

January 11, 2021

The Southeast Local Schools Board of Education met in regular session at 6:31 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021, immediately following the Organizational Meeting in the middle school cafeteria, 8540 Tallmadge Rd., Diamond, Ohio Portage County. The meeting was called to order by Board President John Danes.

Roll Call

Present: Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo
Absent: None

015-2021 Approve Agenda

Mary Kaley moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept and approve the board meeting agenda for January 11, 2021 as presented.

Yeas: John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley
Nays: None
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

016-2021 Approval of Board Minutes

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion to approve the December 21, 2020 board minutes from the regular board meeting. The minutes are available for inspection in the office of the Treasurer.

Yeas: Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky
Nays: None
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

Recognition of Excellence: Mr. Dunn presented Board Appreciation certificates to the five board members as part of Ohio School Board Recognition Month and thanked them for their outstanding leadership.

017-2021 Approve Payment of Bills

Mary Kaley moved and John Witkosky seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve payment of bills as presented.

Yeas: John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith
Nays: None
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

At this time a Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

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018-2021

Hire Substitute Teacher – Thomas Moreland

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and Mary Kaley seconded the motion that the Board of Education hire the following person for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all state of Ohio and Southeast Board of Education employment criteria:

Substitute Teacher
Thomas Moreland

Yeas: Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes
Nays: None
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

019-2021

Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence – ESP – Cheryl Berg

Mary Kaley moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a one (1) day unpaid leave of absence (FMLA) for **Cheryl Berg**, ESP effective January 7, 2021.

Yeas: Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo
Nays: None
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

020-2021

Approve Substitute Pay Rates

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the following substitute pay rates as presented effective January 11, 2021:

Substitute Teachers - \$100/day
Substitute Bus Drivers - \$14.50/hour
Substitute Van Drivers - \$9.50/hour
Substitute Mechanic – \$9.00/hour
Substitute Secretary - \$9.00/hour
Substitute ESP - \$9.00/hour
Substitute Cook - \$9.00/hour
Substitute Custodian - \$10.00/hour

Yeas: John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley
Nays: None
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

021-2021

Accept Donations

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Mary Kaley seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

\$300 from Wayland Community Church to the cafeteria to be used for student lunches.

Yeas: Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky
Nays: None
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

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Promoting Positive Pirates: The principals continue to compliment the staff and students for their flexibility and commitment to excellence during the pandemic. All K-2 students have received chrome books with cases to assist with remote learning. The fourth and fifth grade students will be participating in Math 24 this week. Gifted testing will begin next week for fourth and fifth grades. Cathy Buck led the elementary building in sponsoring six (6) families in need this Christmas.

New Business: Mr. Dunn distributed a draft copy of the board member handbook. He asked that each member review and respond with any changes or corrections. He would like to have the official handbook approved at the March 2021 board meeting. The Board of Education will hold a work session on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Public school employees are slated to receive COVID-19 vaccinations at the beginning of February. Our district has compiled a survey for staff to complete no later than January 18, 2021 if they are interested in receiving the vaccine.

Maplewood Career Center Report: Mary Kaley reported that Maplewood held their Organizational meeting on January 7th and that recently enacted legislation waives the January 15th deadline to organize for Joint Vocational Schools moving forward.

Student Achievement Liaison Report: Mary Kaley reported on the latest Student Success publication which highlighted how parents can help anxious students and promoted teacher tools for special needs students.

Legislative Liaison Report: Mary Kaley reported that she recently attended the Pepple & Waggoner virtual legal update which was very informative. She also updated the board on recent legislation pending Governor DeWine's signature including HB210 dealing with Tuberculosis screening for preschool employees; SB259 dealing with water bottle filling stations and HB409 which deals with multiple pandemic-related issues such as the use of substitute teachers, exemptions from the third grade reading guarantee and teacher evaluations.

Business Advisory Council: The next BAC virtual meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 8:00 a.m.

Other Business: Mary Kaley recommended that the newest board members attend OSBA's Board Member 101 virtual seminar to be held on January 30th. The treasurer will register any board member interested in attending.

022-2021
Adjournment

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and Mary Kaley seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Southeast Board of Education at 7:46 p.m. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

John Danes, Board President

Cassie J. Bergman, Treasurer