

SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – MILLER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
March 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

President Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- SLEA: Jodi Hellyer - none
- OAPSE: not present

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Millcreek Elementary – Students of the Month
Gloria Saunders – Kindergarten
Weston Fulk – 3rd Grade
Ariel Azbell – 4th Grade
McKenzie Bennett – 5th Grade
Gavin Salisbury – 6th Grade

Annette Losco

- April Board Meeting – time change to 4:30 PM
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters – possibility of starting to work with our District using a grant they received
- MES Flooring/HS Office Flooring – update on upcoming flooring project, to begin this summer, approximately 8-10 week project to replace the flooring in the elementary wing/offices and the high school offices
- Bus Accident Update – 5 students, no major injuries, insurance is working to complete the claim
- Baseball Field Update – concrete is pending weather next week
- Peoples State Bank – CD is deposited
- Grants

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- o KOC is working on grants for summer programming and busing
 - o Ms. Wilson, FFA, working on an FFA “Grants for Growing”
 - o Mr. Arkley, Building and Grounds, both Ohio Safety Grants that the District is eligible for have been submitted
- Food Service
 - o Open for Food Service Management Company bid. RFP has been advertised and bids are due 4/17/25.
 - o Food Service Director is pursuing quotes for kitchen equipment that the District is looking to replace, due to the aging equipment not being able to be repaired any longer

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION – Items not on Agenda

- Mr. Siemer – asked about a previous request made regarding all calls. Mrs. Losco explained that she has upcoming meetings with administrators and it will be discussed and reviewed at that time.
- Mrs. Reynolds – asked if we had any teaching staff that have resigned or retired for the next school year. Mrs. Losco advised that we have none leaving the District as of now that she is aware of.
- Mr. Bartley – brought up the importance of providing mental health resources and the importance of making sure that our District is providing and using all available resources for our students to ensure mental health is addressed. Further discussion followed on resources we currently have and potential resources and training that we can add or use in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES

- A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 27, 2025 as submitted by the Treasurer.

2. TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATION

- A. Recommend that the Treasurer’s report be accepted as presented.

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- B. Approve the Resolution Accepting the amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
- C. Approve the re-enrollment of the 2025-2026 Worker's Comp Group Rating Program with Sedgwick at a rate of \$2,980.00.

3. APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS FOR 2024-2025

- A. Approve the following supplemental coaching contracts for the 2024-2025 school year pending proof of all required coaching documentation:

CATEGORY V: Jr High Track – Edward Paige

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Accept the resignation of Chloe Wilson, Varsity Cheer Coach, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- B. Accept the resignation of Ryan Bice, JR High Girls Basketball, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- C. Accept the resignation of Amanda Bice, JR High Cheer, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- D. NEOLA Board Policies – Second Reading
 - PO1130 – Conflict of Interest
 - PO3113 - Conflict of Interest
 - PO6110 – Grant Funds
 - PO6111 – Internal Controls
 - PO6112 – Cash Management of Grants
 - PO6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Grant Funds
 - PO6325 – Procurement Federal Grants/Funds
 - PO6550 – Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
 - PO7310 – Disposition of Surplus Property
 - PO7450 – Property Inventory
 - PO0100 – Definitions
 - PO142.1 – Oath

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- PO0151 – Organizational Meetings
- PO0152 – Officers
- PO0164 – Notice of Meetings
- PO0165 – New Board Members
- PO0166 – New Agendas
- PO0167.2 – Executive Sessions
- PO0167.7 – Use of Personal Communication Devices
- PO4120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
- PO4121 – Criminal History Records
- PO5136 – Personal Communication Devices
- PO5136.01R – Electronic Equipment
- PO5200 – Attendance
- PO5500 – Student Conduct
- PO5780 – Student/Parent Rights
- PO6320 – Purchasing and Bidding
- PO6460R – Vendor Relations
- PO7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- PO7540.04 – Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- PO7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence
- PO8310 – Public Records
- PO9160 – Public Attendance at School Events

25-021: Motion by Mr. Bartley seconded by Mr. Siemer to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE:

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N Ms. Jessica Dorsey ABSENT Mr. James Palmer Y N
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N Mr. Albert Siemer Y N (Mr. Siemer abstained from 3.A, 4.A, 4.B, 4.C)

MOTION CARRIED Y N

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUIRED THIRD GRADE
ASSESSMENTS IN PAPER FORMAT**

WHEREAS Ohio Revised Code Section 3301-0711, as amended by Senate Bill 216 enacted by the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, authorized a school district to administer the required third grade English language art in a paper format in any given school year; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Board of Education of **Southern Local** for its grade three students to take the English language arts assessments in said paper format;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED that the grade three assessments in English language arts shall be administered in a paper format for the 2025-2026 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student, then that student may take the assessment in an online format; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Ohio Department of Education in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3301-0711.

This resolution was adopted by the **Southern Local** Board of Education in public session on the 20th day of March, 2025.

In witness thereof, we hereby affix our signatures.

President of the Board of Education

Treasurer of the Board of Education

25-022: Motion by Mr. Siemer seconded by Mr. Bartley to approve the Resolution Authorizing Required Third Grade Assessments in Paper Format.

VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED Y N

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RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EDUCATION MODEL POLICIES

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the governing board of southern local schools, as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board hereby adopts the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") in December 2024 and directs all staff in the Center to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent/Director to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

2460 - Special Education

5223- Release Time for Religious Instruction

5330- Use of Medications

5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students

This resolution was adopted by the **Southern Local** Board of Education in public session on the 20th day of March, 2025.

In witness thereof, we hereby affix our signatures.

President of the Board of Education

Treasurer of the Board of Education

25-023: Motion by Mr. Siemer seconded by Mr. Bartley to approve the Resolution Approving Special Education Model Policies.

VOTE:

Mr. Sean Bartley Y N

Ms. Jessica Dorsey ABSENT

Mr. James Palmer Y N

Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N

Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

MOTION CARRIED Y N

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25-024: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Siemer seconded by Mr. Bartley to consider the compensation of a public employee or official.

VOTE:

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

The Board entered into executive session at 6:40 PM.

The Board reconvened regular session at 7:04 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Siemer that the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 7:05 PM

PRESIDENT

TREASURER