

**SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – MILLER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
September 17, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

President Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:01 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

Mr. Palmer requested a moment of silence and reflection for a Board Member's family.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - Students of the Month

Miller High School (1)

Jeremiah Boley – 11th Grade

Millcreek (2)

Kayonna Holencey - 5th grade

Payton Bell - 6th grade

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- SLEA: Jodi Hellyer – no comments

ANNETTE LOSCO-SUPERINTENDENT

- Administrator Board Report: Jesse Harvey, Technology Director, gave a department update and upcoming projects update. Mr. Harvey also addressed questions and concerns regarding cell signal boosters, guest WiFi network, access to social media.
- Administration Update – Copies Attached
- School Report Cards – Copies Attached
- Attendance – new policy, re-written.
- One Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan – possible board participation in the next revision.
- District Compliments – Marietta College stopped to drop off a Symposium invitation to Ms. Losco and complimented the appearance of the facilities and the friendliness of the students and staff she encountered while in the building. Steve Rice, MVESC, complimented on how great our kids are and how much he enjoys coming here to fill in when needed.

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- Mr. Siemer added positive remarks he received from the Old Settlers Reunion – thank you to the Miller HS Band for attending the festival.
- Mr. Palmer added positive remarks he has received of the District – new students are easily accepted and have no problem joining in with the group.
- Ms. Dorsey added that she has heard numerous positive remarks about the new HS Principal at recent athletic and other school sponsored events.
- Gas Theft Last Year – prosecutor is presenting to the grand jury for indictment.
- Superintendent Evaluation – update on job description and evaluation
 - Board members also discussed the Treasurer's job description and evaluation. Treasurer job description to be updated and dates to be determined for evaluations of both the Treasurer and Superintendent
- Health Insurance Update
 - Treasurer gave the Board an update where the recent Insurance Committee meetings have ended up with the renewal. We are currently looking at a 23% increase, with slight plan design changes.

Board Discussion

- Public Depository Review
 - Discussion regarding the District's current public depository designation and Board member Palmer's request to revisit the possibility of evaluating alternative financial institutions. The Board discussion may include whether to authorize the Treasurer to solicit and evaluate proposals from eligible financial institutions pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135 and Board Policy 6140
 - Treasurer's Recommendation - recommendation to remain with the current depository; based upon previous recommendations and the most recent analysis, there is not a current operational, financial, or service issue that requires a change right now. The Treasurer does, however, understand the Board's interest in another financial institution given its plans to build a new branch in our community and recommends waiting to solicit proposals until the new branch is built and closer to opening.
 - Mr. Palmer began a group discussion with his opinion that the District should start the process of soliciting proposals at this time, with the concern that waiting would delay the process too long. Further discussion followed regarding the timing of the new local branch opening in our community, with other Board

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members supporting a decision to move forward with authorizing the Treasurer to begin the process of soliciting proposals.

- Backup Transportation Plan for Extracurricular Activities – reviewed Superintendent’s recommendation and insurance underwriter’s recommendation. Coach van licenses, parent transportation of their own child. Superintendent will work on guidelines and updating the handbook to reflect a backup transportation plan.
- Scoreboard Committee Report – location has been determined after the committee met with Nevco and AEP (new location will be opposite end zone of its current location, less distance for boring, conduit, electric lines to run). Mr. Siemer will contact contractors for boring options.
 - Further discussion on scoreboard donation program status and potential upcoming donors. Based upon the current funding available, the Board asked the committee to look into options in lower price ranges (\$70,000+), for the purpose of potential options, should additional funding not become available. Considerable discussion followed regarding donors, project timelines, other scoreboard vendors.
- Peoples Bank CD Renewal – renewed for 6 months

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES

- A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 20, 2026 as submitted by the Treasurer.

2. TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Recommend that the Treasurer’s report be accepted as presented.

3. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

- A. Approve the following as Millcreek Morning Club Activity Leaders, effective September 21, 2026, on an as-needed basis.
- Jaclyn Talbert
 - Vanessa Bobb
 - Megan Bryant

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4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- B. Approve the following Substitutes for the 2026-2027 School Year pending proof of licensure and background checks:

Name:

Adam Williams

Tina Guy

- C. NEOLA Board Policies First Reading
- Attendance
- D. NEOLA Board Policies Second Reading
- PO5430 Class Rank
- E. Approve the FFA trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 20, 2026, and return on October 22, 2026. (See attached proposal)
- F. Approve the Gifted Field Trip on March 25, 2027, to Dayton, Ohio, to visit the Wright-Patterson Air and Space Museum, Carillon Park, and Young's Dairy.
- G. Accept the donation of School Supplies from:
- Jazz Cozad
 - Perry County District Library
 - Zoey Hinkle and Family
 - Susan Miller and Family
 - Zack Smith Foundation

26-047: Motion by Mr. Siemer seconded by Ms. Dorsey to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE:

Mr. Sean Bartley <u>ABSENT</u>	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

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RESOLUTION REGARDING CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.90 became effective on September 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.90 provides that each city, local, and exempted village school district shall, by one of the means cited in the statute, provide to students enrolled in grades seven through twelve career-technical education adequate to prepare a student enrolled therein for an occupation; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.90 also provides that a board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district may adopt a resolution that specifies the district's intent not to provide career-technical education to students enrolled in grades seven and eight for a particular school year; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.90 further provides that a board of education that adopts such a resolution shall submit that resolution to the department of education by the thirtieth day of September of that school year and that the department shall waive the requirement for that district to provide career-technical education to students enrolled in grades seven and eight for that particular school year; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Local School District Board of Education has determined that it does not intend to provide career-technical education to students enrolled in grade seven in the Southern Local School District for the 2026-2027 school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Southern Local School District Board of Education that the Board hereby declares its intent not to provide career-technical education to students enrolled in grades seven in the Southern Local School District for the 2024-2025 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southern Local School District Board of Education hereby directs its Superintendent to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Ohio Department of Education forthwith, but no later than September 30, 2026.

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In witness thereof, we hereby affix our signatures on this 17th day of September 2026.

Superintendent

President of the board of education

26-048: Motion by Mr. Palmer seconded by Ms. Dorsey to approve the resolution.

VOTE:

Mr. Sean Bartley <u>ABSENT</u>	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

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26-049: Motion to Authorize Treasurer to Solicit Depository Proposals

Ms. Dorsey introduced a motion, seconded by Mr. Palmer to authorize the Treasurer to solicit applications and proposals from eligible financial institutions for consideration of a possible change in the District's designated public depository, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135 and Board Policy 6140, and to present a recommendation to the Board for further action after evaluation of said applications and proposals.

VOTE:

Mr. Sean Bartley <u>ABSENT</u>	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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time:7:43PM

PRESIDENT

TREASURER