

# **SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

13083 Buck Valley Road  
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

April 19, 2022

6:00 p.m.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Prior to the board meeting, an executive session was held for personnel reasons. Executive session began at 6:39 p.m. and ended at 7:01 p.m.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann 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 7:03 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; James Will, assistant 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.

Visitors present were: Logan Kennedy, Heather Gordon, Deanne Baker, Wendy Ritz, Karen Souders, Carolyn Mottern, Amanda Keiper, Heather Hollenshead, Julie Dickerhoff, Joe Hollenshead, Marley Baker, Meg Bigelow, Jolene Stotler, Denise Conley, Kristine Morris, Cassidy Pittman, Jeremy Hollinshead, and Natalie Hollinshead.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve Jennifer Mellott as board secretary pro tempore for the April 19, 2022, board meeting.

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.

3. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
4. Dr. Will reported on the recent unexpected snowstorm and the impact of weather conditions on spring sports resulting in numerous rescheduled events. The before and after school remediation program will be ending in the next week and plans for summer remediation camps are in progress and will be finalized by next month. Dr. Will thanked all the staff that has assisted with the programs. The high school Steam Festival will be held this coming weekend and is free and open to the public. The SFHS prom will be held on May 6 at the Courtland Mansion. The elementary musical, Shrek, will be held on Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22, at the elementary school. The PTO will be purchasing a small tree and bench to be placed

outside of the Elementary Library in memory of Miss Angela Adams.

5. Kristine Morris commented on concerns over the use of Chromebooks within the classroom and for homework post-remote learning situations and blocking gaming websites and YouTube on the devices.
6. Carolyn Mottern presented on the success of the musical production this year, Frozen Junior. She also presented on the upcoming Steam Festival to be held and the activities that will be available to participate in.
7. Wendy Ritz presented information relating to the therapy dog that is being trained and is on-site a few days a week at the high school. She discussed how the dog is used for students with social and emotional needs, insurance coverage, the training process, and background information on therapy dogs.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe 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.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the payment of bills for March. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the financial reports for March. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the letter of intent to retire from Mary Breakall as high school guidance secretary effective June 30, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the letter of intent to resign from Noah Smartt as high school teacher effective May 20, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the letter of intent to resign from Kent Hendershot as boys junior high basketball head coach effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

15. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the letter of intent to resign from Hope Rouzer as a custodian effective April 15, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
16. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Amber Leader as Co-EL instructor for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
17. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Missy Duncan as Co-EL instructor for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
18. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Justin Mellott as an unpaid volunteer assistant track & field coach for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
19. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Sean Flaherty as a substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
20. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Brittany McFadden as a substitute paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
21. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Jeremy Hollinshead as a High School Principal for the 2022-2023 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
22. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Marjory Leese as a long-term substitute for Noah Smartt beginning May 21, 2022, through the end of the school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
23. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Kent Hendershot as a Volunteer Assistant Boys Junior High Basketball Coach. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Candace Hess as a substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
25. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to advertise for a high school guidance secretary for the 2022-2023 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
26. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to advertise for a Boys Junior High Basketball Head Coach. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

27. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to advertise for a custodian for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
28. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to advertise for a Special Education Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
29. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the 12<sup>th</sup>-grade class to go on a field trip to Hershey Park on May 26, 2022, and grades 7-11 to go on May 31, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
30. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the 1<sup>st</sup>-grade class to go on a field trip to Lincoln Caverns on May 27, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
31. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the high school photography students to attend the Academy of Media Production on May 11, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
32. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the National Honor Society to go on a field trip to Ohiopyle Trading Press on May 20, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
33. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the Interact Club to travel to the Rescue Mission in Cumberland, MD on April 29 and April 30, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
34. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the Interact Club to travel to the Trike-A-Thon in Hancock, MD on May 4, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
35. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the Interact Club to travel to the Senior Center in Warfordsburg, PA on May 11, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
36. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve for the high school life skills class to go on a field trip to the aquarium in Baltimore, MD on May 17, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
37. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives 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.**
38. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the second 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.**

39. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve for the Southern Fulton High School to use the lobby, bathrooms, auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium, and halls by the gym on April 22 thru April 24, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the 2022 Steam Fest. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

40. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve for the Interact Club to use the High School grounds on April 29, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Homeless Awareness Activity. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

41. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 Partial Hospitalization Program (TIU11 PHP) and Southern Fulton School District for the 2022-2023 school year.

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.

42. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the contract agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Jennifer Mellott as business manager effective July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2025.

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.

43. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the Act 93 Agreement of High School Principal effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

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.

44. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the addendum with the amended holiday schedule for MaryAnn Johnson effective July 1, 2022.

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.

45. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the contract between Weaver Busing, LLC, and Southern Fulton School District for Bus Route #4.

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.

46. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the contract between M & C Lumber Co. Inc., and Southern Fulton School District for Bus Route #7.

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.

47. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the Flexible Instruction Days application for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and the 2022-2023 school year.

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.

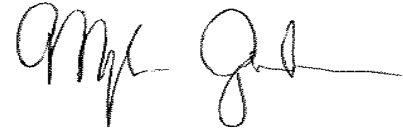
48. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer approval to remain in the FCCCT consortium and to rescind the letter of intent to withdraw from the FCCCT at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

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 commenced on potential options for future withdraw and other programs available to students in these programs. A meeting will be coordinated to explore other options.

49. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy J. [unclear]", written above a horizontal line.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date May 19, 2022