

# **SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

13083 Buck Valley Road  
WARFORDSBURG, PA 17267

November 21, 2017

7:30 p.m.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

During the work session Jamie Schlesinger from Public Financial Management, Inc. and Jennifer Caron from Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott, LLC. presented on refinancing the bond issue.

The board meeting began at 8:06 p.m. in the library of the high school in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania. The following members were present: Allen Morton, Patrick Bard, Mark Mosemann, Nicole Potter, Kirk Layton, Timothy Mellott, Richard Morgan, Eric Barnhart, and Donnie Gordon. The meeting was conducted by the board president, Allen Morton.

Also present were Tara Will, superintendent; Meredith Hendershot, high school principal; Diane Younker, special education director; Doug Leisher, technology specialist; Terry Bard, high school vice principal; and Debra Schetrompf, business manager; MaryAnn Johnson, board secretary; Kierstyn Morton, student representative; and Ally Layton, student representative.

Visitors present were: Daniel Peck, Lori Bard, Tiara Bard, Dorothy Hixon, Darl Hixon, Harry Lanehart Jr., Brian Pittman, Kelly Peck, Edith Carnahan, Jennifer Caron, Joe Pierce, Shannon Pittman, Carrie Shaw, Connie Mellott, Mark Mellott, and Wendy Ritz.

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Allen Morton.
2. Kelly Peck addressed the board regarding the bond refinance and the Votech program.
3. Dorothy Hixon addressed the board requesting they speak louder for her to hear.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Kirk Layton and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to add to the agenda the motion recommending approval for Sean Weaver to resign his Activity Runs Contract effective March 31, 2018. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
5. A motion was made by Mr. Kirk Layton and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to add to the agenda the motion recommending approval to bid the Activity Runs Contract for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year with a full contract being awarded for the 2018-2019 school year.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Kirk Layton and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to add to the agenda the motion recommending approval to hire Sonya Weaver as a

substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

7. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann 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.**
8. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mrs. Nicole Potter to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 board meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
9. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mrs. Nicole Potter to approve the payment of bills for October. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
10. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mrs. Nicole Potter to approve the financial reports for October. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
11. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Eric Barnhart to hire Harry Lanehart as an unpaid volunteer assistant elementary girls' basketball coach for the 2017-2018 school year. All clearances have been obtained. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
12. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Eric Barnhart to hire Krista Shives as a substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year pending completion of proper certification and all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
13. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Eric Barnhart to hire Sonya Weaver as a substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year pending completion of all paperwork. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
14. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Eric Barnhart to approve an unpaid leave of absence under the FMLA of 1993 pursuant to the law and regulation for a support professional employee retroactive from September 22, 2017 until December 3, 2017. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**
15. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Eric Barnhart to approve for Cindy Flaherty to complete a 180 day practicum internship. EDUC 549 Applied Research Practicum in School Administration I retroactive October 13, 2017 and EDUC 550 Applied Research Practicum in School Administration II starting December 20, 2017. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

16. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Eric Barnhart to approve the resignation of Sean Weaver’s Activity Runs Contract effective March 31, 2018.

Patrick Bard - yes                      Richard Morgan – yes  
Eric Barnhart - yes                     Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes                 Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes                     Donnie Gordon – yes  
Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

17. A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Mellott and seconded by Mr. Eric Barnhart for the approval to bid the Activity Runs Contract for the remainder of the 2017-2018 with a full contract being awarded for the 2018-2019 school year.

Patrick Bard - yes                      Richard Morgan – yes  
Eric Barnhart - yes                     Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes                 Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes                     Donnie Gordon – yes  
Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

18. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Morgan and seconded by Mr. Kirk Layton to approve the Objector Resolution regarding Pennsylvania School Boards Association v. Simon Campbell.

Patrick Bard - yes                      Richard Morgan – yes  
Eric Barnhart - yes                     Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes                 Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes                     Donnie Gordon – yes  
Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

19. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mosemann and seconded by Mrs. Nicole Potter to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern Fulton School District and Southern Fulton Education Association whereas the district has created one half-time Music Teacher position.

Patrick Bard - yes                      Richard Morgan – yes  
Eric Barnhart - yes                     Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes                 Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes                     Donnie Gordon – yes  
Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

20. A motion was made by Mr. Eric Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to approve the Bond Resolution presented by Public Financial Management, Inc. and Eckert, Seamans, Chermin, & Mellott, LLC.

Patrick Bard - yes                      Richard Morgan – yes

Eric Barnhart - yes            Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes       Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes           Donnie Gordon – yes  
   Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

21. A motion was made by Mr. Donnie Gordon and seconded by Mr. Kirk Layton to approve Lynda S. Strait to temporarily transport students riding bus route 10 and Pre-K students riding vans. Compensations for bus route 10 will be calculated at state formula and compensation for Pre-K van transportation will be \$1.43 per mile.

Patrick Bard - yes            Richard Morgan – yes  
Eric Barnhart - yes           Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes       Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes           Donnie Gordon – yes  
   Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

22. A motion was made by Mr. Donnie Gordon and seconded by Mr. Kirk Layton to approve Samantha Elmes as a van driver for Lynda S. Strait retroactive to November 6, 2017. All credentials and clearances have been obtained.

Patrick Bard - yes            Richard Morgan – yes  
Eric Barnhart - yes           Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes       Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes           Donnie Gordon – yes  
   Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

23. A motion was made by Mr. Donnie Gordon and seconded by Mr. Kirk Layton to approve Greg Strait as a substitute van/bus driver for Lynda S. Strait pending receipt of all credentials and clearances.

Patrick Bard - yes            Richard Morgan – yes  
Eric Barnhart - yes           Timothy Mellott – yes  
Mark Mosemann – yes       Kirk Layton – yes  
Nicole Potter - yes           Donnie Gordon – yes  
   Allen Morton – yes  
“9” yes “0” members no. Motion carried.

24. A motion was made by Mr. Eric Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann to approve the Southern Fulton Band Boosters 2017 Annual Report. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

25. Mrs. Nicole Potter reported that during the Personnel Committee Meeting on November 15, 2017 the committee reviewed the fall sports activity fee and made appropriate adjustments for the upcoming winter sports. The committee also listened to Kindergarten teacher concerns and discussed different options to try.

26. Mr. Donnie Gordon reported that during the building and grounds meeting on Monday October 18, 2017 they walked the Elementary property lines. Rebecca

Mosemann then presented on doing landscaping at the High School. Mr. Gordon recommended the board go to executive session for possible litigation.

27. Mr. Eric Barnhart reported that PSBA will be sending out central book guides for board members at the end of November. These books will be mailed to the Superintendent at the District Office.
28. Mr. Allen Morton presented Mrs. Nicole Potter with an award thanking her for her service on the board.
29. A motion was made by Mr. Donnie Gordon and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to go into executive session for possible litigation with action to follow. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Executive session started at 8:27 p.m. and ended at 9:02 p.m.

30. A motion was made by Mr. Eric Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott for the approval to terminate the Pre-K Bus/ Van Contract and the bus route #10 contract effective November 1, 2017.

Patrick Bard - yes	Richard Morgan – yes
Eric Barnhart - yes	Timothy Mellott – yes
Mark Mosemann – yes	Kirk Layton – yes
Nicole Potter - yes	Donnie Gordon – yes
Allen Morton – yes	

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

31. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mr. Timothy Mellott to approve to adopt the policies and procedures for tax-exempt obligations.

Patrick Bard - yes	Richard Morgan – yes
Eric Barnhart - yes	Timothy Mellott – yes
Mark Mosemann – yes	Kirk Layton – yes
Nicole Potter - yes	Donnie Gordon – yes
Allen Morton – yes	

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

32. A motion was made by Mrs. Nicole Potter and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to approve the minutes from the Personnel Committee meeting on November 15, 2017. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

33. A motion was made by Mrs. Nicole Potter and seconded by Mr. Patrick Bard to approve the minutes from the Building and Grounds Committee meeting on October 23, 2017. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

34. Jessica Diehl addressed the board regarding behavior and discipline consequences on the bus for Elementary students.

35. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Bard and seconded by Mr. Mark Mosemann for the administration to look into changing the Elementary Handbook to reflect the same

discipline measures as the High School for the Behavior on the Bus section. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

36. Mr. Donnie Gordon reported that the Building and Ground Committee meeting scheduled for Monday November 27, 2017 has been cancelled.

37. The board discussed the bond refinance with no action being taken.

38. A motion was made by Mr. Eric Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Richard Morgan to adjourn the meeting. **VOICE VOTE, All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_