

Minutes of the Southmont Schools Board of Trustees
 Regular Board Meeting ■ Monday, January 12, 2026

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

- Dr. Hofer wanted to give a huge thank you to our board everyday, but wanted to recognize them for board appreciation.
- Mrs. Busenbark gave a presentation on Southmont Jr. High School.
- We recognized Student/Staff of the Month.

V. Reorganization of the Board

Board Election of Officers

President: Jerry Kinkead (Motion: Mr. Watson; Second: Mr. Reeves; Vote: 6-0)

V President: Julie Hess (Motion: Mr. Reeves; Second: Mr. Watson; Vote: 6-0)

Secretary: David Reeves (Motion: Mr. Mason; Second: Mr. Watson; Vote: 6-0)

Ass't. Secretary: Eric Mason (Motion: Mr. Bannon; Second: Mr. Watson; Vote: 6-0)

Approval of Nominations: Motion: Mr. Reeves; Second: Mr. Mason; Vote: 7-0

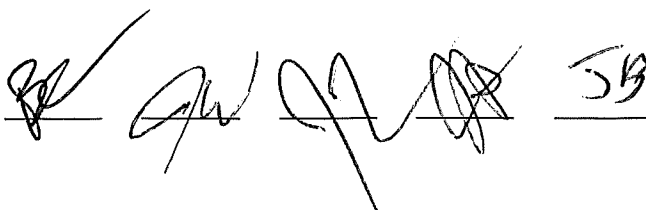
Appointed Corporation Treasurer & Corporation Attorney

Treasurer: Kristin Charles (Motion: Mrs. Hess; Second: Mr. Reeves; Vote: 7-0)

Attorney: Taylor, Minnette (Motion: Mrs. Hess; Second: Mr. Reeves; Vote: 7-0)

Appointed Medical Advisor

Medical Advisor: ProActive (Motion: Mr. Mason; Second: Mrs. Hess; Vote: 7-0)

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Approved Dates/Locations for School Board meetings.

(Motion: Mrs. Hess;Second: Mr. Reeves;Vote: 7-0)

Authorized Board President to appoint individual Board members to committees.

(Motion: Mr. Mason;Second: Mr. Reeves;Vote: 7-0)

Appointed ISBA Legislative Liaison:
Mr. Watson

(Motion:Mrs. Hess;Second: Mr. Reeves;Vote: 6-0)

Appointed Policy Liaison:
Mr. Bannon

(Motion: Mr. Cornelius;Second: Mr. Mason;Vote: 6-0)

VI. Board of Finance Meeting

Recommendation of Officers

President: Jerry Kinhead **(Motion: Mrs. Hess;Second: Mr. Cornelius;Vote: 6-0)**

Secretary: Kristin Charles **(Motion: Mrs. Hess;Second: Mr. Reeves ;Vote: 7-0)**

Chief Financial Officer Report

1. Checks to be Voided
2. Earned Interest Reporting for 2025
3. Financial Indicators Report.
4. Adjournment

(Motion: Mr. Watson;Second: Mr. Cornelius;Vote: 7-0)

VII. Revisions to the Agenda

-None.

VIII. Public Comments

-None.

IX. Consent Agenda:



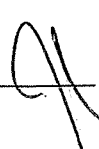
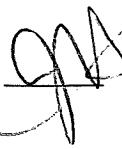

Minutes of previous meetings

Claims/Payroll

Total: \$2,011,590.85

-Approved resignation of Stephanie Acker, Instructional Assistant - Southmont Jr. High - effective January 16, 2026.

-Tiffany Mitchell - Administrative Assistant - Walnut Elementary.

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- Jamie McCormick - JH Math PLC Leader - \$2000.00
- Erin Jones - JH ELA PLC Leader - \$2000.00.
- Cayla Dennis - JH Science/SS/Computer Science PLC Leader - \$2000.00.
- Pam Rush - JH Special Education PLC Leader - \$2000.00.
- Jacob Moore - Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach - Volunteer.
- Emily Smith - JH Assistant Swimming Coach - Volunteer.
- Erin McCandless - JH Assistant Swimming Coach - Volunteer.
- FCCLA to Horizon Convention Center, Muncie, IN on February 26 - 27, 2026.
- FFA to Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, IN on January 30 - February 1, 2026.
- FFA to Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, IN on February 27 - 28, 2026.
- Donations made to Ladoga Elementary in the amount of \$100.00 and to Southmont High School in the amount of \$1850.00.

Motion:	Mrs. Hess	Second:	Mr. Reeves	Vote:	7-0
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X. Items for Action

1. Cancellation of the contract with Cummins Behavioral Health Systems.
Cummins initiated the end of the contract.

Motion:	Mr. Mason	Second:	Mr. Reeves	Vote:	7-0
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XI. Report from Superintendent - Dr. Stephanie Hofer

-Thank you to our 8th grade student council, who did the Pledge and their great leadership! Amazed by our students and staff! I am excited for 2026! A really good first semester.

XII. Items for Discussion by the Board

1. None.

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XII. Adjournment

Motion:	Mr. Reeves	Second:	Mr. Bannon	Vote:	7-0
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Future Meetings:

