

SOUTHERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 10, 2023 @ 5:30 pm / High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes

**III. Adoption of Minutes: Moved by John Sawyer Seconded by Linda Morris
Waive the reading of the minutes**

Vote: Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Dowling Yes

IV. Reception of Visitors

During the Reception of Visitors or in the meeting, anyone addressing the board must refrain from using specific names other than that of the person speaking. If used, the President will ask you to continue in an executive session to be held at the board's determination. This is in line with Board of Education Policy 0169.1. There is a time limit of five minutes to speak per person and a total of thirty minutes. To go beyond thirty minutes board vote is needed.

Nancy Sakely, Michelle Hart, Regina Utt, Cindy Marshall, Phyllis Maskaluk, George Maskaluk, Sandy Lewis, Donna Hart, Carol Melott, Rachel Jordan McElfresh, Ryan Smith, Tom Booth, Nikki Lewis, Holly Davis, Starr Ensinger, Renee Blakeley, Amy Gareis, Dan Spann

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report: (Approval of the payment of bills and the transfers and /or advances as presented by the treasurer).

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Dowling Yes

VI. Career Center Report

VII. Building Report

Jr/Sr. High School report by Rich Wright

- **8th Graders toured CCCTC on October 3**
 - **The PBIS Team took 50 students who earned a certain amount of PBIS check-marks from teachers to movies on October 4**
 - **US Army Recruiter came on October 5 and spoke to 10 interested Juniors and Seniors who discussed options for entering the military after high school**
 - **Approximately 52 parent meetings were held during Parent Teacher Conferences on October 5**
 - **Josie Stanley was voted October Kiwanis Student of the Month; breakfast in her honor will be Tuesday, October 17 at the Kiwanis Club**
 - **Fall Testing Letters will be sent home at the end of the month for all students who need to sit for an end of course exam in December**
- Both Fall and Spring testing schedules have been finalized**
Homecoming football game Friday 13th / dance 21

Elementary report by Emily Brinker

- **Book Fair is taking place this week and we have a great turnout of PTO volunteers helping make this week successful.**
- **Teachers have completed their Professional Growth Plans and had the chance to meet with Carri Meek to review goals. Teacher have submitted and these plans will be revisited each quarter.**
- **Teachers have turned in their PAX reward incentives. Some grade levels have already completed an activity.**

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Report card overview

3 Stars which is an improvement overall from last year's report and puts us in the middle of the pack in the county.

Our 85 percent Early Literacy component was the highest score in the county.

I want to point out the report in the local newspapers from US News which "ranks" schools and is a college readiness inventory.

They use 6 indicators to score schools.

2 of the indicators, which are worth 40 percent, are based on AP courses, which we discontinued utilizing instead opting for CCP courses. The information provided, if you look it up on your own, states that ranking reflects students participating in and earning qualified AP scores. Nowhere in the newspaper article printed does it refer to this. We prepare our students for college and career.

Not to mention that of the 6 areas scored, they used 2 of the possible 4 areas in Southern's calculation and left the other two areas off. This amounted to another 20 percent counting as 0.

Our district staff, teachers, custodians, secretaries, aides, bus drivers, everyone, have done a good job educating our students and preparing them to be successful. We

continue to focus on areas of need and will continue to provide a solid education for our students.

23-170 **Recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.**

John Bryan – teacher
Kayla Terdina – teacher
Lisa Pitts – teacher
George Whittaker - teacher
Katie Ketchum - cafeteria

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Karl Blissenbach

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Dowling Yes

23-171 **Recommend the Board to approve then and now purchase orders as approved by the Treasurer. (Attachment A)**

Moved by Karl Blissenbach

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes

23-172 **Recommend approval of the contract for FY24 with the Jefferson County ESC for Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, COTA, and P/S Aides.**

Moved by Linda Morris

Seconded by Scott Hart

Vote: Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Dowling Yes

23-173 **Recommend approval of the contract with Wills Mobility & Vision Services, LLC for vision (TVI) services for FY24.**

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Dowling Yes

23-174 Recommend approval of the staffing agreement with Utica Shale Academy for Carter Hill as a full-time administrator.

Moved by Karl Blissenbach

Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Dowling Yes

23-175 Recommend approval of the staffing agreement with Utica Shale Academy for Bill Watson as a full-time administrator/superintendent.

Moved by Karl Blissenbach

Seconded by Scott Hart

Vote: Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes

23-176 Recommend approval that the Board of Education contributes \$4691.60 for yearbooks.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Dowling Yes

23-177 Recommendation to approve payment in lieu of transportation for students going to designated schools per request for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Linda Morris

Seconded by Karl Blissenbach

Vote: Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Dowling Yes

23-178 Recommend approval of the five-year forecast as presented by the Treasurer. (Attachment B)

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Scott Hart

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Dowling Yes

23-179 Recommend approval of a stipend for Alannah Smith, High School Guidance Counselor, for boarding and scheduling Youth Build VLA students.

Moved by Karl Blissenbach

Seconded by Scott Hart

Vote: Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes

23-180 Recommend approval of Stephen Grimm as boys varsity basketball assistant coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Karl Blissenbach

Vote: Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Dowling Yes

23-181 Recommend approval of a one-year contract for Tiffany McDevitt as a three-hour cafeteria worker in the high school kitchen.

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Dowling Yes

23-182 Recommend approval of Ernanie Black as a foreign language interpreter for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Linda Morris

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Dowling Yes

23-183 Recommend approval of the back pay for FY20 supplementals for the following Southern Local personnel (Attachment C).

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes

23-184 Recommend approval of Kenneth Mike Boyle as volunteer junior high girls basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Karl Blissenbach

Vote: Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Dowling Yes

23-185 Recommend approval of a supplemental contract for Bob Shansky as athletic director for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Karl Blissenbach

Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Dowling Yes

23-186 Recommend approval of Brady Ketchum as freshman boys basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Dowling Yes

23-187 Recommend approval of Jason Riggs as freshman boys basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Karl Blissenbach

Vote: Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes

23-188

The following will serve as an Addendum to the 3313.45 contracts executed between Southern Local School District and the Jefferson County Educational Service Center (ESC) for the 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024 school years. All other provisions of said contracts shall remain in full force.

1. Jefferson County ESC will allow the representatives of the US Department of Human Services, Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), Ohio Department of Education (ODE), or their representative designee access to the subcontractor's books, documents, and records.
2. Jefferson County ESC acknowledges that they or their principles are not suspended or debarred.
3. Jefferson County ESC is required to comply with the requirements of 45 CFR 164.504 (e) (1) for safeguarding and limiting access to information containing beneficiaries.

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Dowling Yes

23-189

Recommendation to go into executive session for matters required to be kept confidential by federal law of rules or state statutes. WHEREAS, as a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:

1. Appointment
2. Employment
3. Dismissal
4. Discipline
5. Promotion
6. Demotion
7. Compensation

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes

Returned from Executive Session: 10:00 pm

Roll Call: Sawyer Yes, Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Dowling Yes

Next Regular Meeting: November 14, 2023 @ 5:30 pm in High School Media Room.

Adjournment: 10:00 pm

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Scott Hart

Vote: Blissenbach Yes, Hart Yes, Morris Yes, Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes