

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Resolution

URGING CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

South Lyon Community Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District was held in the auditorium of the South Lyon City and School Administration Building, in the District, on the 16th day of September 2013, at 7:15 o'clock in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Greg Downey, Board Vice President.

Present: Members

Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, education "standards" define expectations of what students should know at the conclusion of a course of study. Standards do not dictate curriculum or prescribe a particular method of instruction.

WHEREAS, the South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education recognizes that in order for students to compete in a knowledge-based, global economy, Michigan needs consistent standards that will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students, regardless of where they live.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards were developed by states, for states, to provide a consistent set of clear K-12 expectations that outline the knowledge and skills students need in English/Language Arts and Mathematics to lead to career-and college-readiness.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards promote equity by ensuring all students, no matter where they live, are well prepared with the skills and knowledge necessary to compete with their peers in the United States and abroad.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards emphasize real world skills in math, reading and writing along with critical thinking and problem solving skills that better prepare students for college, for work and for being more informed citizens.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards maintain local control of curriculum and teaching methods and build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards.

WHEREAS, local school districts will continue to control the textbooks, educational materials and instructional methods used by teachers to teach at or above the level of rigor required by the Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS, the members of the Michigan State Board of Education voted unanimously on June 15, 2010 to adopt the Common Core State Standards as the Michigan core Standards for Mathematics and English/Language Arts.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature inserted language into the Michigan Department of Education budget that effectively prohibits Michigan from participating in the career-and college-ready Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS, the failure to implement the Common Core State Standards will jeopardize the waiver Michigan received under the No Child Left Behind Act, causing a majority of school districts in the state to fall below the adequate yearly progress standard.

WHEREAS, Michigan school districts have already begun to implement the Common Core State Standards and abandoning the implementation of the standards will lead to confusion for teachers and students as to what is expected of them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education endorses the principles and goals of the Common Core State Standards as adopted and strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to support and fund their continued implementation in Michigan’s public education system in order to maintain Michigan’s commitment to rigorous expectations for all students.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Motion declared adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of South Lyon Community Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2013, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board’s minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Secretary, Board of Education