

SOUTHERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 8, 2025 @ 6:00 pm / High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Shagnot Yes, Dowling Absent, 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 Absent, 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. Marjorie Hiller**
- 2. Emily Bowling**
- 3. Gary Bowling**
- 4. Charlie Puckett**
- 5. Christina Dentz**
- 6. Robert Marra**
- 7. Ashley Farnsworth**
- 8. Alannah Smith**
- 9. Jeff Haugh**
- 10. Diane Meister**
- 11. Amy Gareis – JCESC**
- 12. Ryan Smith**
- 13. Andy Vulgamore**

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 Absent, Pastore Yes, Sawyer Yes, Hart Yes

VI. Career Center Report

VII. Building Reports

Elementary report given by Emily Smith

- **This week will finish up state testing for all students in grades 3-5**
- **Staff just participated in a survey looking at next year. So we will dive into this at our last teacher in-service day**
- **Tuesday, April 15th will be District Showcase, we will have raffle baskets, spaghetti dinner, about 20 vendors, petting zoo, and a showcase of student work displayed**
- **After spring break elementary will hold their Breakfast with a loved one. This is always one of my favorite events we do.**
- **May 7th we also have the Brightside Project out of Salem coming. The sunshine bus will give all students in grades PreK-5 the ability to choose from food items, snacks, candy, hygiene products, and books. This is a great opportunity for our community**

High School Report given by Jess Krulik

Over the past few weeks, our students have demonstrated increased engagement and initiative, both academically and civically. One of the most notable recent developments is the creation of a student-led petition regarding the current dress code policy—specifically, the prohibition of wearing hats within the school building. A group of students have organized themselves to advocate for a revision of this policy, citing personal expression, comfort, and cultural considerations as key reasons for the change. They gathered over 200 signatures and have expressed their desire to work collaboratively with school administration and the Board to explore potential changes. Their respectful approach and willingness to engage in the process reflect positively on the leadership skills we are working to foster in our students and I agreed to bring it to the board for consideration.

Additionally, our Spring EOC (End-of-Course) state testing window is now underway. This past week, both our junior high and high school students completed ELA Part 1 testing. We implemented a two-hour delay on testing days to provide a calm and focused testing environment for students and to allow staff adequate time to administer the assessments and have enough staff to separate the students into smaller groups utilizing many classrooms. We're pleased to report that the delay structure worked very well. Students arrived on time, and the staggered schedule created minimal disruption to the rest of the academic day. Staff feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we anticipate a similar approach for the upcoming math, science, and social studies testing dates.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

We will need to certify by April 18 that our policies are compliant with Certification related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Levy and voting begins today

Levy meeting tomorrow

District Showcase and spaghetti dinner April 15

CCCTC NTHS Wednesday evening

FFA Banquet Thursday evening

Thank you to the kitchen staff for working hard while there is a shortage of substitutes.

25-046 Recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

Cameron Grodhaus- Teacher

Megan Jenkins- Cafeteria worker

Robert Jarvis- Custodian

Jennifer Weston – Custodian

Stephanie Lang - Paraprofessional

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-047 Recommend the Board to approve then and now purchase orders as approved by the Treasurer. (Attachment A)

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Jean Pastore

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

25-048 Recommend approval of the staff and student acceptable use policies.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

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

25-049 Recommend approval of the following supplementals for the 2025-2026 School year:

**Jimmy Malone – Boys Golf Coach
Alexis Rhodes – Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach
Kya McCulley – Junior High Volleyball Coach
Rylee Mellott – Junior High Volleyball Coach
Nikki Kellogg – High School Cheerleading Coach
Diana Baker – Junior High Cheerleading Coach
Richard Sloan – Junior High Football Coach
Charles McCulley – JV Baseball Coach
Lester Scott McNeil – Volunteer Track Coach**

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-050 Recommend approval for Medicaid AUP Services from Julian & Grube.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

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

25-051 Recommend approval of the amended certificate of resources as presented by the treasurer. (Attachment B)

Moved by Jean Pastore

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-052 Recommend approval of the amended appropriations as presented by the treasurer. (Attachment C)

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-053 Recommend approval of the Service Agreement with the Columbiana County Educational Service Center for FY 2026.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

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

25-054 Recommend approval of the SLTA Master Agreement.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

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

25-055 Recommend approval of the biology class field trip to National Aviary in Pittsburgh on May 28, 2025. Time of departure is 7:35 am and time of return is 2:15 pm.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-056 Recommend approval of the Freshman Class trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo, Raising Canes, and PNC Park on May 22, 2025. Time of departure is 10:30 am and time of return is 11:00 pm.

Moved by Jean Pastore

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-057 Recommend approval of the PBIS field trip to Kennywood Amusement Park on May 27, 2025. Time of departure is 9:00 am and time of return is 8:00 pm.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-058 Recommend approval of the following Policies: (This is the first reading)

0131.1	5610
0171	5751
1422.01	5780.01
2260.02	6151
2271	7421
2340	7440.01
2430.02	8142
2431	8452
2460	8500
5113	5136
5120	1613
5131	3213
5223	4213
5330	5136.01
5350	6460
5460	

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

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

25-059 Recommend approval for Mary Craig as a 3-hour Cafeteria worker in the High School.

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

25-060 Recommend approval of John Farnsworth as evening custodian in the high school.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

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

25-061 Recommend approval of the following continuing contracts:

**Ashley Farnsworth
Kenadee Pezzano
Alannah Smith
Fernando DeChellis**

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Passtore

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

25-062 Recommend approval of a limited contract for Taylor Gauntt, bus driver.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

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

25-063 Recommend approval of a two- year contract for Morgan Pallo as a School Psychologist

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by Jean Pastore

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

25-064 Recommend approval of a two- year contract for Christina Dentz as an Occupational Therapist.

Moved by John Sawyer

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

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

**25-065 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 Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

Returned from Executive Session: 8:30 pm

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

Next Regular Meeting: May 13, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Adjournment: 8:31 pm

Moved by Frank Shagnot

Seconded by John Sawyer

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

Treasurer, Board of Education

President, Board of Education