

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

August 20, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

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, 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; Jeremy Hollinshead, high school principal; Tyler Burns, elementary principal; Cindy Flaherty, director of educational support services; David Cason, director of operations; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary.

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer 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 Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024, Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
4. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the payment of bills for July. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve the financial reports for July. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the resignation of Alex Bolinger as Junior High Head Soccer Coach effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
7. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to accept with regret the resignation of Doug Bolden as Junior High Head Softball Coach effective August 1, 2024. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

8. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to hire Bailey Burkett as Varsity Girls Assistant Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to hire Carolyn Mottern as Prom Committee Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to hire Collin Bard as an unpaid volunteer Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to hire Kaitlin Gregory as Junior High Boys Head Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to hire Daniel Leese as a substitute teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer retroactive approval to advertise for a Junior High Head Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to advertise for a Junior High Assistant Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to advertise for a Junior High Head Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
16. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the High School teaching and staff assignments for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
17. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the Elementary teaching and staff assignments for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
18. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the staff conference list for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
19. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the Elementary Student Handbook and list of changes for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
20. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the High School Student Handbook and list of changes for the 2024-

2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

21. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the list of Elementary School field trips for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
22. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the list of High School field trips for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
23. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the list of High School fundraisers for the 2024-2025 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the classes with an enrollment of students under 10. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
25. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the first 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.

26. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the updated Bus 4 and 13 routes as a result of the Bus 1 Route being absorbed. As a result of the merger, some students on bus 13 have been reassigned to bus 11 or 15. Drivers have notified families of the route merge with pick-up times provided. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

27. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the Bus 11 route to reintroduce the lower end of Hendershot Road to its bussing route for a more efficient and safer student bussing experience. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

28. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart for Southern Fulton PTO to use the Elementary parking lot and playground areas for Touch a Truck on September 13, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

29. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart for Southern Fulton PTO to use the Elementary parking lot and overflow areas for Trunk or Treat on October 25, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

30. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the agreement between Southern Fulton School District, Healthy Community Partnership, Franklin-Fulton County MJ/ID/EI, and Franklin-Fulton County Drug and Alcohol for the 2024-2025 school year..

Allen Morton- yes	Mark Mosemann- 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.

31. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Brian Pittman to approve Strickler Insurance Company as carrier and approve authorization of payment of the premiums regarding the same for the 2024-2025 school year.

Allen Morton- yes	Mark Mosemann- 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.

32. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the memorandum of understanding between Southern Fulton School District and Southern Fulton Education Support Professionals Association,

PSEA/NEA regarding the temporary use of private custodial services.

Allen Morton- yes Mark Mosemann- 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.

33. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the memorandum of understanding between Southern Fulton School District and ALSM Bedford/Fulton Head Start Program to coordinate services to eligible preschool children.

Allen Morton- yes Mark Mosemann- 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.

34. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the truck & plow bid in the amount of \$2,150.00.

Allen Morton- yes Mark Mosemann- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes
Jon Diffenderfer- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Brian Pittman- yes Patrick Bard- abstain
"7" yes "0" no "1" abstain members. Motion carried.


35. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center (NDTC) Child/Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (CPHP) and the Southern Fulton School District regarding all District students attending the NDTC CPHP program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Allen Morton- yes Mark Mosemann- 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.

36. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott 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 7:14 p.m. and ended at 7:47 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Signature 
Date 9/18/2024

