

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA
JANUARY 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held in the Board Room at East Central High School with the following individuals in attendance: Board members James Graf, Dawn Burke, Sara Hylton, Joseph Bulach, Robert Davis, School Attorney Frank Kramer, Superintendent Dr. Andrew Jackson, Director of Financial Operations Mary Ann Baines, Director of Student Services Kelly Roth, Director of Support Services Dusty Burress, Director of Transportation Jamie Shartzter and Recording Secretary Cheri Huff. Board members Glenn Scholl and Gary Gellert were not present.

Mr. Graf called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM EST leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hylton nominated Mr. Graf for Board President, seconded by Mr. Davis. There were no other nominations. The nomination was carried by voice vote.

Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Scholl for Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Hylton. There were no other nominations. The nomination was carried by voice vote.

Mr. Davis nominated Mrs. Burke for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Bulach. There were no other nominations. The nomination was carried by voice vote.

Mr. Bulach made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hylton, for the following appointments:

- Mary Ann Baines as Treasurer
- Tammy Vonderheide as Assistant Treasurer
- Sara Hylton as Indiana School Board Association Representative
- Joseph Bulach as the Legislative Liaison Representative
- Cheri Huff as Recording Secretary
- Dawn Burke, Robert Davis, and Kelsey Huber (PTO Rep) as the Sunman-Dearborn Schools Endowment Committee
- All seven (7) Board members to the Board of Finance

The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hylton, to approve the regular board meeting dates as presented by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried by voice vote. The board will continue to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month with the exception of October due to fall break. October's meeting will be October 1, 2026. A special session was approved for February 19, 2026 and an additional meeting, if needed for hiring, was approved for June 25, 2026.

Mr. Bulach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the board compensation for 2026 as \$150 for Regular Board Meetings, \$75 for Special Meetings/Work Sessions, and a \$2,000 annual stipend. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Burke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the annual conflict of interest statements as presented by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Graf asked for public comments. There were no comments.

Dr. Jackson read the items on the consent agenda.

5.1 Approval of minutes for the regular board meeting on December 11, 2025

5.2 Approval of claims for payment (153335-153520)

5.3 Approval of personnel report

Request for Medical Leave

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>
Abby Huber	ECHS/Homebound Teacher
Karen Stange	SE/Long Term Substitute Teacher
Allison Banks	BE/Student Council Sponsor
Megan Rogers	ND/Food & Nutrition Associate (PT)
Matthew Dole	ND/Food & Nutrition Associate (PT)
Haley Badescu	STN/Title I Tutor

<u>Accept Letter of Resignation</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Heather Zins	ECHS/Homebound Teacher	01/02/2026
Justin Steinbacher	ECMS/Wrestling Coach	12/16/2025
<u>Accept Letter of Retirement</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Denise Schneider	ECHS/Custodian	01/16/2026

5.4 Approval of Overnight Field Trips

Brenda Osman and approximately seventy (70) ECMS and ECHS FCCLA students going to the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Muncie, IN from February 25, 2026 to February 27, 2026.

Brenda Osman and three (3) FCCLA State Officers going to the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Muncie, IN from February 23, 2026 to February 27, 2026.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of consent agenda items 5.1 through and including 5.4 as presented. Mrs. Hylton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bulach, to approve consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.4. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution to Transfer Appropriations Between Major Budget Classifications. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burke, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Regarding Southeastern Career Center Adopting a New Operating Agreement. Mrs. Hylton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Regarding Southeastern Career Center Adding Madison Consolidated School Corporation as a Member. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bulach, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Baines reviewed the financial report for December 2025.

Mr. Graf asked for S-DEA comments. There were no comments.

Mr. Graf asked for Principal comments. Each of the Principals reported on various events in their buildings.

Mr. Graf asked for Superintendent comments. Dr. Jackson stated January is School Board appreciation month and he thanked the Board for everything they do. He also thanked Maxwell Construction for their hard work over break.

Mr. Graf asked the board members for comments. There were no comments.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Graf asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hylton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bulach, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm EST.