

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

February 15, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Prior to the board meeting, an executive session was held for personnel issues. Executive session began at 6:27 p.m. and ended at 7:03 p.m.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe 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; 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

2. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
3. Dr. Will reported that COVID cases in our district are starting to decline. Last week we reported 6 positive cases in the Elementary and no positive cases at the High School. Dr. Will also reported that the 2022-2023 school calendar is on the agenda for approval and is closely aligned to the other district calendars in the county. The after-school and Saturday remediation program is continuing to grow. Dr. Will also spoke on her intent to resign at the end of the school year. She thanked the board, administrative team, and entire staff for allowing her to serve as Superintendent at Southern Fulton the last 6 years. Together, in that time we have hired a School Police Officer, installed a top of the line camera system along with many other safety procedures, replaced all faculty desktops with new laptops, provided each student with a device, and offered and paid for hot spots for families with connectivity issues throughout the pandemic. She stated that these are just a few examples of how great things can happen when we all work together and she wished the best for the district as she starts this new chapter of her life.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann 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. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the payment of bills for January. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
7. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the financial reports for January. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to accept with regret the resignation from Dr. Tara Will as Superintendent effective June 30, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Mr. Patrick Bard wished Dr. Will the best of luck with her future in education and gave his appreciation for all of the achievements that were made during her time at Southern Fulton.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to accept with regret the resignation from Larry Hartman as substitute custodian effective March 1, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to accept with regret the resignation from Danielle McCusker as paraprofessional effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to hire Cynthia Layton as a substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to hire Melinda Bytella as an elementary assistant play advisor for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to hire Chase Varner as a substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of certification. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

It was decided to skip the approval to hire Cynthia Layton as a long-term substitute teacher from March 21, 2022, thru 8 weeks.

14. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to hire Meredith Cirtwell as an unpaid volunteer Southern Fulton Trap Team Assistant. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

15. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to hire Matthew Morgan as an unpaid volunteer Southern Fulton Trap Team assistant. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

It was decided to table approval to advertise for a Superintendent for the 2022-2023 school year.

It was decided to omit approval of an unpaid leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for a professional employee beginning March 21, 2022, thru 8 weeks.

16. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for Kathy Cutchall to attend the Federal Programs Conference from April 4, 2022, through April 6, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

17. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for Tammi Ifert to attend the Federal Programs Conference from April 4, 2022, through April 6, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

18. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for Jennifer Mellott to attend the PA Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference and Training from March 8, 2022, through March 11, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

19. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for Cynthia Flaherty to attend the PA Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference and Training from March 8, 2022, through March 11, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

20. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve for the 10th grade World History class to go to Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore on March 2, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

21. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

22. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the second reading of the following policies:

- a) Policy 005, Local Board Procedures, Organization
- b) Policy 317, Administrative, Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, Attachment A- Progressive Disciplinary Procedures
- c) Policy 417, Professional Employees, Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, Attachment A- Progressive Disciplinary Procedures
- d) Policy 517, Support Employees, Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, Attachment A- Progressive Disciplinary Procedures
- e) Policy 618, Finances, Student Activity Funds, Attachment A-Student Activity Fund Guidelines

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

23. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve Nicole Stewart as a bus driver for Weaver Bussing pending completion of all paperwork and certifications. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve to move the “School Bus Turn Around” signs from 1374 McKibbin Lane to 924 McKibbin Lane, Warfordsburg, PA 17267. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
25. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the tax exoneration list for the 2021-2022 school year as presented by the Business Manager.

Belfast Township
 Bethel Township
 Brush Creek Township
 Thompson Township
 Union Township

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.	

26. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the agreement between Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 and Southern Fulton School District for special education services during the 2021-2022 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.	

27. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve our participation in the TIU E-rate Consortium for the procurement of Internet Telecommunications for funding years 2022-2024

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.	

28. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve to use ARP ESSER funds in the amount of \$1,151,000.00 to support an HVAC upgrade project at the Elementary school.

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.	


29. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve to add to the agenda permission to accept Request for Proposals for bus contracts expiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
30. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve to accept Request for Proposals for bus contracts expiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
31. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to go into executive session for personnel reasons with possible action to follow. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 7:27 a.m. and ended at 9:47 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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Date March 16, 2022