

SOUTHERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 12, 2025 @ 6:00 pm / High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Hart Yes

III. Adoption of Minutes: Moved by John Sawyer Seconded by Frank Shagnot Waive the reading of the minutes

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Hart 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.

- 1. Amy Gareis – JCESC**
- 2. Ashley Farnsworth**
- 3. Marjorie Hiller**
- 4. Donna Hart**
- 5. Andy Vulgamore**
- 6. Sandy Lewis**
- 7. Julie Utt**
- 8. Charlie Puckett**
- 9. Robert Marra**
- 10. Nancy Sakely**
- 11. Holly Davis**
- 12. Diane Meister**
- 13. Jeff Haugh**
- 14. Kristy Sampson**

- 15. Holly Davis
- 16. Josh Davis
- 17. Jackie Giovenco

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: Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Hart Yes

VI. Career Center Report

VII. Building Reports

Elementary report given by Ms. Smith

***I want to first thank the custodial staff and summer help for all their hard work on getting the building ready. They updated some paint in the offices and it looks great.**

***Teachers have been starting to file in to get their rooms ready/class lists**

***Back to school bash is Wednesday August 27th from 4-6. I believe I have everything ready to go.**

***Teachers have an upcoming training on Monday August 25th with NWEA to look at EOY data to plan for this year.**

Jr/Sr High report given by Mr. Wrask

- **Meet the Indians 15th @ 6.**
- **Prepping for Back-to School Bash 8/27, which will also include 6th grade orientation at 5pm. An all-call will be going out shortly for that.**
- **I'm exploring how to handle student abuse of Chromebooks.**
- **Streamline Cell phone policy:**
- **1st Offense: Student's phone will be turned into the office and may be retrieved their device at the conclusion of the school day.**
- **2nd Offense: Student's phone will be turned into the office and their parent/guardian will be required to retrieve the device.**
- **3rd Offense: Student's phone will be turned into the office and a conference will be set up with their parent/guardian. Discipline will also follow with increasing severity.**

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Annette Gross, is our new Regional Literacy Coaching Coordinator for ReadOhio in the East Region. Our new Literacy Coach, Brittany Welsh.

Back to School Bash

Meet the Indians

Tom Best Nutrition Group - meeting with staff and great attitude

Custodians and maintenance - lots of fresh paint

Cell phones

An "instructional day" is any period of time in which a student is expected to be in attendance and includes not only formal instruction time but also supervised activities, such as transitioning between classes, recess, meal periods, and field trips.

Greenhouse and storage building update

25-137 Recommend the Board to approve then and now purchase orders as approved by the Treasurer. (Attachment A)

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Kip Dowling

Vote: Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Hart Yes

25-138 Recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year.

Colton Novak – teacher

Laurie Ronshak – teacher

Jennifer Timms – teacher

Conner Lewis - teacher

Kristina Napierkowski – paraprofessional

Robert Mike Jarvis - custodian

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Hart Yes

25-139 Recommend approval of the resignations of Rich Sloan as Junior High football coach and Jimmy Malone as boys golf coach.

Moved by Jean Pastore

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Hart Yes

25-140 Recommend approval of the following supplementals for the 2025-2026 school year:

Holly Davis – Junior High Athletic Director

Gerard Grimm – Girls Golf Coach, Head Boys Basketball Coach

Zac Almy – Head Football Coach

Jimmy Malone – Assistant High School Football Coach

Fernando Dechellis – Assistant High School Football Coach

Dan Spencer – Assistant High School Football Coach

Dennis Bowers – Boys Head Wrestling Coach

Mike Skrinjar – Head Girls Basketball Coach

Thomas Terdina – Junior High Football Coach

Courtland Kellogg – Boys Golf Coach

Moved by Kip Dowling

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Shagnot Yes, Hart Yes

25-141 Recommend approval of the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

**Logan Redfern – Cross Country
Alleigh Ingledue – Volleyball**

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Hart Yes

25-142 Recommend approval of the fifth-grade field trip to Camp Fitch. Bus departs November 12, 2025 @ 8:45 am and returns November 14, 2025 @ 2:00 pm.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Kip Dowling

Vote: Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Hart Yes

25-143 Recommend approval of the Service Agreement with the Columbiana County Educational Service Center for participation in Project Inspire.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Hart Yes

25-144 Recommend approval of the staffing agreement with the Jefferson County Educational Service Center.

Moved by Kip Dowling

Seconded by Scott Hart

Vote: Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Hart Yes

25-145 Recommend a continuing contract for Julie Dowling as Assistant Treasurer.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Dowling Abstain, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Hart Yes

25-146 Recommend approval of a one-year teaching contract for Jennifer Hitt as Elementary Art Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Hart Yes

25- 147 Recommend approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) has recently been amended by H.B. 96 to require school districts to prepare and file a three-year financial forecast instead of a five-year forecast; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that long-term financial planning is essential to maintaining fiscal health, anticipating future needs, and making informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that continuing to prepare a five-year financial forecast enhances the district's ability to responsibly manage resources and plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board remains committed to transparency, accountability, and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the *Southern Local School District* that:

- 1. The Treasurer/CFO is hereby directed to continue preparing a five-year financial forecast, in addition to the three-year forecast required under the Ohio Revised Code.**
- 2. The five-year financial forecast, which will include the three-year financial forecast, shall be presented to the Board of Education by October 15 and the end of February in FY26 and by the end of August and end of February each year beginning with the FY27 fiscal year.**
- 3. The three-year financial forecast shall be filed with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) in accordance with state law.**

This resolution shall remain in effect unless and until amended or rescinded by formal action of the Board.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Hart Yes

24-148 Recommend approval of the Board of Education to donate \$250.00 to the Southern Local Touchdown Club.

Moved by Jean Pastore

Seconded by Kip Dowling

Vote: Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Hart Yes

24-149 Recommend approval of Natasha Grimm as a full-time substitute for the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Scott Hart

Vote: Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Hart Yes

25-150 Recommendation to accept the retirement resignation of Tom Cunningham effective August 28, 2025.

Moved by Kip Dowling

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Hart Yes

25-151 Recommend the employment of Tom Cunningham effective September 2, 2025. Mr. Cunningham will receive a two-year contract.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Hart Yes

25-152 Recommend approval of the stipend for Josh Manist and Sebastian Bach for setting up the network in the new welding lab.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Hart Yes

25-153 Recommend approval for free admission to all Southern Local students for home athletic events. Elementary students must be accompanied by an adult.

Moved by Scott Hart

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

Vote: Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Hart Yes

25-154 Recommend approval to terminate the contract of Jan Palmer, student monitor, effective July 31, 2025.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

Vote: Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Hart Yes

25-155 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

X 2. Employment

_____ 3. Dismissal

_____ 4. Discipline

_____ 5. Promotion

_____ 6. Demotion

X 7. Compensation

X 8. Personnel

Moved by Kip Dowling

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Hart Yes

Returned from Executive Session: 9:38 pm

Roll Call: Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Hart Yes

Next Regular Meeting September 9, 2025 @ 6:00 pm High School Media Center

Adjournment: 9:40 pm

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Yes, Pastore Yes, Hart Yes

Treasurer

President