Southern Local Board of Education

Board Of Education Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting - October 13, 2026 - 6:00 pm - High School Cafeteria

Meeting Overview	Meeting Overview
Call to Order	6:00 pm
Board Members Present	Jeremiah Cole, Jean Pastore, Frank Shagnot, Liz Weston, Scott Hart
Adjournment	8:31 pm
Next Regular Meeting	November 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order in the High School Cafeteria at 6:00 pm.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll call: Jeremiah Cole, Jean Pastore, Frank Shagnot, Liz Weston, and Scott Hart were present.

II. Adoption of Minutes

- Action taken to adopt the minutes.
- Moved by Jeremiah Cole; seconded by Liz Weston.
- Vote recorded: Pastore - Yes; Shagnot - Yes; Weston - Yes; Cole - Yes; Hart - Yes.

III. Reception of Visitors

- Visitor participation was governed by Board of Education Policy 0169.1, including a five-minute limit per speaker and a thirty-minute total limit unless extended by board vote.
- Mrs. Scheel discussed the seventh-grade CTE program and the 16 pathways using project based learning. Students presented Robotics Club T-shirt graphic designs and said they enjoyed the hands-on activities.
- Julie Gates
- Ryan Smith
- Kristy Sampson
- Eric Sampson
- Warren Scott, JCESC
- Kathy Ohler
- Rodney A. Ohler, Pastor
- Ted Mitchell
- Charlie L. Puckett
- Jennifer Enochs
- Morgan Pallo

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Financial report presented for 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 recorded: Shagnot - Yes; Weston - Yes; Cole - Yes; Pastore - Yes; Hart - Yes.

V. Reports and Updates

- Career Center Report.
- Elementary report from Emily Smith: The book fair hosted this past week went very well, with many PTO volunteers attending. Breakfast with a Loved One began October 13 and will continue into the following week. Third-grade state testing begins October 20. Halloween parties are scheduled for Friday, October 30, in the gymnasium.
- Art report from Ms. Blakeley: Art to Remember, a fundraiser for students in grades K-5, will begin in January. Student artwork will be sent away, and families may order items featuring their child's artwork, including blankets, magnets, puzzles, and cups. Funds raised will help purchase classroom and student art supplies.
- Middle School report from Jordan Wrask: The Middle School Principal Advisory has been selected and its first meeting is scheduled for this week. Initial goals include a peer tutoring program and refreshing the kindness wall. Eighth graders attended a field trip to CCCTC on October 7. The first PBIS trip to Woolf Farms is scheduled for October 23 for 20 high school and 20 middle school students, including a corn maze, apple picking, apple cider, and donuts. Red Ribbon Week is the week of October 26. The first nine weeks ends October 30.
- Mr. Krulik reported that parent-teacher conferences held on Thursday, October 8, had the highest parent attendance to date. An FFA trip is coming, and eighth-grade students are receiving an introduction to agriculture. He also addressed a bus accident by speaking with the driver and the five students involved, contacting parents, and discussing any concerns they had about the accident.
- Mr. Samson reported 81 students at the Indian Academy. A new PBIS incentive promotes engagement, and the new curriculum is much more engaging than the previous one. The Academy currently has 13 IEPs, prepared by a special education teacher.
- Mr. Puckett reported that the lighting installation is expected to be completed by Friday. A sewage pump has been replaced, and The K Company is performing software upgrades on the maintenance property. The district is also evaluating a salt-and-magnesium solution for melting ice during the winter to help protect the new blacktop.
- Mr. Shansky provided the athletic report. Boys basketball open gyms have drawn 17 boys and three girls. The high school volleyball team is participating in the OVAC Tournament, and the football team is scheduled to play Valley. Banners and other gymnasium upgrades are currently being ordered and installed.
- Superintendent Mrs. Sigler described the BASA Superintendent conference, "Leading with the Heart," as fantastic and especially enjoyed a presentation involving gifted students and robotics. She praised the student band as "small and mighty" and said it represented Southern Local very well at the Columbiana Band Show. She also attended a soil judging event this week and enjoyed grading and observing junior high CTE projects. Mrs. Sigler

VI. Superintendent's Report

- Mrs. Sigler's report is recorded under Section V, Reports and Updates.

VII. Formal Actions and Recorded Votes

In the far-right Outcome column, each entry lists the action result and each board member's individual vote.

Item	Recommendation / Action	Motion	Outcome (with individual votes)
26-238	Approve the following substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year: Jason Riggs - teacher; Ashlie Lloyd - cafeteria and secretary; Jessica Green - secretary; Tina Smith - cafeteria worker; Rachael Donaldson-Smith - teacher, paraprofessional, and secretary; Toby Warner - custodian; Brock Corbin - custodian; Starr Ensinger - teacher.	Moved: Liz Weston Second: Jean Pastore	Approved Vote: Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-239	Approve then and now purchase orders as approved by the Treasurer (Attachment A).	Moved: Frank Shagnot Second: Jeremiah Cole	Approved Vote: Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Hart: Yes

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26-240	Approve an FMLA for an unnamed individual beginning September 2, 2026 and ending January 18, 2027.	Moved: Liz Weston Second: Frank Shagnot	Approved Vote: Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-241	Approve a $100 bonus for Terri Jarvis, cafeteria worker, for the FY27 school year.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-242	Approve the FFA traveling to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, departing October 21, 2026 at 7:00 am and returning October 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm.	Moved: Frank Shagnot Second: Jean Pastore	Approved Vote: Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-243	Approve the fifth-grade field trip to Camp Fitch November 18-20, 2026. Departure is 8:45 am and return is 2:00 pm.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Frank Shagnot	Approved Vote: Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-244	Approve a $1,500 stipend for Madison Brown to write IEPs for the Indian Academy for the 2026-2027 school year.	Moved: Liz Weston Second: Jean Pastore	Approved Vote: Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-245	Approve raising the substitute custodian rate to $15 per hour. Discussion: Rates were raised to match county average for substitute custodians	Moved: Frank Shagnot Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-246	Approve Boo's Bug Stoppers, LLC for pest control and sanitation services for the 2026-2027 school year.	Moved: Liz Weston Second: Jean Pastore	Approved Vote: Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Abstain; Hart: Yes
26-247	Approve the memorandum of understanding with the Jefferson County Educational Service Center for school psychologist services. Discussion: Mrs. Sampson explained the grant allows the school psychologist to network and study if the region could use additional Psychologists.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-248	Approve the resignations of Amanda Wrobleski, Robotics Club Advisor, and Todd Walters, Robotics Club Co-Advisor, for the 2026-2027 school year.	Moved: Jean Pastore Second: Jeremiah Cole	Approved Vote: Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-249	Approve the following supplementals (Attachment B).	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Frank Shagnot	Approved Vote: Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Hart: Abstain
26-250	Approve the following VLA grading stipends: Shannon Rodgers - English 1-8; Gerard Grimm - English 9-12; Michele Skinner - Math 7-12; Todd Walters - Social Studies 4-9 and Science 4-8; Lisa Houck - Science 9-12; Karla Calderon - SEL Program.	Moved: Jean Pastore Second: Jeremiah Cole	Approved Vote: Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-251	Approve the following athletic supplementals: Mark Soukup - JV Boys Basketball coach; Stephen Grimm - Assistant Boys Basketball coach; Mike Skrinjar - Varsity Girls Basketball coach; Justin Gerren - Varsity Girls Assistant coach; Andy Plunkett - 7th grade Girls Basketball coach; Nikki Kellogg, Cory Boyle, and LoveDevett Hill - Volunteer Assistants for Girls Basketball.	Moved: Frank Shagnot Second: Scott Hart	Outcome not stated in source; vote included two No votes. Vote: Cole: No; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: No; Hart: Yes
26-252	Approve Joe Abdalla as full-time evening custodian at the high school effective October 1, 2026.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-253	Approve the three-year Technical Support Agreement with The K Company.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-254	Approve the ACCESS Service Agreement for K-12 attendance.	Moved: Frank Shagnot (motion maker not explicitly labeled in source) Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-255	Approve the Service Agreement with ESCEO for teaching and learning services.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Frank Shagnot	Approved Vote: Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-256	Approve the SLTA Memorandum of Understanding regarding the resolution of Grimm Grievance and Amendment of Article 3(B).	Moved: Jean Pastore Second: Jeremiah Cole	Approved Vote: Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-257	Approve staffing agreements from Utica Shale for Johnny Wright for forklift repair/replacement and for Johnny Wright and Matt Gates for lift machine installation. Discussion: All are paid for 100% by Utica Shale Academy	Moved: Frank Shagnot Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-258	Approve an FMLA for an unnamed individual beginning September 15, 2026 through November 1, 2026.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Frank Shagnot	Approved Vote: Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Hart: Yes

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26-259	Approve a stipend for Morgan Pallo, School Psychologist, for extra time worked.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Liz Weston	Approved Vote: Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-260	Approve a one-time payment of $500 to Stephanie Sevek for the successful referral of a bus driver to Southern Local School District. Discussion: Mr. Cole asked if there was any stipulation to the payout. Mr. Sabbato answered the new hire has to work 1 year.	Moved: Liz Weston Second: Scott Hart	Approved Vote: Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-261	Approve Holly Davis as Assistant Athletic Director for the 2026-2027 school year.	Moved: Liz Weston Second: Jeremiah Cole	Approved Vote: Weston: Yes; Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-262	Adopt the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures resolution, including the District's commitment to use and comply with the model policies, notify the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce of adoption, and continue to follow applicable laws and regulations in the event of conflict.	Moved: Frank Shagnot Second: Jeremiah Cole	Approved Vote: Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Hart: Yes
26-263	Enter executive session for matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes, specifically compensation (item 7 on the source form) of a public employee or official.	Moved: Jeremiah Cole Second: Frank Shagnot	Approved - Executive Session Entered Vote: Cole: Yes; Pastore: Yes; Shagnot: Yes; Weston: Yes; Hart: Yes

VIII. Executive Session and Adjournment

- The Board entered executive session to consider compensation of a public employee or official.
- Returned from Executive Session at 8:30 pm.
- Roll call upon return: Pastore - Yes; Shagnot - Yes; Weston - Yes; Cole - Yes; Hart - Yes.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.
- Moved by Frank Shagnot; seconded by Jeremiah Cole.
- Vote recorded: Shagnot - Yes; Weston - Yes; Cole - Yes; Pastore - Yes; Hart - Yes.
- Next regular meeting: November 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm.



Treasurer, Board of Education

President, Board of Education

Attachment A

Then and now September 2026

PO	Vendor	PO Date	Requestor	PO Amount
221412	Kimberly Crawford	09/23/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$225.00
221423	Karla Calderon Hurtado	09/28/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$1,000.00
221416	SANDY LEWIS	09/24/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$125.00
221388	Heather Henderson	09/15/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$1,800.00
221353	R & S Cement Inc	09/02/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$36,463.00
221354	James C. May and/or Renee M. May	09/02/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$10,000.00
221358	Julie Gates	09/08/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$43.50
221357	Chastity Sloan	09/08/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$43.50
221359	Carla Phenicie	09/08/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$43.50
221360	Brittany Homewood	09/08/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$43.50
221349	AlliCon,LLC	09/02/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$48,299.00
221334	WILLIE COLEMAN	08/25/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$1,400.00
221339	GERARD GRIMM	08/26/2026	robert.shansky@slindians.org	$657.74
221348	TAFFI VOORHEES	09/01/2026	julie.dowling@slindians.org	$100.00

Gerard Grimm - Freshman Class Advisor

Gerard Grimm - Sophomore Class Advisor

Katie Martin - Junior Class Advisor

Bob Shanksy - Senior Class Advisor, National Honor Society, High School Student Council

Michele Skinner - Yearbook Advisor (Jr High)

Kim Adams -Art Club Advisor

Shannon Rodgers - Junior High Student Council Advisor

Karen Marquis - Robotics (EL)

Sara Harris - Robotics (EL)

Karla Calderon - Spanish Club

Shannon Rodgers - Intervention Coordinator

Emily Bowling - Play Advisor & Pep Band

Special Education: Brenda Kekel, Brian Eastham, Abby Dalton, Jimmy Malone, Ashley Farnsworth, Mike Skrinjar, Jessica Coleman, Allison Warner, Kim Louk, Fernando DeChellis, Kylie Crowl, Andy Vulgamore

High School AM Duties: Todd Walters, Tiffany Scheel, Sharon Campbell, Michele Skinner, Kenadee Pipkins, Amanda Wrobleski, Zac Almy, Brian Eastham

High School PM Duties: Todd Walters, Gerard Grimm, Zac Almy, Alyssa Lockhart, Amanda Wrobleski, Brian Eastham, Kenadee Pipkins, Tiffany Scheel

Elementary AM Duties: Holly Davis, Nikki Lewis, Jackie Collins, Ryan Smith, Kim Louk, Tracey Richards, Phyllis Maskaluk, Kim Crawford, Katie Forbes, Kristen Walter, Karen Marquis, Elizabeth Husoveck, Kathy Randolph, Andy Vulgamore, Tiffany McDevitt, Kylee Maple, Natasha Grim, Jackie Donovan, Heather Henderson

Elementary PM Duties: Sandy Lewis, Donna Hart

LPDC Members: Katie Forbes, Emily Smith, Jess Krulik, Karen Marquis, Susan Lissi, Kristy Sampson

Mentors: Dana Patterson, James Ryan Smith, Tiffany Scheel

After School Detention Monitor – Karla Calderon

Yearbook (Elementary) Co-Advisor - Nikki Lewis

Yearbook (Elementary) Co-Advisor - Holly Davis

Substitute Teacher calling- Monica Plunkett

Substitute Para professional calling- Sandy Lewis