

**SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – MILLER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
October 8, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Student of the Month

Millcreek Elementary

5th: Katlyn Ash

6th: Amyrah Ghee

4th: Kohen Rusk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- SLEA: Jodi Hellyer – no comments from SLEA
- OAPSE: Not present
- David Couch – Superintendent of Perry County Board of DD – thanked the District for the partnerships and projects over the years. Expressed how it has helped the Board of DD to serve their families by working with the schools in the county

E. ANNETTE LOSCO

- Special Ed Model Policy -updated
- Band Email – FCA director reached out to the HS Principal and Superintendent to compliment MHS Band performance at the FCA game
- Building and Grounds Update – attached in packet
- Health Insurance Renewal – 9.5%
- State Auditors scheduled to be on site next week for routine annual audit

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. MINUTES

- A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 18, 2025 as submitted by the Treasurer.

2. TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Recommend that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
- B. Approve the Financial Forecast as presented by the Treasurer.
- C. Approve the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY 2026 in the amount of \$21,957,257.49.
- D. Approve the Amended Appropriations for FY 2026 at the fund level in the amount of \$16,202,134.82.

3. TERMINATION

- A. Approve the termination of employment of Jayden Allen as Assistant Softball Coach Coach effective September 4, 2025.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Approve the FFA trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 28, 2025, and return on October 31, 2025.
- B. Approve the Student Wellness and DPIA Funding Plan. (See Attached)
- C. NEOLA Board Policies First Reading
- PO2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
 - PO3130 - Assignment and Transfer
 - PO5130 - Withdrawal from School
 - PO5136 - Personal Communication Devices
 - PO5200 - Attendance
 - PO5223 - Released Time for Religious Instruction During The School Day
 - PO5230.01 - Early Release for Work
 - PO6830 - Audit
 - PO7540.02 - Digital Content and Accessibility
 - PO8300 - Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan
 - PO8305 - Information Security

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- PO8400 - School Safety
- PO8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect
- PO – Testing Coordinator

D. Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2025-2026 school year pending proof of all required coaching trainings and certifications:

Phillip Wollenberg – JV/Varsity Boys Basketball

E. The following listed items have been deemed obsolete and/or no longer serviceable or usable by the district. Therefore, the Board is directing the Superintendent to dispose of the property or sell it to the highest bidder.

- Bus #8 2012 International (9351)

F. Accept the donation of Senior Class T-Shirts from Smurfit Westrock

25-045: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Bartley seconded by Mr. Siemer to enter into executive session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official.

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

The Board entered in to executive session at 6:48 PM

The Board reconvened regular session at 6:57 PM

25-046: 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 Y N (abstain from 4.D) Mr. James Palmer Y N
Ms. Mary Reynolds Y N Mr. Albert Siemer Y N

MOTION CARRIED Y N

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**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PRIOR BOARD ACTION(S) AND ADOPT
SPECIAL EDUCATION MODEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – V1.0 2025**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 3323.08 requires each school district to provide assurances to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") that the district will provide for the education of children with disabilities within its jurisdiction and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by DEW; and

WHEREAS, the DEW developed and released an updated document in December 2024 entitled "Special Education Model Policies and Procedures" ("2024 Model Policies"), which it notified educational agencies that they could adopt to fulfill the legal requirement described in the preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2025, the Board approved Resolution Special Education Model Policy 3-20-2025 to adopt the DEW's 2024 Model Policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board subsequently learned that the 2024 Model Policies that it adopted contained certain statements that are either unnecessary to comply with State and Federal law or conflict with existing State and Federal laws and/or applicable caselaw, and therefore approved on October 8, 2025, Resolution Special Education Model Policy 3-20-2025 to (a) rescind its original resolution adopting the 2024 Model Policies and (b) adopt a modified version of the DEW's 2024 Model Policies that expressly revised and/or deleted language from the DEW's original 2024 Model Policies to ensure the District's compliance with applicable state and federal laws and caselaw; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 4, 2025, the DEW released an updated Special Education Model Policies and Procedures – v1.0 2025 ("2025 Model Policies"); and

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in rescinding its earlier action(s) – i.e., Resolution Special Education Model Policy 3-20-2025 and, instead, adopting the DEW's 2025 Model Policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds Board Resolution(s) Special Education Model Policy 3-20-2025 and adopts the DEW's 2025 Model Policies; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the 2025 Model Policies, while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing the IDEA, the Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"), and/or the Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC"), and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws, along with applicable caselaw, regardless of whether their provisions and/or interpretations are accurately restated and/or reflected in the 2025 Model Policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the 2025 Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution within the timeframes set forth by the DEW.

25-047: Ms. Dorsey moved and Mr. Palmer seconded the motion that the above Resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call and the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Sean Bartley	<u>Y</u>	N	Ms. Jessica Dorsey	<u>Y</u>	N	Mr. James Palmer	<u>Y</u>	N
Ms. Mary Reynolds	<u>Y</u>	N	Mr. Albert Siemer	<u>Y</u>	N			

MOTION CARRIED Y N

ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2025

Treasurer/CFO

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting held on the 8th day of October, 2025, together with a true and correct extract from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to the consideration and adoption of said Resolution.

Treasurer/CFO

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Time: 7:02 PM

PRESIDENT

TREASURER