

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

September 17, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Prior to the board meeting an executive session was held for personnel reasons.

Executive session began at 6:37 p.m. and ended at 6:45 p.m.

The board meeting began at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending in person. The following members were present: Timothy Mellott, Jada Smith, Jon Diffenderfer, Brian Pittman, Allen Morton, Nikki Stewart, Tony Shives, 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; Cindy Flaherty, director of educational support services; David Cason, director of operations; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary.

Visitors present were: Meagan Mellott

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer 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.**
3. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to remove the transportation list approval from the August 20, 2024 board meeting minutes. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
4. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024, Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the payment of bills for August. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the financial reports for August. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion**

carried.

7. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to hire Dustin Mellott as Elementary Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to hire Creston Ward as Junior High Head Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to hire D. Scott Reed as Junior High Assistant Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to hire Morgan Stallman as a full-time paraprofessional effective September 18, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve an unpaid leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for a professional employee from approximately December 22, 2024, through 12 weeks. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve Employee X to have unpaid time off on September 23, 2024, November 8, 2024, November 27, 2024, and others as needed through December 31, 2024, for health reasons. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the classes with an enrollment of students under 10. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve for the Class of 2026 to hold a 3 on 3 tournament on November 9, 2024, at the high school to offset prom & graduation expenses. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve for the Class of 2026 to have a basket raffle during the Southern Fulton vs. McConnellsburg Boys Basketball home game to offset prom & graduation expenses. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
16. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve for Juniors and Seniors attending prom to sell Bedford Candies from October through November 2024 to offset prom ticket costs. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
17. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to

approve the second reading of the following policies:

- a. Policy 103, Programs, Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
 - 1) Report Form
 - 2) Discrimination Complaint Procedures
 - 3) Grievance Procedures
 - 4) Confidentiality Letter
- b. Policy 103.1, Programs, Nondiscrimination- Qualified Students with Disabilities
 - 1) Procedural Safeguards
 - 2) Report Form Complaints
 - 3) Parent Guardian Request-Permission to Evaluate
 - 4) District Initiated Evaluation Notice
- c. Policy 104, Programs, Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
 - 1) Report Form
 - 2) Discrimination Complaint Procedures
 - 3) Grievance Procedures
- d. Policy 234, Pupils, Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
- e. Policy 247, Pupils, Hazing
 - 1) Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination
- f. Policy 249, Pupils, Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - 1) Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination
- g. Policy 252, Pupils, Dating Violence
 - 1) Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination
- h. Policy 317.1, Administrative Employees, Educator Misconduct
- i. Policy 336, Administrative Employees, Personal Necessity Leave
- j. Policy 339, Administrative Employees, Uncompensated Leave
- k. Policy 417.1, Professional Employees, Educator Misconduct
- l. Policy 436, Professional Employees, Personal Necessity Leave
- m. Policy 439, Professional Employees, Uncompensated Leave
- n. Policy 517.1, Support Employees, Educator Misconduct
- o. Policy 536, Support Employees, Personal Necessity Leave
- p. Policy 539, Support Employees, Uncompensated Leave
- q. Policy 801, Operations, Public Records
- r. Policy 805.1, Operations, Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- s. Policy 806, Operations, Child Abuse
- t. Policy 807, Operations, Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
- u. Policy 824, Operations, Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- v. Policy 909, Community, Municipal Government Relations

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

18. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the amended bus and van driver and substitute driver list for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

19. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the Class of 2026 to use the High School lobby, gym, cafeteria, and locker rooms on November 9, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to hold a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

20. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Christine

Chrostowski whereas Christine will perform psychological evaluations, re-evaluations, and functional behavior assessments for Southern Fulton School District students effective August 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Allen Morton- yes Tony Shives- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes
Jon Diffenderfer- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Brian Pittman- yes Patrick Bard- yes
"8" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.

21. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Pennsylvania State Police and the Southern Fulton School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Allen Morton- yes Tony Shives- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes
Jon Diffenderfer- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Brian Pittman- yes Patrick Bard- yes
"8" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.

22. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the following candidates for the PSBA Officers Election:

- A. President-Elect
 - 1) Sabrina Backer, Franklin Area School District
- B. Vice President
 - 1) Matt Vannoy, Sharon City School District
- C. 2025-2027 PSBA Eastern Zone Representative
 - 1) Holly Arnold, Tunkhannock Area School District
- D. PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees
 - 1) Nathan G. Mains
 - 2) Richard Frerichs
 - 3) William S. LaCoff
- E. School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee
 - 1) Betsy Gates
 - 2) Mary Dougherty

VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

23. Allen Morton wanted to publicly acknowledge Dr. Cynthia Flaherty for getting a \$625,323.00 Environmental Repair Grant via PDE for the roof at the high school.

24. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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Date 10/16/2024