

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

13083 Buck Valley Road
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

May 19, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting began at 7:26 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending in person. The following members were present: Danny Pelton, Jada Smith, Mark Mosemann, Nikki Stewart, Allen Morton, Jeff Hull, 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; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary; Anita Munson, business manager/operations coordinator;

Also present via Google meet: Gregory Gates, chief financial officer; David Cason, director of operations

Visitors present were:

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Patrick Bard.
2. Mr. Patrick Bard read a thank-you letter from the second-grade teachers (Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Whitsel, and Mrs. Brumbaugh) for the board's contribution in the second-grade field trip.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart 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. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve the amended minutes from the Board Meeting on April 21, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve the payment of bills for April. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve the investment report for April. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

7. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve the expense report for April. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve the revenue summary for April. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to accept with regret the resignation of Chloe Souders as co-cheer head advisor, effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to accept with regret the resignation of Chelsea Pittman as Elementary girls basketball coach, effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to accept with regret the letter of resignation from Cajan Reed as junior high assistant volleyball coach, effective immediately. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Megan Mellott(Schetrompf) as School Nurse for the 2026/2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026, at a salary placement of \$61,104.92 (Master's +12, Step 1), in accordance with the current CBA. Further, that the Board approves compensation at a rate of \$325.52 per diem (\$61,104.92/186 days) for any days worked beyond the contracted school year during the summer months, as assigned and approved by the administration. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Steven Wible as an unpaid volunteer coach for the trap team for the 2026-2027 school year, pending completion of all clearances. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Jim Fear as an unpaid volunteer coach for the trap team for the 2026-2027 school year, pending completion of all clearances. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Matthew Pryor as an unpaid volunteer coach for the trap team for the 2026-2027 school year, pending completion of all clearances. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
16. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Cajan Reed as varsity assistant volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

17. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to hire Daniel Paul as a substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year under Act 86 of 2016. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
18. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to advertise for a high school counselor for the 2026-2027 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
19. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to advertise for an elementary girls' basketball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
20. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to advertise for a junior high assistant volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
21. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Jada Smith to approve the list of seniors eligible for the Southern Fulton High School 2026 graduation, pending all graduation requirements are met. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
22. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to table the season pass schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
23. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to retroactively approve for the Autistic Support class to take a trip to McDonald's and the Cone Zone in McConnellsburg, PA, on May 13, 2026. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
24. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to retroactively approve for two STEM/STEAM students to go to Elizabethtown College on May 19, 2026, for the state competition. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
25. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve for the trap team to go to Elysburg, PA, on May 21, 2026, for practice on the field they will be competing on for states. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
26. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve for WAYS soccer to use the Elementary cafeteria, gymnasium, and field beside the district office on May 27, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their season-end party. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
27. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Danny Pelton to approve the 2026-2029 comprehensive plan.

Allen Morton- yes	Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes	Danny Pelton- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes	Jeff Hull- yes

Patrick Bard- yes
“7” yes “0” no members. Motion carried.

28. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the letter of agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Extended Family Programs, Inc., and Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 for day treatment & educational services.

Allen Morton- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes Danny Pelton- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes
“7” yes “0” no members. Motion carried.

29. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart 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 2026-2027 school year.

Allen Morton- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes Danny Pelton- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes
“7” yes “0” no members. Motion carried.

30. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Allen Morton to approve the 2026-2027 Fulton County Center for Career & Technology Budget in the amount of \$1,204,524.00.

Allen Morton- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes Danny Pelton- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes
“7” yes “0” no members. Motion carried.

31. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Truist as Treasurer

Truist as Depository of Funds

Allen Morton- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes Danny Pelton- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes
“7” yes “0” no members. Motion carried.

32. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve Beard Legal Group PC, as solicitor for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$180.00 per hour for special education, negotiations, labor and employment, and litigation.

Allen Morton- yes Nikki Stewart- yes
Jada Smith- yes Danny Pelton- yes
Mark Mosemann- yes Jeff Hull- yes
Patrick Bard- yes
“7” yes “0” no members. Motion carried.

33. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the contract between M&C Lumber and Southern Fulton School

District for Bus Route #7.

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

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

34. A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve the contract between M&C Lumber and Southern Fulton School District for Bus Route #8.

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

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

35. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to approve the contract between M&C Lumber and Southern Fulton School District for Bus Route #15.

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

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

36. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Ms. Nikki Stewart to deny the swamp cooler bid of \$200.00.

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

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

The Board requested that Mr. Dave Cason contact Rent-A-Center to determine whether the company would be interested in purchasing the swamp cooler at a more favorable price.

37. A motion was made by Mr. Allen Morton and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the Food Service Management Company Contract with Metz Culinary Management for the 2026/2027 school year, a non-bid renewal year, with a guaranteed loss of \$37,817.70, pending final review and approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

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

38. Prior to the budget approval, Superintendent Mrs. Meredith Hendershot provided the Board with a spreadsheet outlining the financial impact cyber charter school costs have on the district budget. Mrs. Hendershot stated that cyber school is not free and explained that, based on the amount of funding the district receives from the state, cyber charter enrollment will cost the district an additional \$6,390.42 per regular education student and \$14,707.89 per special education student. She further

noted that the projected out-of-pocket cost to the district for the 2026–2027 school year is \$427,648.11.

Mr. Allen Morton expressed concern regarding the increasing financial impact of cyber school enrollment on the district and local taxpayers. He stated that professional staff, support staff, and tax collectors are sending their children to cyber schools, which continues to create a significant financial hardship for taxpayers. Mr. Morton commented that the district cannot continue at the current pace, noting that cyber school costs have totaled millions of dollars over the past five years. He further stated that, if the trend continues, the district may have no choice but to reduce staff positions, adding that “it is not good to bite the hand that feeds.”

He also addressed parents who choose cyber schools for religious reasons, stating that cyber schools are not religious institutions and that parents may not know who is teaching their children on the other side of the screen. Mr. Morton added that he does not understand how the district’s extracurricular activities are considered good enough for students while the district’s education is not. He also stated that he fully supports school vouchers, provided they do not create an additional cost to local taxpayers.

Additionally, Mr. Morton encouraged the public to consider candidates’ positions during future elections, noting that current elected officials declined proposals to place a cap on the amount public school districts are required to pay charter schools.

Chief Financial Officer Greg Gates added that this marks the seventh consecutive year in which cyber school costs have been identified as the district’s highest budgetary concern.

39. A motion was made by Mr. Danny Pelton and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the tentative budget for the 2026-2027 school year for a total of \$16,424,927.00.

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

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

40. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve the following taxes:

Real Estate Taxes	32.8520 Mills
Section 679 Per Capita Taxes	\$5.00
Act 511 Per Capita Taxes	\$5.00
Earned Income Tax	1%
Real Estate Transfer Tax	1%
Penalties	Maximum

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

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

41. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Signature 
Date 6/24/2026

