

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

December 7, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Southern Fulton School District met for their reorganization board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, in the library of the high school at Warfordsburg. The following members were present: Patrick Bard, Mark Mosemann, Timothy Mellott, Dave Smith, Mika Ah Loe, Jon Diffenderfer, Tony Shives, and Jada Smith.

Board Members present via Google Meet were: Brian Pittman

Also present were Tara Will, superintendent; Jennifer Mellott, business manager; Kathy Cutchall, elementary principal; Suzy Elbin, K-12 special education supervisor; Cynthia Flaherty, director of educational support services; Billy Baker, school police officer; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary.

Also, present via Google Meet were: Meredith Hendershot; high school principal; Robin Binder Heath, school solicitor; Deanne Baker

Visitor's present were: Sandy Crouse, Kelly Morton, Nicole Stewart, Lauren Mosemann, Annette Wetzell, Karen Souders, Logan Kennedy, Kristine Morris, Jolene Stotler, Cherish Harvey, Randi Pittman

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. MaryAnn Johnson.
2. Mrs. MaryAnn Johnson called for nominations of a temporary President.

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to nominate Mr. Dave Smith as Temporary President.

Mrs. MaryAnn Johnson conducted a vote for Mr. Dave Smith for Temporary President of all members present.

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

“8” yes “0” members no “1” abstain. Motion carried.

3. The new board members were greeted and Mrs. MaryAnn Johnson swore in the new members: Patrick Bard, Mark Mosemann, Jon Diffenderfer, Jada Smith, and Tony Shives.
4. Mrs. MaryAnn Johnson read election certificates for the new board members. Election certificates were filed with the December board minutes.

5. Mr. Dave Smith called for nominations for President.

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to nominate Mr. Patrick Bard for president.

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to close the nominations.

Patrick Bard- abstain	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann-yes

Jon Diffenderfer - yes

“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Dave Smith conducted a vote of all members present for Mr. Patrick Bard for President.

Patrick Bard- abstain	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann-yes

Jon Diffenderfer - yes

“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

6. Mr. Dave Smith called for nominations for Vice-President.

A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to nominate Mr. Mark Mosemann for vice-president.

A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to close the nominations.

Patrick Bard- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann-abstain

Jon Diffenderfer - yes

“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Dave Smith conducted a vote of all members present for Mr. Mark Mosemann for Vice-President.

Patrick Bard- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes	Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann-abstain

Jon Diffenderfer - yes

“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

7. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Patrick Bard. Mr. Bard thanked the new members for their service on the board.

8. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the reappointment of Mr. Mark Mosemann to serve on the Fulton County Center for Career & Technology School Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to close the nominations.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes Mark Mosemann-abstain
Jon Diffenderfer - yes
“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Patrick Bard conducted a vote of all members present for Mr. Mark Mosemann to serve on the Fulton County Center for Career & Technology School Board.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-yes Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes Mark Mosemann-abstain
Jon Diffenderfer - yes
“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the appointment of Tony Shives to serve on the Fulton County Center for Career & Technology School Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to close the nominations.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives-abstain Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes Mark Mosemann-yes
Jon Diffenderfer - yes
“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Patrick Bard conducted a vote of all members present for Mr. Tony Shives to serve on the Fulton County Center for Career & Technology School Board.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives- abstain Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-yes Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes Mark Mosemann-yes
Jon Diffenderfer - yes
“8” yes “0” members no. “1” abstain. Motion carried.

10. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the appointment of Mr. Brian Pittman and Mr. Mika Ah Loe as alternates on the Fulton County Center for Career & Technology School Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to close the nominations.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- abstain
Tony Shives- yes Jada Smith-yes
Mika Ah Loe-abstain Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes Mark Mosemann-yes
Jon Diffenderfer - yes
“7” yes “0” members no. “2” abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Patrick Bard conducted a vote of all members present for Mr. Brian Pittman and Mr. Mika Ah Loe as alternates on the Fulton County Center

for Career & Technology School Board.

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

“7” yes “0” members no. “2” abstain. Motion carried.

11. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to nominate Mr. Dave Smith as the PSBA Legislative Representative.

12. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and second by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to nominate Mr. Dave Smith to close the nominations

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

“8” yes “0” members no “1” abstain. Motion carried.

13. Mr. Patrick Bard conducted a vote of all members present for Mr. Dave Smith as representative for PSBA Legislative.

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

“8” yes “0” members no “1” abstain. Motion carried.

14. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to nominate Mr. Jon Diffenderfer as representative for the Sewer Authority.

15. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to close the nominations.

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

“8” yes “0” members no “1” abstain. Motion carried.

16. Mr. Patrick Bard conducted a vote of all members present for Mr. Jon Diffenderfer as representative for the Sewer Authority.

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

“8” yes “0” members no “1” abstain. Motion carried.

17. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to forgo all committee meetings and hold one work session per month prior to the board meeting starting at 6:00 p.m with the board meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. for the 2022 year.

Jon Diffenderfer- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Tony Shives- yes Jada Smith-yes

Mika Ah Loe-yes Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes Mark Mosemann-yes
Patrick Bard - yes
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

18. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe when school is in-person board meetings will be held strictly in-person and when school is virtual meetings will be held with virtually as well.

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

19. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Moseman and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the meeting dates for Board Meetings and next year’s Reorganization as proposed.

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

The Reorganization Meeting ended at 7:49 p.m. The meeting is now open for general business.

20. Dr. Tara Will reported that the Elementary held a virtual concert available to view on the school website, the High School Band Concert was held last weekend and the High School Chorus Concert will be held this weekend in person. Esser funds that have been dedicated to learning loss have funded a learning loss program available on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to students in both the Elementary & High schools. Dr. Will reminded the board of upcoming teacher contract negotiations and requested those interested in sitting on this committee reach out to her. Dr. Will also asked that if any board members would like the information provided to them in the weekly administrative bulletin to change that they let her know. Dr. Will provided a COVID update reporting that although there have been 120 cases in the county within the last 6 days our mitigation efforts with the last shut down have reduced cases in our buildings. Dr. Will asked several questions on behalf of the school nurses to provide clarification regarding the Health & Safety Plan approved at the November board meeting. It was decided to discuss this further during the Health & Safety Plan approval listed on the agenda.

21. Nicole Stewart addressed the board regarding an Educational Field Trip concern. It was decided that the board will re-visit this policy at the January board meeting.

22. Parents and community members voiced their concerns regarding potential changes in the current health & safety plan.

23. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith 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.**

24. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
25. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the payment of bills for November. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
26. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the financial reports for November. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
27. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to hire Natasha McFadden as a full-time paraprofessional effective December 8, 2021. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
28. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve an uncompensated leave of absence for a support staff employee beginning approximately December 20, 2021, through January 31, 2022. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
29. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to extend permission for the senior class to reschedule their senior trip to a later date in the spring. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
30. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the first reading of the following policies:
 - a) Policy 903, Community, Public Participation in Board Meetings
 - b) Policy 903, Community, Public Participation in Board Meetings, Attachment
A Southern Fulton School Board Public Comment Form

Jon Diffenderfer- yes	Brian Pittman- no
Tony Shives- no	Jada Smith-no
Mika Ah Loe- yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Dave Smith- yes	Mark Mosemann-no
Patrick Bard - no	

“4” yes “5” members no. Motion denied.
31. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe for the Southern Fulton High School Spring Musical to use the High School stage, auditorium, and pit from January 3, 2022, through February 28, 2022, from 2:45-6:00 p.m. and March 1, 2022, through March 22, 2022, from 2:45-9:00 p.m. for the spring musical rehearsals and performances. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
32. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe for the Southern Fulton STEAM to use the High School cafeteria, lobby, gym, and auditorium on

Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. to hold the Southern Fulton STEAM Festival. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

33. No action was taken on the updated Health & Safety Plan Summary for the 2021-2022 school year.

34. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the Act I Resolution.

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

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

35. Mr. Mika Ah Loe asked that procedures be addressed so that they are consistent in both buildings.

36. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signature _____

Date _____