

SOUTHERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2026 @ 6:15 pm / Williams Building

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

III. Adoption of Minutes: Moved by Frank Shagnot Seconded by Jeremiah Cole

Waive the reading of the minutes

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston 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.

Josh Manist, James Carlton, Tracy Carlton, Paige Talbott, Marjorie Hiller, Ashley Farnsworth, Donna Hart, Ryan Wilson, Zachary Almy, Lindsay Almy, Kassandra Wilson, Kelly Malone, Kate Spahlinger, Sandy Lewis, Julie Dowling, Kip Dowling, Kathy Ohler, Pastor Rodney A. Ohler, Teddy Mitchell, Cindy Marshall, Tay Grim, Charlie Puckett, Christopher Brock, Ted Ludwig, MJ Ludwig, Jessica Meek, Connie Barber, Maccie Edwards, Jeff Haugh, Conner Lewis, Kennedy Lewis, Chris Lewis, Holly Davis, Susan Almy, Joe Almy, Barb Beveridge, Dale Beveridge, Connie Beverodge

V. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

VI. Career Center Report

VII. Building Reports

Report from Mr. Krulik: Spoke about attendance: January 24/25 11.96, January 25/26 8.56

Drivers Education Online Component during Independent Study

Drivers Education Driving Component at Southern or at their house

Future will be driving during school. We will have back to back Independent Study

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month

School board members play a vital role in shaping the future of education in our community. Their decisions impact every student, every classroom, and every family. We are grateful for their vision and service.

School board members give our community a voice in education decision-making.

While January is a special time to recognize their contribution, their commitment lasts all year. Please join us in thanking our board members for their service.

Akron Mobile Unit served 8 families last visit and will be here again this week.

Mobile Dental will be here in March

These are 2 great programs that are helping our families.

CCESC Principal Collaborative Junior Achievement BizTown 4-6 and Financial Parks 7-12

Great opportunities for our students next year. Building principals will be attending informational meetings and discussions with JA.

Greenhouse update. We have the gas lines and electricity installed and now looking to complete the outside learning lab area.

Thank Mr. Teddy Mitchell for his carvings. It is an awesome gesture and the name carvings he does for the Kiwanis students is greatly appreciated by each student. He truly cares about the community and our students.

26-001 Recommend approval to submit the annual tax budget for consideration to the County Budget Commission as presented by the treasurer. (Attachment A)

Moved by Jean Pastore

Seconded by Jeremiah Cole

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-002 Recommend approval of the substitutes on the attached lists. (Attachment B)

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Abstain

26-003 Recommend the Board to approve now and then purchase orders as approved by the Treasurer. (Attachment C)

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-004 Recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jennifer Bahen – teacher

Jenna Moore - secretary

Moved by Jean Pastore

Seconded by Liz Weston

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-005 Recommend approval of the IRS mileage rate of 72.5 per mile for 2026.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jeremiah Cole

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-006 **Recommend approval of the resignation of Bobby Westover effective December 16, 2025.**

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-007 **Recommend approval of the 6th grade Science field trip to the Kamin Science Center in Pittsburgh on March 19, 2026. Time of departure is 8:40 am and time of return is 2:20 pm.**

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-008 **Recommend approval of a stipend for Kenadee Pezzano for Youth Coalition Advisor from the Family Recovery Center.**

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Liz Weston

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-009 **Recommend approval of a bonus for Laura Rowe at Utica Shale for exceeding expectations on the school report card last year.**

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Liz Weston

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-010 **Recommend approval to rescind Mark Soukup's volunteer contract for boys' basketball. He will be an assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year.**

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-011 **Recommend approval of Rylee Mellott as varsity assistant volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year.**

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-012 **Recommend approval of Gerard Grimm as varsity baseball coach for the 2025-2026 school year.**

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Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

Vote: Cole _____, Hart _____, Pastore _____, Shagnot _____, Weston _____

26-012 **Recommendation to go into executive session for matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or 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 Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

Returned from Executive Session: 9:34 pm

Roll Call: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

26-013 Recommend approval of Gerard Grimm as varsity baseball coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

Next Regular Meeting: February 10, 2026 @ 6:00 pm / High School

Adjournment: 9:35 pm

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Cole Yes, Hart Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Weston Yes

Treasurer, Board of Education

President, Board of Education