

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

July 15, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting began at 7:01 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, Nikki Stewart, Allen Morton, 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; Jeremy Hollinshead, high school principal; Cindy Flaherty, director of educational support services; David Cason, director of operations; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary; Anita Munson, Business Manager/Operations Coordinator

Also present via Google meet: Greg Gates, chief financial officer.

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives 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. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on June 24, 2025. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
4. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the payment of bills for June. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the investment report for June. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to hire Heather Gordon as cross-country coach for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
7. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve Christopher Wilson as a junior high and varsity unpaid volunteer assistant

soccer coach for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

8. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to hire Meagan Mellott as an Elementary gifted teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to hire Cajan Reed as junior high assistant volleyball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to hire Karrie Gaither as assistant track & field coach for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to advertise for a van rider paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives for Southern Fulton volleyball to sell Marianna hoagies to support their end-of-the-year trip to a Penn State volleyball game. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the liquid fuel tax refund claim that is normally funded through the state for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$12,902.42.

13. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the following vendors for the Secondary Transition Agency Night to be held on August 21, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.:
 - A. Jenn Hilyer-Early Reach Coordinator
 - B. Jenn Horst- Overtime Counselor
 - C. Nicole Fisher- Blind and Visual
 - D. Shanna Golden- IDD Supports Coordinator, Supervisor- Franklin/Fulton County
 - E. Mary Dombrowski- The Center for Independent Living of South-Central PA**VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives 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 the Southern Fulton School District regarding all District students attending the NDTC CPHP program for the 2025-2026 school year.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes	Jada Smith- yes
Tony Shives- yes	Patrick Bard- yes
"6" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.	

15. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the agreement between Pyramid Healthcare, Inc., t/d/b/a Soaring Heights School, and Southern Fulton School District, whereas Soaring Heights School will provide special education and related services to students from August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026.

Allen Morton- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes
Tony Shives- yes Patrick Bard- yes
"6" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.

16. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives 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 2025-2026 school year.

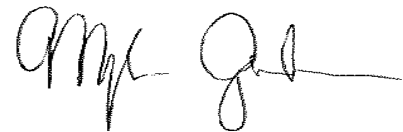
Allen Morton- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes Jada Smith- yes
Tony Shives- yes Patrick Bard- yes
"6" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on state and federal funding for the 2025-2026 school year.

17. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to go into executive session for personnel reasons with adjournment to follow. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Signature _____

Date August 20, 2025