

**SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - MILLER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
JANUARY 11, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by President, Pro Tem James Palmer at 5:30 P.M.

**Oath of Office** given to Sean Bartley, Jessica Dorsey, and Albert Siemer newly elected/appointed board members, by Brooke Champ, Treasurer, as follows:

**Oath:** Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as members of the Board of Education of Southern Local School District, Perry County, Ohio, to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted during your continuance in said office, and until your successor is elected and qualified.

The answer is "I DO"

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Sean Bartley

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Jessica Dorsey

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Albert Siemer

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Sean Bartley P A      Ms. Jessica Dorsey P A      Mr. James Palmer P A  
Ms. Mary Reynolds P A      Mr. Albert Siemer P A

**24-001: Election of 2024 Southern Local School District Board of Education PRESIDENT:**

Mr. Siemer nominates Mary Clarissa Reynolds. Mr. Bartley moves and Mr. Palmer seconds that the nominations be closed.

**VOTE:**

Bartley for Mary Clarissa Reynolds

Dorsey for Mary Clarissa Reynolds

Palmer for Mary Clarissa Reynolds

Reynolds for Mary Clarissa Reynolds

Siemer for Mary Clarissa Reynolds

Mary Clarissa Reynolds is declared **PRESIDENT** for 2024.

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**24-002: Election of 2024 Southern Local School District Board of Education**

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

Ms. Dorsey nominates Sean Bartley. Mr Siemer moves and Mr. Palmer seconds that the nominations be closed.

**VOTE:**

Bartley for Bartley

Dorsey for Bartley

Palmer for Bartley

Reynolds for Bartley

Siemer for Bartley

Sean Bartley is declared **VICE PRESIDENT** for 2024.

**24-003: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Mr. Bartley and seconded by Ms. Reynolds that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when merchandise has been received in good condition.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N

Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-004: INVESTMENT OF INTERIM FUNDS**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Siemer that the Treasurer be given authorization to invest interim funds at the most productive interest rates whenever interim funds are available.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N

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Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-005: EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY PERSONNEL**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Bartley to authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations. Such employment to be presented to the Board at its next regular meeting.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-006: EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Ms. Dorsey to authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

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**MOTION CARRIED**    Y    N

**24-007: RESIGNATION OF EMPLOYEES**

Motion by Mr. Siemer and seconded by Ms. Reynolds to authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED**    Y    N

**24-008: DISCIPLINE OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Ms. Dorsey to authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer, on behalf of this Board, to impose discipline upon a teaching or non-teaching employee under their direction during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such discipline shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's or Treasurer's imposing the discipline.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED**    Y    N

**24-009: APPOINTMENT OF PURCHASING AGENT**

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Motion by Mr. Bartley and seconded by Ms. Reynolds that the local Superintendent be designated as purchasing agent.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-010: MEETING DATE**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Ms. Dorsey that the Southern Local Board of Education will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Miller High School Library unless advertised or posted to be elsewhere.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-011: STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS**

Motion by Mr. Siemer and seconded by Mr. Bartley that the Southern Local Board of Education grant approval to participate in State and Federal Programs and Grant Programs, and to authorize the local Superintendent or his designee to prepare applications and apply for funds, and to serve as the representative for such programs.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-012: APPROPRIATION MODIFICATION**

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Motion by Mr. Siemer and seconded by Ms. Dorsey that the Treasurer be authorized to make appropriation modifications when necessary providing that the appropriated amount does not exceed authorized appropriation of the Board.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-013: LEGISLATIVE LIAISON - OSBA**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Bartley that Mr. Palmer be appointed OSBA Legislative Liaison for 2020.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-014: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON - OSBA**

Motion by Mr. Bartley and seconded by Ms. Reynolds that Mr. Siemer be appointed OSBA Student Achievement Liaison for 2020.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-015: BOARD MEMBER PAY**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Bartley that the Board members receive \$125 a meeting for up to 26 meetings.

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Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-016: TAX ADVANCES**

Motion by Mr. Siemer and seconded by Mr. Bartley to authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

**24-017: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Bartley that the organizational meeting be adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

**VOTE:**

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N      Ms. Jessica Dorsey Y N      Mr. James Palmer Y N  
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N      Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

**MOTION CARRIED    Y    N**

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**President**

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**Treasurer**

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