

September 28, 2020

The Southeast Local Schools Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020 in the Middle School cafeteria, 8540 Tallmadge Rd., Portage County, Diamond, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Board President Mary Kaley.

Roll Call

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

259-2020 Approve Agenda

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept and approve the board meeting agenda for September 28, 2020 as corrected with an addendum.

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

260-2020 Approval of Board Minutes

John Danes moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the August 4, 2020 special board meeting minutes and the August 24, 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.

Request to Address the Board: Shannon Sampson addressed concerns with the Pirate Virtual Academy and qualifications for top ten students. Superintendent Robert Dunn and High School Principal Josh Herndon addressed the concerns and Board President Mary Kaley requested that the Board of Education's Education Committee meet and make any necessary recommendations.

Open Communication: The Board of Education paused for five minutes to allow remote audience attendees to email any questions regarding agenda items only. There were no emails received.

Superintendent's Remarks: Mr. Dunn demonstrated the new thermal scanner device.

261-2020 Hire PVA Coordinator – Rebecca Dunn

John Danes moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education call a vote to hire Rebecca Dunn for the following supplemental for the 2020-2021 school year for the Pirate Virtual Academy, as per the MOU between SELDTA and the Southeast Board of Education:

Pirate Virtual Academy Coordinator

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

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262-2020
Approval for Payment of Bills

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the payment of bills.

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

263-2020
Adopt Permanent Appropriations

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and John Danes seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$28,557,148.48 with the General Fund being \$18,999,730.00. As per O.R.C. 5705.38, permanent appropriations must be adopted by September 30th.

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

264-2020
Approve Student Activity Purpose & Policy Statements

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Student Activity Purpose and Policy Statements and Guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

265-2020
Approve Paid/Unpaid Maternity Leave of Absence (FMLA) – Teacher – Megan Gray

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and John Danes seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a paid/unpaid Maternity leave of absence (FMLA) for Megan Gray, Intermediate School teacher, beginning approximately January 5, 2021.

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

266-2020
Approve Paid/Unpaid Maternity Leave of Absence (FMLA) – Teacher – Jenna Ross

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a paid/unpaid Maternity leave of absence (FMLA) for Jenna Ross, Intermediate School teacher, beginning approximately January 22, 2021.

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

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267-2020

Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence (FMLA) – ESP – Cheryl Berg

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Mary Kaley seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a three (3) day unpaid leave of absence (FMLA) for Cheryl Berg, ESP from September 16, 2020 through September 18, 2020.

Yeas: Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

268-2020

Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence – Teacher – Shannon Sampson

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and John Witkosky seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve an unpaid leave of absence for Shannon Sampson, High School teacher, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Yeas: John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

269-2020

Hire Long Term Substitute (H.S. Social Studies) – Matthew Byers

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion that the Board of Education hire Matthew Byers as a Long Term Substitute (H.S. Social Studies) for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all legal, State of Ohio and Southeast Board of Education employment criteria. Effective 9/21/2020.

Yeas: Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

270-2020

Hire Substitutes

John Danes moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education hire the following people, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all legal, State of Ohio and Southeast Board of Education employment criteria:

Substitute Teacher

Aaron Embacher – effective 9/15/2020

Victoria Parsons – effective 9/15/2020

Kyle Sondereker – effective 9/21/2020

Substitute ESP

Amanda Kehres – effective 9/16/2020

Debra Longgood – effective 9/9/2020

Yeas: John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

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271-2020
Hire Athletic Department Support Personnel

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Mary Kaley seconded the motion that the Board of Education hire the following people as Athletic Department Support Personnel for the 2020-2021 school year:

Alexis Swartz
Meredith Wooley

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

272-2020
Hire Supplemental Contracts

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and John Danes seconded the motion that the Board of Education hire the following people for the 2020-2021 supplemental contracts, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Southeast Board of Education employment criteria:

LPDC
Wendy Fishbeck
Tera McKenzie
Karen O'Connor
Jamie Brawley
Michelle Rentsch

Resident Educator Mentor
Wendy Fishbeck

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

273-2020
Hire Supplemental Contracts – Pirate Virtual Academy

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education hire the following people for the 2020-2021 supplemental contracts for the Pirate Virtual Academy (PVA), as per the MOU between SELDTA and the Southeast Board of Education:

Pirate Virtual Academy Facilitator 6-8
ELA Blake Collins
Science Kimberly Nelson
Social Studies Hannah Embacher
Math Deborah McClure
Elective Wendy Fishbeck

Pirate Virtual Academy Facilitator 9-12
ELA Mason Harsh
Science Carrie Edwards
Social Studies Monica Kiskadden
Math Christine Anzevino
Elective Mary Tarka

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

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274-2020

Approve Agreement – Mahoning County Educational Services Center

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and John Danes seconded the motion that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with Mahoning County Educational Service Center to provide educational services for the 2020-2021 school year.

Yeas: Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

275-2020

Approve Title I Memorandum of Understanding – Waterloo Local School District

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and John Witkosky seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Title I Memorandum of Understanding between the Southeast Local School District and the Waterloo Local School District for the 2020-2021 school year. The Southeast Local School District will allocate funds from its FY21 Title I allocation to the Waterloo Local School District to provide tutoring services for students attending St. Joseph School as per the Ohio Department of Education NPDS application.

Yeas: John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

276-2020

Approve Three Year Master Contract Agreement – SELDTA

John Danes moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the ratification of the three year Master Contract Agreement between the Southeast Local School District and Southeast Local District Teachers Association (SELDTA) encompassing the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Yeas: Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

277-2020

Approve Three Year Master Contract Agreement – SSSPA

Nicholas DeJacimo moved and Lori Loudin-Smith seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the ratification of the three year Master Contract Agreement between the Southeast Local School District and Southeast School Support Personnel Association (SSSPA) encompassing the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Yeas: Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

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278-2020
Accept Donations

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

\$250.00 from Music Boosters to purchase Ukuleles for the Middle School Music program.

350 supply boxes valued at \$1,150.00 from the Palmyra United Methodist Church mission group for remote learning primary students.

\$200 from Todd and Laurie Shaw to be used towards the AP exam cost.

\$800 from Southeast Academic Boosters to be used towards the AP exam cost.

Yeas: Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

279-2020
Hire Substitutes

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion that the Board of Education hire the following people, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all legal, State of Ohio and Southeast Board of Education employment criteria:

Substitute Bus Driver

Katherine Abbuhl

Kelly Horning – effective 8/24/2020

Substitute ESP

Katherine Abbuhl (Transportation ESP)

Rebecca Evans

Substitute Van Driver

Katherine Abbuhl

Yeas: John Danes, Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

280-2020

Approve Paid/Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) – Bus Driver – Denise Adams

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and John Danes seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a paid/unpaid medical leave of absence for Denise Adams, Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Yeas: Nicholas DeJacimo, Mary Kaley, John Witkosky, Lori Loudin-Smith, John Danes

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

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Acknowledgements: Mr. Dunn acknowledged the following donations of bottled water for students since the fountains have been shut down due to COVID-19 health requirements:

Passion Community Church – 35 cases
Lions Club/Sunrise Springs – 31 cases
Debbie Hutton – 4 cases
Lester Wyant – 1 case

Promoting Positive Pirates: The building principals complimented the students on their adherence to the protocols put into place due to COVID-19, and the staff on their ingenuity to deliver education to all students. Safety is the number one priority and all departments are working together to educate, feed and transport in a clean and sanitized environment.

The volleyball team is currently tied for 1st place and the soccer team is currently in 1st place. Although there will not be a dance, the homecoming court will be named in October.

New Business: The Education Committee of the Board will meet on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria followed by a Special Board of Education meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Maplewood Career Center: Mary Kaley reported that students are attending in person due to the nature of their programs. Sophomore visitation is scheduled for November 4th.

Legislative Liaison Report: Mary Kaley reported that the General Assembly passed HB606 which grants immunity to essential workers who transmit COVID-19.

281-2020
Adjournment

Lori Loudin-Smith moved and Nicholas DeJacimo seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Southeast Board of Education at 7:50 p.m. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Kaley, Board President

Cassie J. Bergman, Treasurer