

SOUTHERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 8, 2020 / Administrative Office

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

III. Adoption of Minutes: Moved by John Sawyer , Seconded by Linda Morris __

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer 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.

V. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved by Linda Morris Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

VI. Career Center Report

VII. Building Report

Emily Brinker discussed the following:

- Incorporate Wilson Foundations phonics curriculum back into 2nd and 3rd grade to improve test scores**
- Discussing a contract with PAX (good behavior game) This would start small with PreK-1 and increase grade levels each year. This gives teachers/staff resources & strategies to teach correct behavior instead of reacting.**

- Looking at purchasing a new math curriculum. 6th grade uses Reveal Math like High School. Would like to look into that to stay consistent.
- Starting to gather teachers input on programs for next year.
- Spelling Bee January 30

VIII. Superintendent's Report

I would like to thank all our Board Members and recognize them for their service and dedication to our district and learning community. January is School Board Recognition Month and again thank you for your service to Southern Local.

Levy Campaign Thursday

Coffee with Superintendent Friday

Strategic Planning Saturday

State Supt. Advisory Meeting Monday

Facilities checks over break: Waxed gym floor, air handler, water tank

Increase lunch and breakfast participation

Phone dialer – training / Going thru records setup

Project REACH grant

Clean water hellbender salamander

Project Based Instruction

20-001 Recommend approval to submit the annual tax budget for consideration to the County Budget Commission as presented by the treasurer. (Attachment A)

Moved by Linda Morris Seconded by Patty Exline

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-002 Recommend approval of a one year limited contract for Heather Price, cafeteria worker.

Moved by Rodney Edmiston Seconded by Patty Exline

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-003 Recommend approval of a one year limited contract for Danielle Berkheimer as a bus driver.

Moved by John Sawyer Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-004 Recommend approval of the IRS standard mileage rate of 57.5 cents per mile.

Moved by Linda Morris Seconded by Rodney Edmiston

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-005 Recommend approval of the Junior High field trip to Philadelphia/Gettysburg. Time of departure is 6:30 am on May 8, 2020 and time of return is 8:00 pm on May 10, 2020.

Moved by Patty Exline Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer

20-006 Recommend approval of a \$7,500.00 Shale stipend for federal funding for Kristy Sampson.

Moved by Patty Exline Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-007 Recommend approval that the refund received from STRS dated November 2, 2018 on behalf of John Wilson be deemed as employee contribution and not Board contribution, with full amount paid to employee as part of the Resignation Agreement approved by the Board on May 18, 2018.

Moved by Linda Morris Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-008 Recommend approval of the following substitutes:

**James Householder – custodian
Raymond Davis – custodian
Lora Williams – custodian
John Farnsworth - custodian
Kimberly Crawford – Cafeteria
Michael Shope - Cafeteria**

Moved by Patty Exline Seconded by Rodney Edmiston

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-009 Recommend approval of the transfer of Dawn Gotschall to the 7 hour high school kitchen position.

Moved by Linda Morris Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-010 Recommend approval of Chasity Sloan for the 3 ½ hour high school kitchen position.

Moved by Patty Exline Seconded by John Sawyer

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-011 Recommend approval of Kelley Korbel for the 3 hour high school kitchen position.

Moved by Patty Exline Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-012 Recommend approval of Chris Lewis as assistant baseball coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by John Sawyer Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-013 Recommend approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Southern Local or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Southern Local or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, Southern Local's state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue to the Southern Local School District could devastate the District's finances, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Southern Local School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

Moved by John Sawyer Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

20-014 Recommendation to go into executive session for matters required to be kept confidential by federal law of rules or state statutes.

Moved by Rodney Edmiston Seconded by Patty Exline

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

Returned from Executive Session: Time 8:15 pm

Roll Call: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes

Next Regular Meeting: February 12, 2020

Adjournment: Time 8:20 pm

Moved by John Sawyer Seconded by Linda Morris

Vote: Dowling Yes; Edmiston Yes; Exline Yes; Morris Yes; Sawyer Yes