
Stephanie Lerner Full-time Literacy Technician
Pam Bartel Full-time Literacy Technician
Angela LoVasco Full-time Literacy Technician
Miranda Kokeny Full-time Mathematics Technician
Karen Hanencamp Full-time Mathematics Technician
Jennifer Pfeifer Full-time Mathematics Technician

The Title I team has met to develop focused, data-driven, research-based programs to address the needs of our elementary students. This year we will continue to utilize Corrective Reading in Literacy and Connecting Math Concepts in Mathematics. Both of these programs are direct instruction programs that focus on eliminating skill deficits found through an assessment process for each student individually. We will meet frequently to assess the progress and revise as needed.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education Approval to grant Elizabeth Niedowicz the Social Worker position beginning on 9/4/2018. Elizabeth earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Wayne State University.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Gordon to grant Elizabeth Niedowicz a Probationary contract for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Lance Whitney the South Lake Middle School English teaching position beginning on 9/4/2018. Lance earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakland University and his Master of Arts Degree from University of Phoenix.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mr. Damiani, to grant Lance Whitney a Probationary Contract for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Kurt Wilson the Athletic Director position beginning on 9/4/2018. Kurt earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Madonna University and his Master of Arts Degree from Concordia University.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas, to grant Kurt Wilson a Probationary Contract for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Katarina Blum the South Lake Middle School Math teaching position. Katarina received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas, to grant Katarina Blum a Probationary Contract for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Megan Barry the Shared Time Art Teaching position at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. Megan earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wayne State University.

Moved by Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Magee, to grant Megan Barry a Probationary Contract for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education approval to grant Corinne Streicher the Speech and Language Therapist Position. Corinne earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College in Ohio and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas, to grant Corinne Streicher a Probationary Contract for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Mr. Thomas then introduced Teresa Wilson, new Middle School secretary, Heather Bowersox the new Special Education TC and Jenee Jones, the new CI teacher at Avalon. They were approved at the August 15, 2018, meeting.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #4, Bid Pack #2 and #3, & Cost Book #14 – 2017, 2018 Bond Funds in the amount of \$1,597,904.05. The invoices and payment applications have been received and deemed appropriate for payment for work on the the 2018 and 2017 bond projects. These invoices are to be paid out of the 2017, 2018 bond funds as appropriate.

Moved by Mr. Damiani, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas, to approve payment of Bond Draw #4 in the amount of \$1,597,904.05.

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

Mr. Thomas requested Board of Education Approval to Adopt the Deficit Elimination Plan. South Lake did finish the 2017-2018 year in a deficit and the adoption of the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget resulted in a projected positive balance. Subsequently, South Lake has to file a Deficit Elimination Plan with the State of Michigan, Department of Education. The Michigan Department of Education has asked the district to Adopt this Resolution.

Moved by Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas, to Adopt the Deficit Elimination Plan as noted above.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Allen congratulated all our new hires. He was here to speak about our AP Psychology students. He attended a three day conference this summer and made some changes to this class. In the meantime, he was notified that we had one student who received a 4 on their AP test. So he decided to check all the scores and was blown away. We had 16 students take the test. We received 5 students who scored 5, five students who scored 4 and 2 students who scored a 3. They have earned a college credit for all universities. Thanked Mr. Thero for letting him attend the conference. Mrs. Rebelein congratulated the students and said that she thought this was the highest score they have received since she has been in the District. Mr. Allen was taking them to lunch when Culinary opens.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Magee

- Thanked Nolan for his report.
- Thanked the administrative team and Mr. Hambaum for overseeing the summer projects.
- Welcome to our new hires.
- Welcome back students.
- Thanked Mr. Allen for his report.
- Thanked the teachers for coming tonight.
- Thanked Mr. Thero for his power point.
- Welcome back to school.

Mrs. Cardenas

- Welcome back to school. We are off to a great start.
- Welcome to the new hires, it is absolutely wonderful. Looking forward to a great year.

Mrs. Gordon

- Welcome back to all our families, students.
- Welcome to our new hires.
- Ditto to Lois and Julie.

Ms. Gattuso

- Welcome to our new hires.
- Glad to hear there will be another GSRP class opening.

Mr. Penn

- Thanked Nolan for his report. Not only is he a good kid, but he is also a good umpire.
- Congratulations to all our new hires.
- Congratulations to Mr. Allen.

Mr. Damiani

- Thanked Mr. Allen, what an outstanding performance.
- Thanked Nolan for his update.
- Yes, I will be doing popcorn at homecoming.
- Thank you and welcome to all our new teachers.
- Glad we are starting off our school year safely.

Ted Von Hiltmayer

- Welcome back to everyone.
- Was able to attend four open house events this week.
- Thanked the teachers, support staff and administrators for their hard work. It takes a lot of work to pull this together.
- Tomorrow night is the Middle School open house at 6:00 p.m.
- Come out and see what is going on in our buildings.

Charlotte Rebelein

- I was unable to make the elementary open house events, but did attend the high school open house. It was very well attended. There were a lot of people in the gym.
- I had the opportunity to see the Bistro and they actually had some students from last year preparing refreshments. I look forward to the opening!
- Congratulations to the Cavalier football team – good win.
- Ditto to all.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Penn, Secretary

Prepared by Veda Hall