

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

April 21, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Prior to the board meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to go into executive session for personnel reasons. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 6:52 p.m. and ended at 7:23 p.m.

The board meeting began at 7:25 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending in person. The following members were present: Tony Shives, Danny Pelton, Jada Smith, Mark Mosemann, Nikki Stewart, Allen Morton, Jeff Hull, Chris Harvey, 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

Visitors present were: Logan Pelton, Kaitlin Pelton, Justin Mellott, Christopher Hartman, Jana Hartman, Viliamu Ah Loe, Gaven Mellott, Teagan Ritz, Bill Pelton, Robert Oakman, Kaylie, Oakman, Dena Mellott, Tracy Mellott

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. Members of the community addressed the Board regarding scholarship application processes for the Class of 2026 and considerations related to student standing.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Danny Pelton and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to grant that 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.**
4. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on March 17, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to

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

6. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the investment report for March. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
7. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the expense report for March. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the revenue summary for March. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Chris Harvey to go into executive session for personnel reasons. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 7:47 p.m. and ended at 8:33 p.m.

10. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to accept with regret the resignation of Brian Rouzer as full-time custodian effective June 30, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to accept with regret the letter of resignation from Stacy Smith as varsity assistant volleyball coach, effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to accept the letter of intent to retire as an employee of Southern Fulton School District from Wendy Ritz at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Chris Harvey- yes
Danny Pelton- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Tony Shives- no	Jeff Hull- yes

Patrick Bard- yes

“8” yes “1” no members. Motion carried.

13. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to hire Jamie Bivens as athletic director, effective July 1, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve an additional compensation of \$1.50 per hour for Heather Powell, in accordance with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, for assuming the additional duties of registering new students into the district’s database and withdrawing students from the district’s database, effective May 1, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to

hire Banner Mann as an unpaid volunteer assistant track & field coach for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

16. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to hire James Bard as an unpaid volunteer assistant track & field coach for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
17. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to hire Jacob Silver as an unpaid volunteer assistant track & field coach for the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
18. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to hire Carson Elbin as a substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year, pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
19. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to hire Leslie Horton as a homebound instructor for an elementary student as needed for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
20. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Chris Harvey to approve Anita Park as a practicum student for Special Education Supervisory under the supervision of Laurel Keegan from approximately May 13, 2026, to July 28, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
21. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Chris Harvey to advertise for a full-time custodian for the 2026-2027 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
22. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Chris Harvey to advertise for a varsity assistant volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
23. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Chris Harvey to approve for life skills support to go on a tour at Hirem G. Andrews on May 19, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Chris Harvey to approve the Certified School Nurse job description. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
25. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for life skills support to go on a tour at Hirem G. Andrews on May 19, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
26. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve for the Class of 2026 to go to Seven Ten Bowling on May 26, 2026, for a senior trip. This will be paid for by the class fund. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

27. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve retroactively for the track & field team to sell Joe Corbi's from March 30, 2026, to April 15, 2026 to raise funds for general supplies, a new tent, and a fully automatic timing system. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
28. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve retroactively for the track & field team to sell raffle tickets for a wooden American flag to raise funds for general supplies, a new tent, and a fully automatic timing system. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
29. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Chris Harvey to approve the second reading of the following policies:
- a. Policy 140, Programs, Charter Schools
 - b. Policy 221, Pupils, Dress and Grooming
 - c. Policy 236.1, Pupils, Threat Assessment
 - d. Policy 325, Administrative Employees, Dress and Grooming
 - e. Policy 425, Professional Employees, Dress and Grooming
 - f. Policy 432, Professional Employees, Working Periods
 - g. Policy 525, Support Employees, Dress and Grooming
 - h. Policy 532, Support Employees, Working Periods
 - i. Policy 619, Finances, District Audit
 - j. Policy 810, Operations, Transportation
- VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
30. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve for special education to use the Elementary library, MDS room, music room, and sensory room on July 7,8,9,14,15,16,21,22,23,28,29, & 30, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Extended School Year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
31. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve for STEAM to use the high school lobby, auditorium, gym, cafeteria, ag shop, hallways, and outdoor parking from May 1, 2026, at 2:50 p.m. to Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. for the SF Annual STEAM Festival. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
32. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve for the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 to use the Elementary library on June 4, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Safety Care Training. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
33. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve for Sandy Crouse to use the high school library on June 1,8, & 16, 2026, and July 1,6, & 7, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for CPR and First Aid training. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
34. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve for the Class of 2026 to use the high school auditorium on June 1, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Baccalaureate. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

35. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve for the Class of 2026 to use the high school parking lot on April 30, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. for the senior sunrise and breakfast. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

36. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve for Kaylee Oakman to use the high school gymnasium on August 3, 2026, through August 6, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for summer volleyball camp and on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for volleyball recreation. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

37. A motion was made by Mr. Tony Shives and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 Partial Hospitalization Program and the Southern Fulton School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Chris Harvey- yes
Danny Pelton- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Tony Shives- yes	Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes	

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

38. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the agreement with parents of students #261727 and the District, and to authorize the Board President to sign any necessary paperwork to effectuate same.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- no	Chris Harvey- yes
Danny Pelton- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Tony Shives- yes	Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes	

“8” yes “1” no members. Motion carried.

39. A motion was made by Mrs. Jada Smith and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the linkage agreement between Achieving True Self and Southern Fulton School District.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Chris Harvey- yes
Danny Pelton- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Tony Shives- yes	Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes	

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

40. A motion was made by Mr. Chris Harvey and seconded by Mr. Tony Shives to approve the Flexible Instructional Days Application for school years 2026 through 2029.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Chris Harvey- yes
Danny Pelton- yes	Mark Mosemann- yes
Tony Shives- yes	Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes	

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

Mr. Patrick Bard informed the Board of anticipated future repairs to the track, with estimated costs ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Signature _____

Date 5/20/2026