

# **SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

13083 Buck Valley Road  
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

January 19, 2021

7:00 p.m.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Prior to the board meeting a work session was held via Zoom on January 12, 2021, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the guidance recently provided on in-person instruction and sports.

Prior to the board meeting Mr. Richard Morgan reviewed the minutes from the personnel committee meeting held on January 12, 2021.

Prior to the board meeting Mr. Mark Mosemann reviewed the minutes from the finance committee meeting held on January 12, 2021.

The board meeting began at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania with visitors attending via Google Meet. The following members were present: Jeff Hull, Mark Mosemann, Brian Pittman, Richard Morgan, Mika Ah Loe, Timothy Mellott, Patrick Bard, Dave Smith, and Allen Morton. The meeting was conducted by the board president, Allen Morton.

Also present were: Tara Will, superintendent; Jennifer Mellott, business manager; Meredith Hendershot, high school principal; Kathy Cutchall, elementary principal; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary

Also present via Google Meet were: Cindy Flaherty, Director of Special Education; Terry Bard, high school vice principal; Billy Baker, school police officer

Visitors present via Google Meet were: Abigail Fischer, Adam Hoopengardner, Adrian Weller, Allison Green, Amanda Keiper, Amber Goldizen, Amber Leader, Anna Shipley, Ashley Blankley, Bailey Hull, Beth Hull, Betsy Shingleton, Brooklyn Crouse, Cajan Reed, Carrie Shaw, Carri Younker, Cherish Harvey, Christy Sears, Colby Swope, Crystal Hernandez, Dani Brady, Dariel Pelton, Daniel Pelton, Deanne Baker, Denise Conley, Dena Mellott, Dustin Fischer, Ellen Glunt, Elsie Murray, Grace Gregory, Haley Shaw, Heather Gordon, Heather Hollenshead, Heather Powell, Hunter Ward, Jami Eader, Jamie Bivens, Jen Keebaugh, Jennifer Silver, Jessica Lynch, Jessica Mellott, Jessie Wetzell, Jill Mellott, Jolene Stotler, John Schriever, Jon Diffenderfer, Julie Dickerhoff, Justin Mellott, Karen Palmer, Kaylee Bishop, Kelly Morton, Kent Hendershot, Kristen Burns, Kristie Whiteside, Kristen Dion, Lillian Unger, Linda Francis, Logan Kennedy, Marley Baker, Megan Bigelow, Megan Mabey-Leach, Meredith Cirtwell, Michele Auker, Michelle Trail, Missy Barton, Rachel Bradshaw, Samantha Smith, Sandy Crouse, Sarah Sipes, Scott Varner, Shannon Pittman, Sharlean Lynch, Sheila Swope, Sherry Deshong, Sherry Northcraft, Shonda Price, Stephanie Barton, Susan Householder, Suzy Elbin, Tammy Hixon, Tera Elder, Teri Varner, Tiffany Hendershot, Tina Shifflet, Tori Bearfield, Waylon Mitchell, Wendy Ritz, Vonda Hollenshead, and several by phone number

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Allen Morton.
2. Dr. Tara Will recognized the board members for Board Appreciation Month with snacks. She commended the 80 years of board experience currently sitting on the board. The board was also issued laptops and school email addresses this month. The email addresses will be posted to the website for public view within 30 days to allow time for members to set up their new email accounts. Dr. Will also reported that Lindsay Turner started her Spanish Teacher position under the guidance of Sherry Northcraft and the staff participated in an Act 80 day on January 18, 2021, with a motivational speaker & mental health workshop. Google classroom, positive behavior support, remote learning, and authentic assessment in the classroom training was also provided.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann 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.**
4. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 Board Meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve the payment of bills for December. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
6. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve the financial reports for November and December. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
7. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to hire Sarah Vankirk as a long-term substitute beginning approximately January 19, 2021, through 9 weeks. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve a paid FMLA leave of absence under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act(FFCRA) pursuant to the law and regulation for a support staff employee beginning on December 10, 2020, through December 21, 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve a paid FMLA leave of absence under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act(FFCRA) pursuant to the law and regulation for a support staff employee beginning on December 10, 2020, through December 21, 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to

approve a paid FMLA leave of absence under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act(FFCRA) pursuant to the law and regulation for a support staff employee beginning on December 10, 2020, through December 21, 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

11. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve a paid FMLA leave of absence under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act(FFCRA) pursuant to the law and regulation for a support staff employee beginning on December 10, 2020, through December 21, 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

12. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve a one-time special sick leave for an FMLA leave of absence under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for an administrative employee beginning on December 7, 2020, through December 21, 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

13. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve a paid FMLA leave of absence under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act(FFCRA) pursuant to the law and regulation for an administrative employee beginning on December 10, 2020, through December 21, 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

14. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Pittman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve a paid FMLA leave of absence under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act(FFCRA) pursuant to the law and regulation for a support staff employee beginning on December 9, 2020, through December 24, 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

15. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to table the 2-year contract extension request from M&C Lumber for bus #7. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

16. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to approve of payment to transportation contractors as if the pandemic had not occurred minus variable costs based on guidance from Act 136 of 2020. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

17. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve of the independent contracting agreement between Southern Fulton School District and Christine Chrostowski whereas Christine will perform psychological evaluations and re-evaluations for Southern Fulton School District students.

Patrick Bard- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Jeff Hull-yes	Richard Morgan-yes
Mark Mosemann-yes	Dave Smith- yes
Timothy Mellott-yes	Mika Ah Loe- yes
Allen Morton - yes	
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.	

18. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021, Personnel Committee meeting. **VOICE**

**VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

- 19. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hull and seconded by Mr. Dave Smith to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021, Finance Committee meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

The board held a lengthy discussion on the options of reopening the schools for in-person instruction and athletics. At this time, they listened to recommendations from Dr. Tara Will, Superintendent; Kathy Cutchall, Elementary Principal; Meredith Hendershot, High School Principal; Billy Baker, School Police Officer/Pandemic Coordinator; Sandy Crouse; School Nurse, as well as, several staff members and parents in the district.

- 20. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Smith and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hull to approve to resume school on February 8, 2021, with a Hybrid Instruction Model. A special board meeting will be held on February 2, 2021, to vote on the Hybrid Instruction Model, and Extracurricular Activities may begin on January 25, 2021. Extracurricular Activities will be discontinued if Hybrid Instruction does not start on February 8, 2021.

Patrick Bard- yes	Brian Pittman- yes
Jeff Hull-yes	Richard Morgan-yes
Mark Mosemann- yes	Dave Smith- yes
Timothy Mellott-yes	Mika Ah Loe-yes
Allen Morton - yes	
"9" yes "0" members no. Motion carried.	

- 21. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to go into executive session for personnel reasons. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 10:18 p.m. and ended at 10:42 p.m.  
Mr. Richard Morgan encouraged teachers to provide more live instruction during virtual learning.

- 22. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mr. Mika Ah Loe to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.



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Date 2/24/2021