

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

March 16, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting began at 7:36 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending in-person and via Google Meet. The following members were present: Jeff Hull, Mark Mosemann, Brian Pittman, Richard Morgan, Mika Ah Loe, Timothy Mellott, Patrick Bard, Dave Smith, and Allen Morton. The meeting was conducted by the board president, Allen Morton.

Also present were: Tara Will, superintendent; Jennifer Mellott, business manager; Meredith Hendershot, high school principal; Kathy Cutchall, elementary principal; John Bain, building and grounds supervisor; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary

Also, present via Google Meet were: Terry Bard, high school assistant principal; Cindy Flaherty, director of special education; Billy Baker, school police officer

Visitors present were: Julie Dickerhoff

Visitors present via Google Meet were: Alissa Buterbaugh, Carrie Shaw, Christen Paul, Carolyn Mottern, Cherish Harvey, Deanne Baker, Dena Mellott, Denise Conley, Doug Leisher, Ellen Glunt, Heather Powell, James Will, Jamie Bivens, Jolene Stotler, Karen Palmer, Kristine Morris, Lalei Reed, Logan Kennedy, Lori Bard, Michele Auker, Samantha Smith, Shannon Pittman, Shawn Weaver, Sherry Deshong, Sherry Northcraft, Suzy Elbin, Tammy Hixon, Wendy Ritz and one by phone number

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Allen Morton.
2. Dr. Tara Will reported that the administrative team met to discuss the learning gap and began a discussion about providing a possible summer camp to meet the needs of those students. More details will be shared as planning progresses. Dr. Will also reported that Johnson & Johnson vaccinations were provided to staff at the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 and another round of vaccinations is currently being scheduled to allow additional staff members the opportunity to be vaccinated.
3. Mrs. Jennifer Mellott reported to the board that the district will receive additional federal stimulus funds which will be used in the upcoming budget to provide relief for expenses incurred due to COVID-19.
4. Julie Dickerhoff addressed the board regarding the plans to continue in-person and virtual instruction through the district. She expressed her concerns about teaching both students in-person and virtual at the same time.
5. Several board members encouraged parents to send their children back to in-person instruction. Board member Mark Mosemann strongly urged parents of children who have opted for an online instruction option or a charter option to reconsider sending their

children back to in-person instruction to reduce the financial burden on the school district. “We are beginning work on next years budget and every year the school board members are forced to balance a school budget by taking away services from our general population of students to pay for increasing charter school expenses that can range anywhere from an additional \$13,000-26,000 per student. Many of our taxpayers are not aware that the district is responsible for charter school expenses, not the students. While on-line instruction and/or charter school options should be reserved for specific cases where they are warranted or needed, it is better for our communities taxpayers, and for the students physically in our school buildings, that as many students come to in-person school as possible.”

6. 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.**
7. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Richard Morgan to add to the agenda approval of the letter of agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Richard Morgan to add to the agenda approval to hire Christine Lancaster as a substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Richard Morgan to add to the agenda approval to repeal the Flexible Instruction Day Application. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2021 Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve the payment of bills for February. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve the financial reports for February. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to accept with regret the letter of intent to retire from Jon Diffenderfer as elementary dean of students effective June 30, 2021. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Mr. Richard Morgan thanked Jon for his many years of service.

14. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to accept with regret the resignation from Jim Fitz as junior high assistant baseball coach effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to accept with regret the resignation from Shonda Price as junior high assistant soccer coach effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
16. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to hire Stephen Carroll as an unpaid volunteer assistant trap team coach for the 2020-2021 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
17. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to hire Sherry DeShong as an unpaid volunteer assistant trap team coach for the 2020-2021 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
18. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to hire Brian DeShong as an unpaid volunteer assistant trap team coach for the 2020-2021 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
19. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to hire Christine Lancaster as a substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
20. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to advertise for a junior high assistant soccer coach for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
21. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
22. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to repeal the Flexible Instruction Day Application.

Patrick Bard- no	Brian Pittman- yes
Jeff Hull-no	Richard Morgan-no
Mark Mosemann-yes	Dave Smith- yes
Timothy Mellott-yes	Mika Ah Loe- yes
Allen Morton - yes	

“6” yes “3” members no. Motion carried.
23. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and Seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve the Mobile Dentist program for the 2021-2022 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to

approve the first reading of Policy 137.1, Programs, Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Jeff Hull-yes Richard Morgan-yes
Mark Mosemann-yes Dave Smith- yes
Timothy Mellott-yes Mika Ah Loe- yes
Allen Morton - no
“8” yes “1” members no. Motion carried.

25. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the first reading of Policy 150, Programs, Title I-Comparability of Services. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

26. A motion was made by Mr. Mika Ah Loe and seconded by Mr. Richard Morgan to approve the second reading of policy 810, Operations, Transportation. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

27. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve for the Drama Club to use the High School auditorium, stage, band room, art room, and shop restrooms from April 12, 2021, to April 17, 2021, from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and April 16, 2021, and April 17, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to present the Southern Fulton spring musical Moana Jr. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

28. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve for Southern Fulton Boys Basketball to use the high school gymnasium from July 19, 2021, to July 23, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for basketball camp and on Sundays in September and October from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for fall basketball. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

29. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to approve the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 2021-22 budget.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Jeff Hull-yes Richard Morgan-yes
Mark Mosemann-yes Dave Smith- yes
Timothy Mellott-yes Mika Ah Loe- yes
Allen Morton - yes
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

30. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the letter of agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program.

Patrick Bard- yes Brian Pittman- yes
Jeff Hull-yes Richard Morgan-yes
Mark Mosemann-yes Dave Smith- yes
Timothy Mellott-yes Mika Ah Loe- yes
Allen Morton - yes
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

31. Mr. Jeff Hull reviewed the minutes from the March 8, 2021, Safety Committee

Meeting. Mr. Hull recommended that the board proceed with the approval of the Bettwy Proposal for all three offices.

32. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve to proceed with the Bettwy Proposal for the Elementary, High School, and District Office.

Patrick Bard- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Jeff Hull-yes	Richard Morgan-yes
Mark Mosemann- yes	Dave Smith- yes
Timothy Mellott-yes	Mika Ah Loe-yes
Allen Morton - yes	

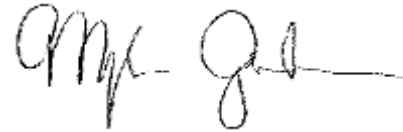
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

33. Mr. John Bain provided an update on the retaining wall and bleachers at the High School.

34. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021, Safety Committee meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

35. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



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Date 4/21/2021