

# **SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

13083 Buck Valley Road  
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

March 15, 2022

6:00 p.m.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Prior to the board meeting, Daikin Applied presented on the Elementary School HVAC project.

Prior to the board meeting, an executive session was held for personnel reasons. Executive session began at 6:32 p.m. and ended at 7:11 p.m.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to go into executive session for personnel reasons. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

The board meeting began at 7:12 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending in person. The following members were present: Jada Smith, Timothy Mellott, Jon Diffenderfer, Brian Pittman, Mark Mosemann, Tony Shives, Allen Morton, Mika Ah Loe, and Patrick Bard. The meeting was conducted by the board president, Patrick Bard.

Also present were: Tara Will, superintendent; Jennifer Mellott, business manager; John Bain, building and grounds supervisor; Cindy Flaherty, director of educational support services; Meredith Hendershot, high school principal; Kathy Cutchall, elementary principal; Suzy Elbin, K-12 special education supervisor; Billy Baker, school police officer; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary.

Visitors present were: Heather Gordon, Deanne Baker, Karen Souders, Wendy Ritz, Adrian Weller, Annette Wetzel, Nicole Stewart, John Frye, Alex Ferrauti, Daryl Musser, Marte Musser, Logan Kennedy, Joy Ward, Becky Ray

2. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
3. Dr. Will reported the loss of our beloved teacher, Angela Adams. Angela was a 22 year veteran at Southern Fulton who loved her job and her students. She will be sorely missed. Spring sports have started and the nice weather has allowed players to be outside preparing for the upcoming seasons. Covid cases are on the decline allowing our students a sense of normalcy. As a reminder, last spring the board submitted a letter of intent to withdraw from the Fulton County Center for Career and Technology at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to grant that as the president of the board conducts this meeting, it is not necessary to announce each roll call vote. If, however, a director or directors, wish to comment or have his/her comment or vote specifically recorded, the director(s) shall have the opportunity to so state. The chair of the meeting, the president of the board, should announce before each roll call vote, that if he hears no objections from any member of the board present, the vote will be considered a unanimous roll call vote and so recorded. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

5. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the payment of bills for February. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
7. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the financial reports for February. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to accept with regret the letter of intent to retire from Tom Knox as Title I elementary teacher effective June 30, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Shaelyn Wawro as an assistant track & field coach for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Chris Wilson as an unpaid volunteer assistant track & field coach for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Cynthia Layton as a long-term substitute teacher from approximately March 28, 2022, thru 12 weeks. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

It was decided to remove approval of Scott Barton as Junior High head track and field coach for the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

12. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Judy Neil as substitute custodian, paraprofessional, and secretary for the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Adrianna Croteau as a long-term substitute teacher for elementary librarian, emotional support & multi-tier system of support from March 14, 2022, thru the end of the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve Leslie Horton as the homebound instructor for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to continue employment of Brian Rouzer as custodian since he has completed a 6-month satisfactory probation period. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

16. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to advertise for a High School principal for the 2022-2023 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
17. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve an unpaid leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for a professional employee beginning approximately March 28, 2022, thru 12 weeks. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
18. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve an unpaid intermittent leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for a support staff employee retroactive to February 24, 2022, thru February 24, 2023. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
19. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve an unpaid leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for an administrative employee beginning on April 4, 2022, to May 16, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
20. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for Meredith Hendershot to attend Part 2 of the Data Conference in Hershey, PA from March 21, 2022, thru March 23, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
21. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the job description for Director of Educational Support Services. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
22. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the Mobile Dentist program for the 2022-2023 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
23. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for the gifted students to tour the STEM building on April 1, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class to go on a field trip to Old Bedford Village on May 27, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
25. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to rescind the following policies as they are outdated:
  - a) Policy 810.1, Operations, Transportation
  - b) Policy 810.3, Operations, Video Monitoring System**VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
26. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the first reading of the following policies:
  - a) Policy 810, Operations, Transportation
  - b) Policy 810.1, Operations, School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor

Vehicle Drivers

- c) Policy 810.3, Operations, School Vehicle Drivers

**VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

27. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve for WAYS soccer to use any available fields, not including the main field at the High School from March 20, 2022, thru October 20, 2022, at various times for youth soccer. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

28. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve for Southern Fulton Volleyball to hold a volleyball camp for grades 3-5 on June 13 thru 16, 2022 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

29. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve for Southern Fulton Volleyball to hold a volleyball camp on June 13 thru 16, 2022 for grades 9-12 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and grades 6-8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

30. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern Fulton High School Clay Target Team, coach John Keefer and Southern Fulton School District for the purpose of additional insured status.

Allen Morton- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jon Diffenderfer-yes
Mika Ah Loe- yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Patrick Bard- yes	
"9" yes "0" members no. Motion carried.	

31. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to approve the following individuals to serve as board member representatives to fill three new terms on the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Board of Directors from July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2025: Julia E. Dovey, Central Fulton School District; Britney N. Rutter, Huntingdon Area; and Todd Griest, Southern Huntingdon County.

Allen Morton- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jon Diffenderfer-yes
Mika Ah Loe- yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Patrick Bard - yes	
"9" yes "0" members no. Motion carried.	

32. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 2022-2023 budget.

Allen Morton- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jon Diffenderfer-yes
Mika Ah Loe- yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Patrick Bard - yes	
"9" yes "0" members no. Motion carried.	

33. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the Dankin Applied proposal for the Elementary school HVAC project

proposal.

Allen Morton- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jon Diffenderfer-yes
Mika Ah Loe- yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Patrick Bard - yes	

“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

34. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve Meredith Hendershot’s contract as Superintendent.

Allen Morton- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jon Diffenderfer-yes
Mika Ah Loe- yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Patrick Bard - yes	

“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Fulton County Center for Career and Technology letter of intent to withdraw submitted in May of 2021. It was decided that discussions will continue at the board meeting next month as more information is gathered.

35. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to go into executive session for personnel reasons with no action to follow. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 7:51 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m.

36. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_