

**South Lake Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
May 15, 2019**

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The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on May 15, 2019, at the South Lake Administration Building, 23101 Stadium Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Michigan was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by our President, Michael Damiani.

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

Members Absent: None

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

Mr. Damiani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Damiani requested approval of the Consent Agenda for May 15, 2019.

Checks written for April 2019

General Fund	\$666,547.98
Activity Fund	\$13,150.93
Cafeteria Fund	\$36,443.77
Latch Key Fund	0
2017 Bond Fund	\$52,650.00
2014 Bond Fund	\$525.92
American Express	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$769,318.60</b>

- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of April 17, 2019.
- Minutes from the Board of Education Special Meeting of April 17, 2019.
- Checks written for April 2019 totaling \$769,318.60.
- Attorney Invoices totaling \$26,850.25.

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

Ayes: 6 Abstain: 1 (Julie Magee) Nays: 0 Motion Carried: 6/0

**STUDENT REPORT**

Nolan Girven gave the student report tonight. He was happy to be back with us.

- Honors Night was a huge success. It was exciting to see all the scholarship winners (over \$1,000,000).
- NHS Induction coming up.
- Looking forward to Prom on June 5<sup>th</sup> on the Infinity Yacht.
- Graduation happening on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Macomb Community College at 7:00 p.m.
- On Friday NHS will be visiting Avalon, Elmwood, Koepsell and SLMS students. They will be visiting in their caps and gowns and will be talking with students.

- This is the last Board Meeting for Nolan. He has enjoyed his two years giving the Student Report. He is looking forward to going to MSU and will be majoring in Business Administration. His minor will be Entrepreneurship.

Mr. Penn thanked Nolan for his hard work over the past two years and told him the Board was proud of his achievements. He was presented with a gift card in gratitude.

**SOUTH LAKE RETIREES**

Mr. Damiani thanked the three retirees who came to the meeting tonight. He thanked them for all their hard work over the years with South Lake Schools. They will be greatly missed.

- Ginny Francis – 24 years with the district
- Marilyn Heiderer – 32 years with the district
- Lisa Mangan – 34 years with the district

**BOARD BRIGHTENER**

Koepsell students presented on the Cooking Matters program they are participating in sponsored by Henry Ford Macomb. They have been learning all about healthy eating, breakfast and lunch options, nutrition and physical activity options. Through the program, cooking classes and cooking tools have been given out along with groceries. They ended their presentation with an exercise routine where everyone participated.

**GALILEO PRESENTATION**

Mr. Thero talked about the Galileo program and how we have been participating for over a decade. It is a two-year teacher leadership project where they work many extra hours to complete. Joel Weir and Louise Kowalski thanked the Board for allowing South Lake teachers to participate in it. Some other districts do not. They talked about how the program: helps you find your voice; helps you become more comfortable presenting to your fellow teachers; see the positive things again in the teaching profession; reading very helpful books and meeting some of the authors who wrote them; working alongside teachers from all over southeastern Michigan. Mr. Thero thanked the teachers for participating and presented them with hanging flowers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Von Hiltmayer requested the Board of Education to approve the designation of Lois Cardenas as the representative of this Board for the MISD Biennial Election meeting and electoral body, and Robert Penn as an alternate in the event the designated representative unable to attend, which body will elect two (2) candidates to the vacancies on the MISD Board on Monday, June 3, 2019. The designated representative is directed to cast a vote on behalf of this Board for Edward Farley and Donald Hubler.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Gattuso to approve the designation of Lois Cardenas as the representative of this Board for the MISD Biennial Election meeting and electoral body, and Robert Penn as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend, which body will elect two (2) candidates to the vacancies on the MISD Board on Monday, June 3, 2019. The designated representative is directed to cast a vote on behalf of this Board for Edward Farley and Donald Hubler.

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

## **CURRICULUM REPORT**

Mr. Thero updated us on the following items.

### **Kindergarten & GSRP Preschool Update**

The following is a breakdown of students registered as of May 9, 2019.

#### **Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020**

<b>School</b>	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Schools of Choice</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Young 5 Birth Dates and/or DK Request</b>
Avalon	7	5	12	5
Elmwood	30	3	33	2
Koepsell	7	12	19	2
Total	44	20	64	8

**Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP)** has received 21 applications as of May 9, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year. The breakdown is listed below.

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Applications Received</b>
Elmwood GSRP Full Day Program (Gauthier)	6
Elmwood GSRP Full Day Program (Robotic)	8
Koepsell GSRP Full Day Program	7

### **Summer School Update**

South Lake Schools has entered into a consortium with Lake Shore Public Schools and St. Clair Shores Adult and Community Education to offer summer school to high school and middle school students. Classes will run from June 25 – August 1, 2019, and will be held at North Lake High School. For more information, please contact your student's counselor.

South Lake Schools will also run summer programs for elementary and middle school students for the summer of 2019. We will offer a Kinder Connect program for incoming Kindergarten students, First Fundamentals for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> grade students, Literacy Camp for students in grades 2-4, an intervention program for students identified as at-risk in reading and math and we will also be offering a summer reading camp for all students in grades 1–3 that combines the use of trade books with fun activities for students.

These elementary programs will run from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, at Avalon Elementary School from July 15 – August 8.

We will also be offering a Literacy and Technology Camp for students entering 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. This camp will be held at South Lake Middle School from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. from July 8 – August 8.

Summer School Math Mindset Camp will be held at South Lake Middle School and will run from July 8 – August 8, Mondays through Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at South Lake Middle School.

To find out more information, please contact the Curriculum Office at 586-435-1640.

### **Annual Education Report, AER**

The Michigan Department of Education has provided schools with the 2017-18 school/district data required in the Annual Education Report. We have posted the new reports that meet all of the federal and state reporting requirements on the web site. The reports will be available at each school in the main office.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Mr. Thomas recommends Board Approval to grant Margaret Sawyer the Executive Assistant to the Business Office position beginning May 13, 2019.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Magee to grant Margaret Sawyer the Executive Assistant Business Office position.

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

Mr. Thomas recommends Board approval to grant Jennifer Klick the Executive Assistant to the Curriculum Office position once all paperwork has been completed. Her anticipated start date is May 28, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to grant Jennifer Klick the Executive Assistant to the Curriculum Office position once all paperwork has been completed.

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

### **BUSINESS REPORT**

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of the Change Orders #4 – 2017 Bond Funds Bid Pak #4 – District Goal #5 in the amount of \$23,296.94.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Gordon to approve payment of the Change Orders #4 from 2017 Bond Funds in the amount of \$23,296.94.

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

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval for payment of Bond Draw #11 – District Goal #5 to be paid out of 2017 Bond Funds in the amount of \$234,541.74.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Penn to approve to payment of Bond Draw #11 from 2017 Bond Funds in the amount of \$234,541.74.

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

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval to extend a one-year extension of the Mercedes-Benz lease of the parking lot at the Administration building.

Mr. Damiani raised the question if the previous parking issues and snow removal problems had been resolved. Mr. Thomas assured him that these issues were addressed.

Moved by Mr. Penn, seconded by Mrs. Magee to approve the one-year extension of the Mercedes-Benz lease of the parking lot at the Administration building.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Mr. Morey-Greer**

- Thanks to teachers and staff for their years of service.
- Welcome to our new hires.
- Thank you to the Koepsell students for their presentation.
- Thank you to the Gaileo teachers and I would like to learn more about this program.

#### **Mrs. Cardenas**

- Thank you to our teachers and staff members retiring. Thanks for a job well done.
- Welcome to our new hires.
- Honors Night was wonderful.
- Don't forget the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser tonight for the South Lake Class of 2021.

**Mrs. Magee**

- Thank you to Nolan for his two years of service.
- To our retirees I wish you the best in your second chapter and new phase of life.
- Thank you to Koepsell for the Board Brightener.
- Thank you to our Galileo teachers tonight.
- Honors Night was wonderful.
- Welcome new hires.
- Wishing our seniors a good Prom on the yacht!
- Congratulation to the South Lake Lancer newspaper staff who won the Spartan Award. This is an award given annually by the Michigan Scholastic Press Association to the top student newspapers in the state. The Lancer was one of only nine schools to win.

**Mrs. Gordon**

- Thank you to Nolan for his hard work over the past two years. Study hard and keep up the good work at MSU.
- Good luck to our retirees. They will be greatly missed. I have worked with both Marilyn Heiderer and Lisa Mangan over the seven years I worked in the district. All three retirees are great with kids.
- The Koepsell Board Brightener was lots of fun.
- Honors Night was impressive with the number of scholarships awarded.
- The Prom sounds like so much fun. Have a good time.

**Mrs. Gattuso**

- Thank you to Koepsell for their Board Brightener.
- Thank you to the Galileo teachers. It is a very good program. I have also read the book Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.
- I want to share that I just graduated with my Master's Degree in Special Education.
- I will really miss our retirees. I have known Lisa Mangan and Ginny Francis personally. They both have worked with my children and are wonderful teachers.
- Thank you Nolan and best wishes at MSU. Go Green!

**Mr. Penn**

- Congratulations to our retirees. Mrs. Heiderer had my daughter for second grade. It was a tough year for her, but Mrs. Heiderer treated her with firm compassion and my daughter came through the year just fine. She can't see Mrs. Heiderer now without giving her a hug. Congratulations to Mrs. Mangan and Mrs. Francis, too.
- Welcome to our new hires.
- Thank you to Koepsell for their Board Brightener.
- Awards Night was impressive. It was exciting to see the full-ride scholarships and the students going into the service. It was a great night.
- Good luck to our seniors.

**Mr. Von Hiltmayer**

- It was exciting to see over \$1,000,000 awarded in scholarships.
- Congratulations to our new hires.
- Congratulations to our retirees. They are all on the critical shortage list. They could all come back!
- South Lake was well represented at the Optimist Banquet. Elmwood parents were recognized for their scout troop, Gail Ashburn was recognized as an outstanding South Lake staff member. Optimist scholarships were awarded.

### **Mr. Von Hiltmayer Shared Ms. Gorsky's Report**

- The High School has had a fun few days with staff bonding and team work. Under our leadership, we were each assigned to a team and given several challenges throughout the week to build School Spirit, help in the community, and show appreciation. Some standout moments from the competition include Mrs. Gaff and Ms. Phardel's team sending Sunshine videos of students sharing their appreciation for staff, Ms. Ashburn on a moment's notice gathering a busload of students to help fill sandbags and place them along the shores of the flooding St. Clair Shores, and many fun moments of being silly, laughing with one another in between.
- The High School had its Honors Night last night in which over a million dollars in scholarships were awarded. Around 300 students were honored last night. A big shout-out to our counselors, Mrs. Kingsley and Ms. Tilley, who work tirelessly to help students finding those scholarships!
- Mr. Allen hosted his Quill and Scroll Ceremony where the incoming senior class leaders were assigned to their posts on the Lancer.
- Ms. Ashburn is hosting National Honor Society Induction tomorrow evening at 6:30 at the high school.
- Ms. Gorsky has been working hard on the Student Council election. It is a challenge with such great candidates. The winners will be announced at the end of the day Friday.
- Koepsell hosted Muffins for Madams Friday, May 10, and will be hosting Donuts for Dudes June 7th.
- Our Girls' on the Run team has their 5K on the 19th, Avalon is selling feet for Relay for Life.
- Relay for Life is coming up on June 8<sup>th</sup>. South Lake has a team aptly named South Lake. We hope you can both join us and donate to this cause which has affected each one of us in some way. The various buildings are doing fundraisers for the cause.
- It is our last week for service in the South Lake Bistro. If you have the opportunity, please stop by. You will not be disappointed.

### **Mr. Damiani**

- Congratulations to Nolan on attending MSU. We will miss him.
- Congratulations to Koepsell on their Board Brightener.
- Congratulations to our retirees. The total number of years worked are impressive. To see staff stay that long at a job is impressive. It just shows what a true family there is here in South Lake Schools.
- Thank you to the Galileo teachers. Mr. Thero shared that we have had about 28 teachers go through the program. Mr. Thero never heard a teacher say it wasn't worth it.
- The amount of scholarships given to our students is so impressive.
- I wish the students fun on the yacht.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> is graduation.
- I like the idea of the seniors visiting our other school buildings in their caps and gowns. They are sure to impress our younger students.
- Have a safe and happy summer.

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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kelly Gattuso, Secretary

Prepared by Tina Jamieson