

Minutes of the Southmont Schools Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting ■ Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Public Meeting

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Jason Bannon	Present	Breyan Cornelius	Present
Julie Hess	Present	Jerry Kinhead	Present
Eric Mason	Present	David Reeves	Present
Jake Watson	Present	Dr. Stephanie Hofer, Supt.	Present

**IV. Public Comment**

-None.

**Election of Board President**

-Welcome to Breyan Cornelius - new board member from Ripley Township.

-Approved Jerry Kinhead as Board President.

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Reeves	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Mason	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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**Election of other vacant office (if necessary)**

-Approved David Reeves as Board Secretary.

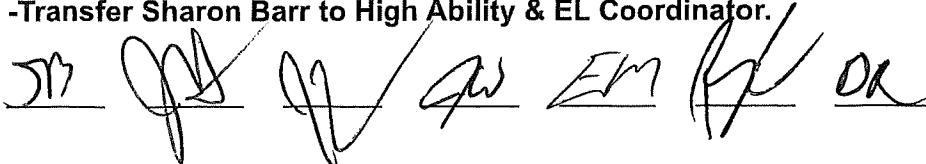
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**V. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

-None

**VI. Revisions to the Agenda**

-Transfer Sharon Barr to High Ability & EL Coordinator.

Handwritten signatures of the board members: JB, JH, JK, DW, EM, SH, and DR.

-Hunter Thornton - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00.  
 -Addison Charles - Varsity Assistant Girls Soccer Coach - \$1500.00.  
 -Johann Palo - Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer Co-Coach - \$500.00.  
 -Miguel Salazar-Jimenez - Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer Co-Coach - \$500.00.  
 -Extra Duty Recommendations: Deryk Bengé, IHSAA Softball Sectional Worker - \$200.00; Katy Yoakum, IHSAA Softball Sectional Worker - \$200.00; Kelley Hopkins, IHSAA Softball Sectional Worker - \$200.00.

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Reeves	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Mason	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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**VII. Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of previous meetings

Claims/Payroll

Total: \$5,427,825.34

Personnel:

**-Transfer Sharon Barr to High Ability & EL Coordinator.**

-Approved resignation of Amanda Pryor - Elementary Teacher - New Market.

-Kaylee Wirth - Kindergarten Teacher - Ladoga Elementary.

-Matthew Couch - 8th grade Math Teacher - Southmont Jr. High.

-Darcie Cox - 5th grade Teacher - Walnut Elementary.

-Approved resignation of Rebekah Thomas, Instructional Assistant - High School - effective June 5, 2025.

-Approved resignation of Chase Minick - Study Hall Aide - effective immediately.

-Approved resignation of Hanna Nichols - Aide - New Market.

-Lauren Mann - Secretary/Treasurer - Walnut Elementary.

-Carissa Hoenshell - Instructional Assistant - Walnut Elementary.

-Audrey Brierly - Special Education 1 on 1 Instructional Aide - High School.

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-Approved School Resource Unit Agreement.

-Approved the 2025-2026 Handbooks for Ladoga Elementary, New Market Elementary, Walnut Elementary, Southmont Jr. High School and Southmont High School.

-Southmont FFA trip to Illinois Farm Progress Show Soils Contest - August 26, 2025.



- Technology E-Waste listing to be determined excess inventory and disposed/recycled accordingly.
- Student & Adult Meal Pricing Recommendations, SY 2025-2026.

# **VIII.**

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

1. Approved the Indiana Purple Star School Resolution.

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Watson	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Reeves	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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-Thank you for doing this from Julie Hess and Brevan Cornelius.

2. Approved moving October board meeting from October 13th to October 6th.

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Mason	<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Bannon	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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# **IX. Report from Superintendent - Dr. Stephanie Hofer**

- Congratulations and welcome to Brevan!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Barr and welcome to the new position!
- Welcome to Kaylee Wirth, new kindergarten teacher at Ladoga Elementary.

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

1. NEOLA Board Policies Update - 1st reading.

# **XI. Adjournment**

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Bannon	<b>Second:</b>	Mrs. Hess	<b>Vote:</b>	7-0
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## **Future Meetings:**

August 11, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

September 8, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

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