

Minutes of the Southmont School Board of Trustees Public Work Session - March 12, 2026

The Southmont School Board of Trustees met in Public Work Session on Thursday, March 12, 2026 in the Administration Bldg., Corporation Board Room at 4:00 p.m. to discuss project updates and planning.

Public Meeting

- 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


Also present at the meeting was Mrs. Wendy Myers, Mrs. Kristin Charles, Mr. Michael Nehring, Mrs. Melissa Norman, and 2 representatives from Fanning/Howey.

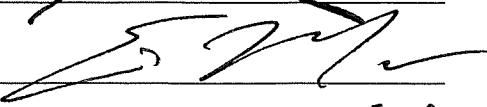
Discussion of upcoming project update and planning.


- IV. Adjournment

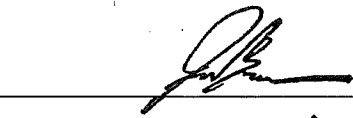
Motion:	Mrs. Hess	Second:	Mr. Watson	Vote:	7-0
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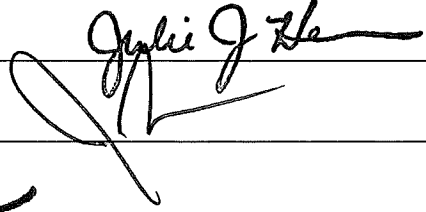












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Regular Board Meeting ■ Monday, March 9, 2026

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II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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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

- Winners from the Scholastic Writing Awards were recognized.
- Student/Staff of the Month were also recognized.

Public Hearing for Transportation Lease

1. Approved Resolution with L&M Commodities, Inc.

Motion:	Mr. Reeves	Second:	Mr. Watson	Vote:	7-0
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2. Approved Transportation Lease.

Motion:	Mrs. Hess	Second:	Mr. Reeves	Vote:	7-0
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Adjournment

Motion:	Mrs. Hess	Second:	Mr. Mason	Vote:	7-0
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V. Revisions to the Agenda

- Approved resignation of Jessica Barnhart - FCCLA Teacher - effective March 13, 2026.
- Approved resignation of Robert Trautwein - Special Ed. Teacher - effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approved retirement of Pamela Rush - Special Ed. Teacher - effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approved Tim Flagg leave of absence from February 4, 2026 through March 20, 2026.
- Approved maternity leave for Emma Mourey - April 6 through May 22, 2026.

Motion:	Mrs. Hess	Second:	Mr. Reeves	Vote:	7-0
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VI. Public Comments

-None.

VII. Consent Agenda:

Minutes of previous meetings

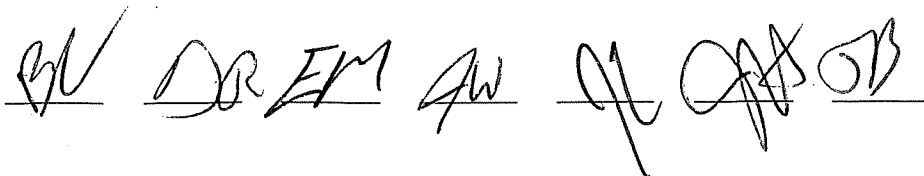
Claims/Payroll

Total:

\$1,969,011.72

Personnel:

- Raymond Jones - Transfer to High School Principal.
- Jennifer Whipple - Essential Skills Teacher - Southmont High School.
- Matthew Couch - JH Track Coach - \$1575.00.
- Lauren Berg - Jr. High Assistant Track Coach - \$1105.65.
- Jim Gary - Jr. High Assistant Track Coach - \$1105.65.
- Josh Gray - JH Boy's Golf Coach - \$1050.00.
- Ryan Needham - Jr. High Softball Coach - \$1312.50.
- Paige Beeler - Jr. High Softball Coach - Volunteer.
- Kelly Needham - Jr. High Softball Coach - Volunteer.
- Julie Hess - Jr. High Softball Coach - Volunteer.
- Avery Marsh - Jr. High Softball Coach - \$1312.50.
- Lana Gregg - JH Girls Tennis Coach - \$1575.00.
- Abigail Kinkead - Jr. High Girls Tennis Coach - Volunteer.
- Claire Remley - Varsity Softball Coach - Volunteer.
- Mitch Dehne - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - \$3000.00.
- Cole Thomas - Jr. High Baseball Coach - \$1312.50.
- Jason Boots - Jr. High Baseball Coach - \$1312.50.
- Brevan Cornelius - Jr. High Baseball Coach - Volunteer.



- Charles Maddock - Jr. High Baseball Coach - Volunteer.
- Matt Allen - Varsity Track Coach - Volunteer.
- Dan McCormick - Varsity Swimming Coach - new amount \$4800.00.
- Mercedes McCormick - Varsity Assistant Swimming Coach - new amount \$2500.00.
- Rescind the Cosmetology Trip to Rosemont, IL on April 20, 2026. The Beauty Show has been cancelled.
- FFA Trip to Lake Land College, Mattoon, IL on March 21, 2026.
- FFA Trip to Joliet College Weitendorf Campus, Joliet, IL on April 4, 2026.
- Southmont Band to Orlando, FL - Walt Disney World Resort & Stage Performance at Disney Springs - October 14-17, 2027.
- Donations made to Ladoga Elementary in the amount of \$253.38, to Walnut Elementary in the amount of \$3100.00 and to Southmont High School in the amount of \$8060.71.

Motion:	Mr. Watson	Second:	Mr. Bannon	Vote:	7-0
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Mr. Cornelius abstained from himself.
 Mrs. Hess abstained from herself and Avery Marsh.
 Mr. Kinkead abstained from Abigail Kinkead.

VIII. Items for Action

- 1.

IX. Report from Superintendent - Dr. Stephanie Hofer

- Congratulations to the students on the writing awards - that's awesome!
- March Mounties of the Month - hard to beat, we have the best students and staff!
- I'm excited to lease the building for transportation.
- We appreciate Pam Rush's dedication and service to Southmont Schools.
- Congratulations to Mr. Raymond Jones as the new high school principal. We are very excited.
- Welcome to Mrs. Whipple to Southmont as our new Essential Skills classroom.

X. Items for Discussion by the Board

1. NEOLA Board Policies Updates - 1st Reading.
2. Mr. Taylor discussed legislative updates.

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XI. Adjournment

Motion:	Mr. Cornelius	Second:	Mrs. Hess	Vote:	7-0
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Future Meetings:

April 13, 2026 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

May 11, 2026 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

