

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

August 15, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting began at 7:10 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending in person. The following members were present: Timothy Mellott, Jon Diffenderfer, Mika Ah Loe, Jada Smith, Brian Pittman, Allen Morton, Mark Mosemann, and Patrick Bard. The meeting was conducted by the board president, Patrick Bard.

Also present were: Meredith Hendershot, superintendent; Jeremy Hollinshead, high school principal; Laurel Keegan, director of special education; Tyler Burns, elementary principal; Cindy Flaherty, director of educational support services; Jennifer Mellott, business manager; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary.

Visitors present were: Carolyn Mottern, Sara Hutzell, Wendy Ritz, Megan Lear, Tammy Hixon

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. The board and administration would like to publicly thank Mr. Hervey Hann for his volunteer consulting work that he has given the Southern Fulton School District over the many years, specifically the past 2 months, with his expertise in educational leadership.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott 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.**
4. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023, Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the payment of bills for July. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to approve the financial reports for July. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

7. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to accept with regret the resignation of Niki Hamilton as full-time paraprofessional effective August 13, 2023. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to hire Willis Hendershot as Boys Junior High Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to hire Sara Swope as Girls' Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to hire Sara Hutzell at Step 1 Column 1 as Elementary Special Education Life Skills Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to continue the employment of Sierra Williams as MDS paraprofessional as she has completed a 6-month satisfactory probationary period. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve Michelle Auker as a mentor for Sara Hutzell for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton 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 from approximately October 1, 2023, through approximately 8 weeks. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton 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 support staff employee from approximately August 26, 2023, to approximately October 21, 2023. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman for approval to advertise for a full-time paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
16. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the High School teaching and staff assignments for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
17. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the Elementary teaching and staff assignments for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

18. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the Elementary Student Handbook and list of changes for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
19. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the High School Student Handbook and list of changes for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
20. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the list of Elementary School field trips for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
21. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the list of High School Field trips for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
22. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the list of High School fundraisers for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
23. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve for Livia Kupcova to attend Southern Fulton School District as a foreign exchange student for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the following classes with an enrollment of students under 10:

Course Name	Number of Students	Instructor
Calculus	4	Dickerhoff
Ad Maiora Jr.	2 (M), 9 (W)	Wilt
AP Chemistry	7	McKenzie
AP Biology	5	Duncan
AP Art/Studio Art	6- AP Art; 7 Studio Art= 2 nd Period	Mottern
2D Art	8	Mottern
AP Stats	4	Stotler
College Algebra	3	Stotler
Yearbook	9(M), 8(W)	Mottern

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There are some special education classes that are not included on this list that are less than 10.

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to table pursuing a cooperative sponsorship with Central Fulton School District.

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

25. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the first reading of the following policies:
- a. Policy 006, Local Board Procedures, Meetings
 - b. Policy 137, Programs, Home Education Programs
 - c. Policy 137.1, Programs, Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
 - d. Policy 137.2, Programs, Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
 - e. Policy 137.3, Programs, Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students
 - f. Policy 216.1, Pupils, Supplemental Discipline Records
 - g. Policy 251, Pupils, Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

26. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve Karl Swope as a substitute bus driver for Weaver Bussing, LLC for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

27. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve Amber Grimes as a substitute bus driver for Weaver Bussing, LLC for the 2023-2024 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

28. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the bus and van driver and substitute driver list for the 2023-2024 school year.

Allen Morton- abstain	Mark Mosemann- yes
Jon Diffenderfer-yes	Timothy Mellott- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Mika Ah Loe- yes
Brian Pittman- yes	Patrick Bard- yes

“7” yes “0” no members “1” member abstain. Motion carried.

29. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept the proposed rates by Trever Friese for the 2023 Cross Country Season at a rate of \$3.00 per mile and \$30.00 per hour driver fee effective September 5, 2023. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

30. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept the proposed rates by M&C Lumber for the 2023 volleyball season at a rate of \$3.00 per mile and \$30.00 per hour drive fee effective September 5, 2023. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

31. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept the proposed rates by Landry Brantner for the 2023 Soccer Season at a rate of \$2.40 per loaded mile, \$1.20 per unloaded mile, \$12.00 per hour layover fee, and with a fuel adjustment charge that increases mileage rates \$0.03 a mile with an increase of \$0.25 per gallon anything over the base price of \$3.99 per gallon effective September 5, 2023. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion**

carried.

32. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the letter of agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

33. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center(NDTC) Child/Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program(CPHP) and Southern Fulton School District regarding all District students attending the NDTC CPHP programs for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

34. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the agreement between Southern Fulton School District, Healthy Communities Partnership, Franklin-Fulton County MJ/ID/EI, and Franklin-Fulton County Drug and Alcohol for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

35. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the following quotes from Melvin Powell Masonry, LLC for concrete at the Elementary Building:

- a. Materials & labor for concrete sidewalk at back of building on the east wall.
- b. Materials & labor for concreted sidewalk at back of building at the north wall.


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

36. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to go into executive session for personnel reasons with no action to follow.
VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

Executive session began at 7:24 p.m. and ended at 8:20 p.m.

37. 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 8:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. G.", written above a horizontal line.

Signature _____

Date 9/20/2023 _____