

SOUTHERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 13, 2026 / 6:00 p.m. / Williams Building

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Oath of Office – Treasurer Greg Sabbato

Jeremiah Cole and Elizabeth Weston

IV. Roll Call – Treasurer Greg Sabbato

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

A. Election of 2026 President

Frank Shagnot nominated Scott Hart

Jean Pastore seconded the motion

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

(Newly elected President assumes office at this time)

B. Election of 2026 Vice-President

Scott Hart nominated Frank Shagnot

Jeremiah Cole seconded the motion

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

(Newly elected Vice-President assumes office at this time)

C. Establish date, time, and place of 2026 regular Board Meetings.

Date second Tuesday of the Month / Time 6:00 pm / Place High School

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Jean Pastore

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

- D. Set compensation of Board Members (ORC 3313.12) at \$125.00 per meeting; compensation to be paid for a maximum of twenty-four (24) meetings per year.

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Liz Weston

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

E. Standing Authorizations

1. Legislative Liaison to Ohio School Board Association

Election of a member of the Southern Local Board of Education to serve as Legislative Liaison to the OSBA for 2026.

Scott Hart_nominated Jean Pastore

Liz Weston_seconded the motion

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

2. Student Achievement Liaison

Election of a member to be a liaison for 2026. This will be a board member who is knowledgeable of ways to increase student achievement.

Scott Hart nominated Jean Pastore

Frank Shagnot seconded the motion

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

Consensus Agenda Items: Recommend approval if items 1 thru 11.

1. Resolution for Service Fund (ORC 3315.15). Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education wishes to set aside from the General Fund, according to ORC 3315.15 the sum of \$20,000.00; this amount to be placed in a "Service Fund" which shall be used only in paying the expense of members of the Board of Education in the performance of their duties as official representatives, or those expenses actually incurred in training and orientation to improve their performance as Board of Education members.
2. Advancement of taxes collected (ORC 321.34). Be it resolved by the Southern Local Board of Education that the Treasurer be authorized to request from the Columbiana County Treasurer advances of local taxes as needed.

3. Investment of Funds. Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education hereby gives the Treasurer the authority to invest moneys of the Southern Local Board of Education, when it is advisable to do so and when it is in the best interest of the school district.
4. Employment of Temporary Personnel. Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education hereby gives the Superintendent the authority to employ such temporary personnel as may be needed to cover emergency and unique situations.
5. Payment of Bills (ORC 3313.18). Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education, as authorized under Section 3313.18 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby dispenses with the adoption of resolutions during calendar year 2026, authorizing the payment of debts or claims from school funds, within the Appropriations Resolution adopted by the Board of Education for 2024. Use of a facsimile signature is authorized in the payment of all warrants. Authorize the treasurer to use blanket purchase orders not to exceed \$250,000.00 per blanket.
6. Attendance at meetings. Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education authorize the Treasurer, Board Members, and Superintendent to attend professional meetings as needed during calendar year 2026.
7. Designated Newspaper. Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education designate the "Morning Journal", and the "Review" as the official newspapers of the district for 2026.
8. Designate a Depository for Funds. Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education declares Consumers Bank and U S Bank as the depository of public funds for the district for 2026.
9. Authorization to Borrow Funds. Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education authorize the Treasurer and Board President to borrow money as needed provided that each Board Member is notified 48 hours before the loan is obtained.
10. Adjustment of Appropriations. Be it resolved that the Southern Local Board of Education authorizes the Treasurer to make all necessary modifications of appropriations.
11. Authorize Greg Sabbato and Julie Dowling as public records designees.

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Frank Shagnot

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

F. Adjournment 6:12 pm

Moved by Jeremiah Cole

Seconded by Elizabeth Weston

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

Treasurer, Board of Education

President, Board of Education