

**SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING – MILLER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
**June 18, 2026 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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Kendra Wilson – Purple and White Athletic Boosters (PWAB) Treasurer – addressed the Board regarding the exclusive use of concessions. Considerable discussion followed.

**ANNETTE LOSCO-SUPERINTENDENT**

- Academic Recognition – Policy Attached – issue with class rank after the end of the school year once all grades are in and final. Discussion followed on exploring different versions of an academic recognition policy to potentially address issues with incorrect class ranks and using the 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period.
- Student of the Month Gift Cards – Superintendent recommends getting student of the month gift cards from Little Italy since the Shawnee Crossing is open on limited schedules.
- Football/Basketball Scoreboard Updates (copy in packet) – Basketball scoreboard quote complete and will be sent back once repaired.
  - Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a new football scoreboard (donations, site evaluation, 25 second clocks)
- Building and Grounds Board Update (copy in packet)
- Communication App for Coaches
  - SportsYou
  - Remind
- Miller Youth League – questions regarding the Miller Youth League using facilities - Facility Use procedures and decisions follow Board Policy.
- Public Records Request
  - Brief discussion followed to clarify what the request was asking regarding Board member communications.
- Recommendation that the Board approved District Support Organization, Purple and White Athletic Boosters (PWAB), is granted exclusive operation of the Football and Basketball concession stands.

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**Board Discussion**

- Peoples' State Bank – Mr. Bartley introduced a discussion regarding the possibility of considering changing depositories to re-visit the conversation from February 2026.
  - Discussion with Treasurer regarding the current banking relationship and how the transition has gone with the North Valley Bank Corning branch closure in April. Discussion regarding charitable donations from Peoples State Bank.
  - Treasurer reports that the transition of Corning branch closure has gone smoothly and courier service is preferred over traveling to the branch. Currently, there are no operational concerns to warrant a change in operating accounts. We will continue to monitor banking relationships and continue to explore the best investment options for the District.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. MINUTES**

- A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 21, 2026 as submitted by the Treasurer.
- B. Recommend approval of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 26, 2026 as submitted by the Treasurer.

**2. TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Recommend that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
- B. Approve the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY 2026 in the amount of \$22,046,531.05.
- C. Approve the Amended Appropriations for FY 2026 at the fund level in the amount of \$16,486,518.76.
- D. Approve the temporary appropriations at the fund level for FY 2027.
- E. Approve the transfer of \$9,500 from the General Fund (001) to the Athletic Fund (300-932T) to cover the cost of free admission to athletic events for students.

**3. APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS FOR 2026-2027**

- A. Approve the following supplemental coaching contracts for the 2026-2027 school year pending proof of all required coaching documentation:

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**CATEGORY IV:** Sierra Spencer – JV Girls Basketball  
Danielle Cox – High School Cheer

**CATEGORY V:** Seth Matheny – Jr High Football  
Phil Wollenberg - Jr High Boys Basketball  
Kylie Post – Assistant High School Cheerleading

**CATEGORY IX:** Stephanie Davis – Elementary Student Council

**4. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Approve the continued participation in the ODE Office of Child Nutrition Community Eligibility Provision for the 2026-2027 school year. This program provides free breakfast and lunch to all students.
- B. Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2026-2027 school year pending proof of all required coaching trainings and certifications:  
  
Stephanie Dillon – Jr High Volleyball  
Trey McCoy – Varsity Football
- C. Approve the Athletic Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year. **(Removed for separate discussion and vote)**
- D. Approve resolution and membership in the Ohio Coalition Equity & Adequacy for School Funding for the 2026-2027 school year.
- E. Approve the Service Agreement with the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

**Resolution to Join Vouchers Hurt Ohio**

WHEREAS, the State has adopted a universal voucher system; and

WHEREAS, EdChoice Vouchers are funded by the State from designated appropriation line-items 200-550, 200-604, 200-612 and payment to private schools diminishes the amount of funding and levels of educational opportunities in school districts and ESC's; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from funds available to authentic public education further reduces the funding available to support the additional needs of minority pupils, pupils in poverty and pupils with disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from the appropriations that fund authentic public education increases reliance on local tax revenue to maintain school operations in violation of the Ohio Constitution and clear directives of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Section 1.

Now, Therefore, The Board of Education finds and determines that the universal voucher program is harmful to the districts, its pupils, taxpayers, voters and staff.

Section 2.

The Board of Education authorizes and directs the School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) and directs the District Treasurer to pay Coalition dues as set forth in Section 3.

Section 3.

Coalition dues for the school year are the sum of \$2.00 per district pupil (enrollment listed on most recent report card). Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) \$.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) \$1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition's efforts to challenge the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher program. Coalition Dues (a total of \$2 per pupil) are payable upon passage of this resolution.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION:**

- Mr. Siemer asked for item 4. C. "Approve the Athletic Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year" to be removed for separate consideration.

**26-038: Motion by Ms. Dorsey seconded by Mr. Bartley to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda.**

**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

**MOTION CARRIED Y N**

**26-039: Mr. Palmer introduced a motion to designate the Purple and White Athletic Boosters (PWAB), as the exclusive operator of the Football and Basketball concession stand facilities. Other organizations or groups may request facility use in accordance with Board Policy.**

**Motion Seconded by Mr. Bartley.**

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**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

***MOTION CARRIED Y N***

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION:**

4. C. Approve the Athletic Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year.

- Discussion on Unexcused Tardy Rule for Volleyball
  - Page 12, “Unexcused Tardy Rule” number 2) 7<sup>th</sup> tardy add the wording “2 sets for volleyball” for clarification on length of suspension for athlete.
- Discussion on Page 15 – “Use, Possession, or Distribution of Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, or Controlled Counterfeit Substances (including Marijuana) \*Consequences are applicable for off-campus events if law enforcement is involved.”
  - Mr. Siemer voiced concerns stating that the consequences for the section “Tobacco, Vaping, E-Cigarettes” on page 14 should hold the same consequences as in the section the “Use, Possession, or Distribution of Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, or Controlled Counterfeit Substances (including Marijuana) \*Consequences are applicable for off-campus events if law enforcement is involved” on page 15. Considerable discussion followed.

**26-040: Motion by Mr. Siemer seconded by Mr. Bartley to approve 4.C. Athletic Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year with the wording correction to add to page 12, Unexcused Tardy Rule 2) “2 sets for Volleyball.”**

**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

***MOTION CARRIED Y N***

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**Resolution to Establish**  
**Requirements for Employment of Substitute Teachers**

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Senate Bill 1 of the 134th General Assembly (as amended by House Bill 583 of the 134th General Assembly) grants Boards of Education the authority to employ an individual who does not hold a post-secondary degree as a substitute teacher for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years, provided the individual meets certain requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 107.30 of House Bill 33 of the 135th General Assembly extended such authority without restriction to specific school years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to establish the requirements necessary for employment of substitute teachers employed in accordance with such authority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Southern Local School District Board of Education (“Board”) authorizes the employment of individuals who do not hold a post-secondary degree as substitute teachers, as needed, as otherwise required pursuant to Ohio law and regulations, including Ohio Revised Code 3319.226 and 3319.30, Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-23-44, and/or Board Policy, provided that any individual so employed:

- The individual is a graduate of a high school or has a statement of high school equivalence in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Preferably, the individual is enrolled in a post-graduate program to earn a degree in education (teaching) or has significant experience coaching and/or supervising school-age children.
- satisfies all other applicable requirements and procedures, including successful completion of a criminal background check and evidence of appropriate substitute teaching license issued by the Ohio Department of Education.

Mr. Bartley moved and Mr. Palmer seconded the motion that the above Resolution be adopted.

This resolution was adopted by the Southern Local Board of Education in public session on the 18 day of June, 2026.

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In witness thereof, we hereby affix our signatures.

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President of the Board of Education

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Treasurer of the Board of Education

**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

***MOTION CARRIED Y N***

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 7:29 PM

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**PRESIDENT**

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**TREASURER**