



**Minutes of the Southmont Schools Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting ■ Monday, December 9, 2024**

Public Meeting

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Varsity Girls Basketball Team led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

Cody Hargis	Present	Julie Hess	Present
Daryl Hutson	Present	Jerry Kinkead	Present
Eric Mason	Present	David Reeves	Present
Jake Watson	Present	Dr. Stephanie Hofer	Present

**IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

- Addison Meadows - Student Athlete Recognition.
- Southmont Schools Kitchen Recognitions.
- Student and Staff Recognitions.

Thanks to Cody Hargis for board dedication!

**V. Revisions to the Agenda**

**-Dana Hunt - Elementary Teacher - New Market - Maternity Leave - March 5, 2025 through May 24, 2025.**

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Kinkead	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Watson	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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**VI. Public Comments**

- Ms. Zachary was in attendance to speak about a bullying incident.
- Ms. Wilson was also at the meeting to speak about bullying.
- Mrs. Hammond discussed the new hall pass system.

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**VII. Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of previous meetings

Claims/Payroll

Total: \$1,640,786.44

Personnel:

**-Dana Hunt - Elementary Teacher - New Market - Maternity Leave - March 5, 2025 through May 24, 2025.**

-Leah Sinnet - Part Time Nurse - Ladoga/Walnut Elementaries.

-Chelsea Cagle - Instructional Aide - Walnut Elementary.

-Addison Monroe - Instructional Aide - Transfer from New Market Elementary to Southmont Jr. High School.

-Bobbi Harden - Transfer to Front Office/Clinical Assistant from Instructional Assistant @ Southmont Jr. High School.

-Rachel Rhoads - Instructional Assistant - Southmont Jr. High School.

-Approved resignation of Sophia Sharkey - Instructional Aide - New Market - effective December 20, 2024.

-Beth Binch - Elementary Theater Club - Walnut Elementary - \$1000.00.

-Taylor Myers - Elementary Student Council - Walnut - \$1000.00.

-Aaron Charles - 2024-2025 Corporate Sponsorship stipend - \$2560.00.

-Scott Dove - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach - Volunteer.

-Jud VanCleave - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach - Volunteer.

-Emily Stewart - Varsity Gymnastics Coach - \$2236.50.

-Maddie Shaver - Varsity Assistant Gymnastics Coach - \$2236.50.

-Emma Bowers - Varsity Assistant Gymnastics Coach - Volunteer.

-FFA Trip to Purdue Beck's Center for Area Crops Contest - April 27, 2025 - May 3, 2025.

-High School Wrestling Team - Calumet HS (Varsity) and LaPorte HS (JV) - Leave December 13, 2024 - return December 14, 2024.

-High School Wrestling Team - Culver Academies - Leave January 24, 2025 - return January 25, 2025.

-High School Wrestling Team - New Castle IHSAA Semi-State - Leave February 14, 2025 - return February 15, 2025.

<b>Motion:</b>	Mrs. Hess	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Hargis	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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**VIII. Items for Action**

1. Approved Teacher Appreciation Grant stipends for 2023-2024 school year per approved board policy.

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<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Watson	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Reeves	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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2. Approved stipends for Appreciation Grant for those who fall outside of board policy.

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Mason	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Watson	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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**IX. Report from Superintendent**

- Dr. Hofer stated how she loved the full house.
- Dr. Hofer spoke about Addison Meadows, she is amazing!
- Kitchens all getting A reports on surprise visits.
- Students and Staff - love getting to recognize all the neat people.
- Thanks to Cody for his dedication to the school board.
- Ms. Wilson and Ms. Zachary - We serve all parents and families - I'm here to work with you and take care of things! We appreciate all comments positive & negative, thank you for being here, always stronger and better as a team.
- Ready for Christmas Break.
- Mr. Hutson thanked the crowd for their comments.
- Mr. Mason - The Town of Ladoga grant was met for the Ladoga Playground.

**X. Items for Discussion by the Board**

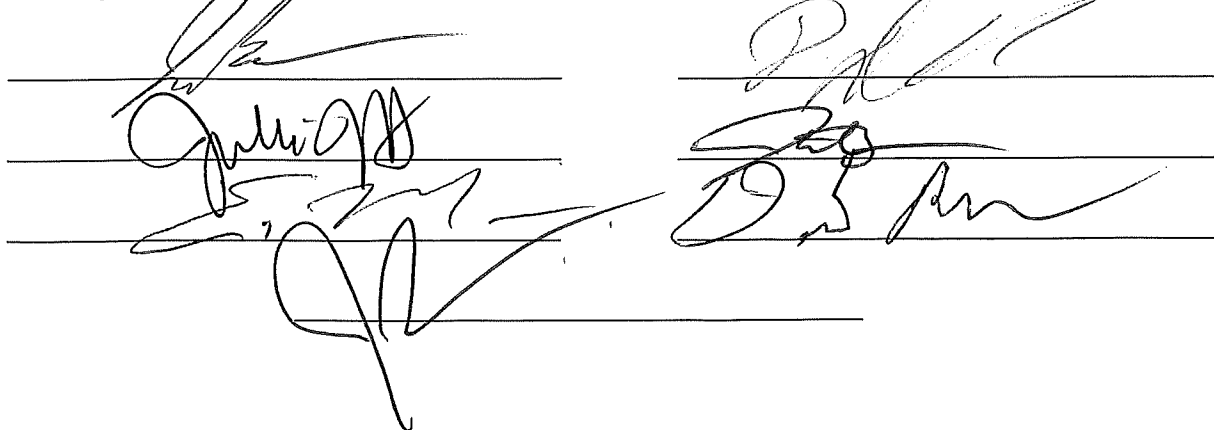
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**XI. Adjournment**

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Reeves	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Watson	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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**Future Meetings:**

January 13, 2025 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM



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