

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

January 18, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting began at 7:19 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.

Also present via Google Meet: Robin Binder Heath, school solicitor

Visitors present were: Logan Kennedy, Cierra Neil, Annette Wetzel, Deanne Baker, Tammy Hixon, Karen Souders, Carolyn Mottern, Wendy Ritz, Justine Murray, Ashley Blankley, Nicole Stewart, Cassidy Pittman

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. Cierra Neil from Boyer & Ritter presented the June 30. 2021 Financial Report.
3. Dr. Will announced that January is board member appreciation month and recognized each board member with a certificate and some facts about board members. An Act 80 day was held Monday for staff which provided professional development on topics including PBIS, MISS overview, technology, and social-emotional learning. Mrs. Jennifer Mellott provided a review of ESSER 1, 2, & 3 funds. Dr. Will announced that a field trip approved last month to the Van Gogh Museum in Washington D.C. was notified that anyone entering the museum must show proof of COVID vaccination. This may cause the field trip to be canceled. Mr. Bain reported on the water and HVAC system at the high school.
4. Parents and community members addressed the board regarding the quarantine guidelines and informational items being made available to the public.
5. 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.**

6. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021 Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
7. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2021, Special Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the payment of bills for December. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the financial reports for December. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to accept with regret the resignation from Justin Mellott as Junior High Head Soccer Coach effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to accept with regret the resignation from Tori Bearfield as Assistant Elementary Musical Director effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Marjorie Leese as a long-term substitute teacher from January 24, 2022, through 10 to 12 weeks. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Harlie Koontz as a substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to advertise for a junior high head soccer coach for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to advertise for an assistant elementary musical director for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

It was decided to skip the appointment of a PSBA Legislative Representative.

16. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve an unpaid leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for a professional employee beginning January 24, 2022, through March 7,

2022. VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

17. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve for Wendy Ritz and Marley Baker to attend Creating Trauma-Sensitive School Conference from February 20, 2022, thru February 22, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

18. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for all staff to work during regularly scheduled hours providing live and recorded lessons for each class in the event of future closures due to COVID. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

19. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the first 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.

20. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the second reading of Policy 204, Pupils, Attendance retroactive to August 23, 2021. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

21. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve for the Southern Fulton Elementary School Musical to use the gym and music room on May 22, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Southern Fulton Elementary Musical. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

22. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to approve the memorandum of understanding for the 2021-2022 school year between the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 Partial Hospitalization Program(TIU11 PHP) and the Southern Fulton School District for those students residing outside of Huntingdon County attending the TIU11 PHP.

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.

23. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Jada Smith to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Southern Fulton School District and the Southern Fulton Education Association/PSEA/NEA whereas the district has created a remediation program and accordingly, created positions associated with same.

Allen Morton- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
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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.

24. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to approve the Commonwealth K-12 School COVID-19 Testing Program Statement of Assurances.

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

25. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the professional services agreement between Tuscarora Intermediate Unit and Southern Fulton School District whereas the district has created a remediation program and accordingly, created positions associated with same.

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. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the updated Health & Safety Plan Summary for the 2021-2022 school year to follow the CDC Guidelines.

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. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the January 2022 COVID-19 quarantine guidelines to follow the CDC Guidelines.

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. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to go into executive session for litigation with no action to follow. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 8:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Signature _____

Date _____