

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

February 20, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Prior to the board meeting discussion was held regarding options for the Custodial shortage.

Prior to the board meeting, an executive session was held for personnel reasons. Executive session began at 6:51 p.m. and ended at 7:03 p.m.

The board meeting began at 7:06 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending in person. The following members were present: Timothy Mellott, Brian Pittman, Jada Smith, Jon Diffenderfer, Allen Morton, Mark Mosemann, and Patrick Bard. The meeting was conducted by the board president, Patrick Bard.

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

Visitors present were: Laura Mellott, Mike Keebaugh, Megan Keebaugh

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. Mr. Tyler Burns and Mrs. Laura Mellott presented on the progress that has been made since the Multi-Tiered System of Supports(MTSS) was implemented in the Elementary School.
3. Mr. & Mrs. Mike Keebaugh addressed the board with a transportation issue.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mrs. Jada 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.**
5. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024, Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to

approve the payment of bills for January. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

7. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann 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. Jon Diffenderfer to hire Chase Varner as Junior High Head Track & Field Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to hire Richard Ritz as a full-time custodian effective January 30, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve hiring Heather Bridges as a substitute paraprofessional retroactive to February 7, 2024, for the 2023-2024 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the resignation of Rebekah Walters as second shift custodian effective January 26, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the resignation of Haley McFadden as second shift custodian effective January 26, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the verbal resignation of Richard Ritz as full-time custodian effective January 26, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the unpaid leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for a professional employee from approximately March 27, 2024, through approximately 12 weeks. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the following members of the Professional Development Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan:
 - a. Hervey Hann
 - b. Mark Mellott
 - c. Terry Bard
 - d. MaryAnn Johnson**VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
16. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the 6th-grade band to go to Mifflin County Middle School for the 6th-grade band fest on May 17, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

17. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith for the 5th-grade chorus to go to Huntingdon Area High School for the 5th-grade chorus fest on April 26, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

18. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the senior class to go to Peoples Natural Gas Field on April 24, 2024. In lieu of one big overnight senior trip, the seniors are opting to go on three/four day trips. This is trip three. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

19. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the second reading of the following policies:

- a. Policy 200, Pupils, Enrollment of Students
- b. Policy 202, Pupils, Eligibility of Nonresidents Students
- c. Policy 217, Pupils, Graduation
- d. Policy 254, Pupils, Education Opportunity for Military Children
- e. Policy 810, Operations, Transportation

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

20. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve Kathleen Croteau as a substitute van driver for M&C Lumber Co, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

21. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve Brian Ritz as a substitute bus driver for M&C Lumber Co, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

22. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the Pre-K Counts provider agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Fulton County Family Partnership effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.

Allen Morton- yes Mark Mosemann- yes

Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes

Brian Pittman- yes Jon Diffenderfer- yes

Patrick Bard- yes

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

23. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the agreement between Mr. John Mixell and the Southern Fulton School District for the Elementary Wastewater System.

Allen Morton- yes Mark Mosemann- yes

Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes

Brian Pittman- yes Jon Diffenderfer- yes

Patrick Bard- yes

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

24. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the tax exoneration list for the 2023-2024 school year as presented by the Business Manager.

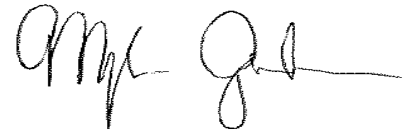
Allen Morton- yes Mark Mosemann- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes
Brian Pittman- yes Jon Diffenderfer- yes
Patrick Bard- yes
"7" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.

25. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to go into executive session for personnel reasons with adjournment to follow.

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

Executive session began at 8:08 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Signature _____

Date 03/20/2024