SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

November 18, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Prior to the board meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to go into executive session for personnel and contracts. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 6:35 p.m. and ended at 6:58 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, Jon Diffenderfer, Jeff Hull, Jada Smith, Mark Mosemann, Nikki Stewart, Allen Morton, 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; Anita Munson, business manager/operations coordinator; Gregory 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. 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.**

3. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on October 21, 2025. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

4. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the payment of bills for October. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

5. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the investment report for October. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

6. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to accept with regret the resignation of Angela Gabel as full-time custodian, effective November 14, 2025. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

7. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to terminate Employee #2025-10-09 for the reasons outlined in the Notice of Statement of Charges dated October 14, 2025.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes	Jada Smith- yes
Jeff Hull- yes	Jon Diffenderfer- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes	Patrick Bard- yes

"8" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.

8. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Heather Hollenshead as a substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

9. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to retroactively approve to hire Maggie Feight as a long-term substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

10. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire William Fulton as a substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

11. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Leslie Horton as a homebound instructor for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

12. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Michael Petersen as a full-time custodian for the 2025-2026 school year, pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

13. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve advertising for anticipated vacancies as they arise. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

14. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve for Southern Fulton boys' Elementary basketball to hold a foul shoot sponsorship on December 27, 2025, to help pay for referees and team supplies. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

15. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the varsity boys' basketball team to sell Sandy Jaks Country Store sandwiches to help pay for team supplies. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

16. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the 7th and 8th grade reading competition teams to go to TIU 11 on February 3, 2026, for an IU Reading Competition. The backup date for this is

February 5, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

17. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to approve the first reading of the following policies:
    a. Policy 105.2, Programs, Exemption From Instruction
    b. Policy 122, Programs, Extracurricular Activities
    c. Policy 918, Community, Title I Parent and Family Engagement Attachment #1
    d. Policy 918, Community, Title I Parent and Family Engagement Attachment #2

    VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.

18. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve for Southern Fulton boys' Elementary basketball to use the Elementary gymnasium on December 27, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a foul shoot event. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

19. A motion was made by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the proposal of agreement for transportation.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Timothy Mellott- yes	Jada Smith- yes
Jeff Hull- yes	Jon Diffenderfer- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes	Patrick Bard- yes

    "8" yes "0" no members. Motion carried.

20. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Jon Diffenderfer to go into executive session for possible litigation. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

    Executive session began at 7:08 p.m. and ended at 7:22 p.m.

    The board recognized and thanked Jon Diffenderfer for his years of service.

21. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

    Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Signature _____

Date 12/2/2025