

**South Lake Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 20, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the South Lake Schools' Board of Education, held on March 20, 2019, 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, Michael Damiani.

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

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

Mr. Damiani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Damiani requested approval of the Consent Agenda for March 20, 2019.

Checks written for February 2019

General Fund	\$392,186.05
Activity Fund	\$7,894.78
Cafeteria Fund	\$21,346.06
Latch Key Fund	\$1,423.00
2017 Bond Fund	\$4,712.75
American Express	<u>\$78,393.87</u>
Total	\$505,956.51

- Minutes from the Board of Education Special Meeting of February 13, 2019
- Minutes from the Board of Education Closed Session Meeting of February 13, 2019
- Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of February 20, 2019
- Attorney Invoices totaling \$633.00

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

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

STUDENTS REPORT

Jenna Hall was here to report for Mr. Girven on the following:

- The Eats, Beats and Greets was great and there was a good turnout.
- NHS held their blood drive today.
- NHS is hosting a book drive and they will be donating the books to our elementary schools.
- The Spring Musical will be held on April 12 and April 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Next week is the last week before Spring break. The juniors will be taking the ACT's when they return.
- Seniors only have 44 more days of school.

SPELLING BEE AWARDS

Mr. Fringer was here to present the top Spelling Bee winners with a trophy for doing such a wonderful job. One of our 5th grade students moved on to the MISD Competition. She made it to the second round. He thanked Mrs. Dobbins for facilitating the Spelling Bee and is very proud of all the students.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mr. Von Hiltmayer introduced our Teachers of the Year for each level and Mr. Damiani presented them with an award and certificate. The teachers for this year are Paul Voydanoff, Jennifer Stern and Karen Sahadi. They will be honored at the MISD and are eligible for Teacher of the Year in Macomb County.

RECOGNITION – PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Wendy Zdeb was here to present an award to Mr. Beato. Mr. Beato was chosen as the Principal of the Year by the MASSP. Letters of support were written and sent regarding Mr. Beato. He will be formally recognized in Traverse City and Washington DC. He will also receive a ring from Jostens. Mr. Beato then came up and spoke about this award. He thanked Becky Schroll, the staff, and the students. He said they are the ones who should be receiving the award as they make him look good. He really enjoys being principal at South Lake High School. He thanked Carmen Kennedy for also writing a letter. He has learned so much by working directly with her.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Von Hiltmayer had no action items this evening. He spoke about the third Eats, Beats & Greets event that was held at South Lake High School on Thursday, March 14, 2019. The South Lake Bistro served approximately 350 people throughout the night. The South Lake staff was well represented and their participation in the evening was very much appreciated by the administration, students, parents, and community.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Thero requested Board of Education Approval to replace the South Lake Middle School cameras. We need to replace the security camera system at the Middle School, as the current system is no longer functional. We are at the point that we cannot justify investing any further resources in getting it working again. We are recommending Audio Sentry to install a new Exacq system at the Middle School for the cost of \$49,470.00.

Moved by Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mrs. Cardenas to approve the replacement of cameras at South Lake Middle School as noted above. Total cost is \$49,470.00.

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

Mr. Thero requested Board of Education Approval of the purchase of technology from Apple, Inc. We are recommending that South Lake initiate a pilot to learn about the implantation of 1:1 technology using products from Apple, including iPads, Apple TV’s , Logitech Rugged Keyboard Cases, Logitech Digital Crayons, and Apple Classroom. The total amount will be \$106,052.00.

Discussion took place as to the participation and training of staff for this purchase.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Morey-Greer to approve purchase of technology as noted above.

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

March is Reading Month.

March is the month we take some time to focus on reading and all the fun it brings. The schools have had many interesting activities related to the joy and importance of reading. If you would like to participate as a guest reader in one of our schools, please contact the school office. This experience is a memorable one to both the reader and the audience. Elmwood had two authors come in and read to the students yesterday.

Kindergarten & GSRP Preschool Enrollment Event

The following is a breakdown of Kindergarten students registered as of March 14, 2019:

School	Residents	Schools of Choice	Total	Young 5
Avalon	2	4	6	2
Elmwood	22	2	24	2
Koepsell	4	11	15	2
Total	28	17	45	6

The following is a breakdown of GSRP students registered as of March 14, 2019:

Avalon GSRP Full Day Program	2
Elmwood GSRP Full Day Program	5
Koepsell GSRP Full Day Program	4

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Thomas had no Action Items this evening.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of Payment of Bond Draw #9 in the total amount of \$64,142.00. The invoices and payment applications have been received and deemed appropriate for payment for work on the 2017 bond projects.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mrs. Magee, to approve payment of Bond Draw #9 for the amount of \$64,142.00.

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

Mr. Thomas recommended Board of Education Approval of bid Pak #5 in the amount of \$1,472,573.00. On February 15, 2019, sealed bids were opened for Bid Pak #5. McCarthy and Smith, Inc. has approved these projects and they will be paid out of the 2018 Bond Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Cardenas, seconded by Mr. Penn, to award the South Lake Schools Bid Pack #5 in the amount of \$1,472,573.00 as noted in Attachment B.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Allan reported on the following:

- On Saturday, March 16, South Lake High School and Middle School students with help from Mrs. McCallumMhor and Mr. Voydanoff competed in the 34th Annual Macomb Science Olympiad Tournament.
- On Friday, March 22, 2019, six SLHS and SLMS students along with four parents will be leaving Detroit heading to Beijing China on their two weeks adventure.
- Koepsell students will have an opportunity to sample another healthy food tasting on Thursday, March 21. This is in conjunction with a guest reader, Julie Huck, RN from Henry Ford Hospital.
- Kevin Hertel will be coming to read to all classes at Koepsell.

- Koepsell raised over \$100.00 at their last Spirit Day. They will put this toward adopting an animal at the Detroit Zoo.
- SLHS NHS hosted a blood drive today.
- Students of the month for February are Nolante Brown, Teera Altal, Joe Tankserley, Brandon Penn, and Camille Hawkins.
- There is football off-season weightlifting after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. They have over 60 kids participating.
- NHS is currently doing a book drive for March is Reading Month.
- Mrs. Ashburn's class will be visiting the elementary schools to read to student.
- NHS is preparing Easter baskets for Macomb County Department of Health and Human Services.
- SLEA is holding an Easter Egg Hunt at the A-field on Saturday April 13 from 10:30 – 12:00. Donations are welcome.
- The Board of Education received invitations to attend the MEA Local 1 meeting.
- Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year. I have worked with all of them at one time.
- Bob Beato does an amazing job. Everything they said is true. I have worked with Bob over 20 years now and are lucky to do so.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Morey-Greer

- Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year.
- Congratulations to Mr. Beato – great honor and very deserving. We are very lucky. I am not sure he will be here by the time my son moves into the high school.

Mrs. Cardenas

- It is great to be back.
- So excited to see all the wonderful awards and recognitions.
- Thanked Jenna Hall for filling in for Nolan.
- Teacher of the Year goes without saying, we have the best.
- Congratulations and Thank You to Mr. Beato, Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Magee

- Thanking all the people for attending tonight.
- Thanked Jenna Hall for her report and stepping in for Nolan.
- Congratulations to all the Spelling Bee winners.
- Congratulations to Mr. Beato. This really reflects on the love and care that so many of our personnel have for our school. It is great for him to be honored. Glad he will be going to Washington DC.
- Attended the Eats, Beats and Greet, very nice.
- Thanked Mr. Thero for reporting that March is reading month.
- Hope everyone has a good book to read.
- Thanked Mr. Allen for his report.

Mrs. Gordon

- Thanked Jenna for her report.
- Congratulations to all the Spelling Bee winners.
- Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year.
- Congratulations to Mr. Beato.
- Received a copy of a letter from Heidi Ross, kindergarten teacher who sent a letter recognizing the night custodian and how much he does for them.

- We have a great staff, administrators, teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals and custodial group.
- I enjoyed watching the Regatta at the Eats, Beats and Greets.

Ms. Gattuso

- Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year. It is an honor to be nominated for that award.
- Spectacular that Mr. Beato was chosen as Principal of the Year. I had never heard of that. I was a senior when he came to South Lake. Remember him being the Powder Puff coach. He was motivating and kind.
- Congratulations to the Spelling Bee students. I remember being in the Spelling Bee when I was young and it was very hard. I remember how much anxiety it caused me.

Mr. Penn

- Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year.
- Congratulations to Mr. Beato.
- Thanked Mr. Allen for his report.
- Thanked Jenna Hall for her student report.
- Good luck and safe travels to the students going to China.
- Shout-out to Mrs. Principato, Mr. Cusumano, Mr. Voydanoff and Mrs. McCallumMhor for all their work with the Science Olympiad. It was a fun event and we learned a lot. The Middle School team went from one person last year to about 10 to 12 this year. Thanked everyone who helped.

Mr. Von Hiltmayer

- Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year and thanks for all they do for our students. The next step will be at the County level. They have a chance to be selected as the Teacher of the Year for Macomb County. We hope that one of them will be selected.
- Congratulations to Mr. Beato, Principal of the Year. This is a pretty big deal. We never thought we would win here in South Lake as it is usually either a school on the West side of the state or a bigger district. It is great for all of us.
- We have built many relationships with Mr. Tom Cleaver from the "We are Here" foundation. He has donated these new chairs to us for the Board Room. They have about 400 chairs available at Pare right now. They are not all brand new but very useable. We will try to replace more chairs in our district. We thank them and are very lucky to have the opportunity to receive these donations.

Mr. Damiani

- Reiterate all that was said by my colleagues.
- Again, we had another successful Eats, Beats and Greets.
- Thanked Jenna Hall for her report.
- Thanked Mr. Allen for coming in.
- Thanked Mrs. Sahadi, Mrs. Stern and Mr. Voydanoff for their hard work.
- Mr. Beato, what can I say. He definitely earned that title.
- Wish everyone a happy spring.
- The Robotics team has a new coach Mr. Nathan Thompson. They had two back-to-back events. They did incredibly well but during the last round suffered a catastrophic failure. Each year is getting tougher and tougher. We are working with a good group of kids and look forward to next year.

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gattuso, Secretary

Prepared by Veda Hall