

Southmoreland School District

High Quality Learning For All

Boardroom News

May 2024



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BOARDROOM NEWS



SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION

- Scottie Spotlight - Dr. Boone took the time to recognize all students and faculty for their end of year efforts including parent and PTA for all they do for the students.
- Recognize Student Reps - Dr. Boone thanked Nolan and Faith for all they did on the Board this year. They would be presented with a token of appreciation during class day.
- CEP Presentation 2024-2025 SY-Zach Malavite made the CEP presentation to be voted on later in the meeting.

USDA Summer Food Service Program

The Summer Food Service Program provides meals at no charge for children during the summer. Join us this summer at a variety of locations.



One FREE meal served to children age 18 or younger. Meals must be consumed on-site.

LOUCK'S PARK SCOTTDALE, PA	EVERSON CENTENNIAL PARK EVERSON, PA REGIONAL FAMILY YMCA BESSEMER ROAD	FRICK PARK MT. PLEASANT, PA
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JUNE 17, 2024 – AUGUST 9, 2024

Monday-Friday, rain or shine

(No meal service: June 28 Idlewild School Picnic, July 4 or 5)

Louck's Park	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Everson Centennial Park	12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
Regional Family YMCA	11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Frick Park	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

This program is operated by the Southmoreland School District. Additional activities may be available per site through respective borough agencies.

MONTHLY GIVEAWAYS & PARTICIPATION PRIZES AVAILABLE AT ALL SITES!
For more information, visit the Food Service website at www.southmoreland.net

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1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov



BUSINESS MANAGER/TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR INFORMATION

The following reports were posted for Board and public view:

- ◆ Activity and Cyber Charter reports are posted online in BoardDocs
- ◆ 2024-2025 Budget Updates were given in her Presentation #4, see below with 4 budget options. Full presentation can be found [HERE](#).

2024-25 PROJECTED BUDGET - OPTION #1

SAME TAX RATES AS 23/24 SCHOOL YEAR

Total Expenses:	\$35,616,218.00
Local Revenues:	-\$15,241,906.00
State Revenues:	-\$19,322,364.00
Federal Revenues:	-\$739,300.00
Projected Deficit	-\$312,648.00

2024-25 PROJECTED BUDGET - OPTION #2

1 MILL INCREASE

Total Expenses:	\$35,616,218.00
Local Revenues:	-\$15,373,028.00
State Revenues:	-\$19,322,364.00
Federal Revenues:	-\$739,300.00
Projected Deficit	-\$181,526.00

2024-25 PROJECTED BUDGET - OPTION #3

SAME LOCAL EFFORT (\$) AS 23/24 SCHOOL YEAR

Total Expenses:	\$35,616,218.00
Local Revenues:	-\$15,505,323.00
State Revenues:	-\$19,322,364.00
Federal Revenues:	-\$739,300.00
Projected Deficit	-\$49,231.00

2024-25 PROJECTED BUDGET - OPTION #4

BALANCED BUDGET WITH ALL EXPENSES

Total Expenses:	\$35,616,218.00
Local Revenues:	-\$15,554,554.00
State Revenues:	-\$19,322,364.00
Federal Revenues:	-\$739,300.00
Projected Balanced Budget	\$0.00



BUSINESS MANAGER/TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR INFORMATION-cont'd

- ◆ 2024-2025 Budget Updates. Full presentation can be found [HERE](#).

LOCAL TAX EFFORT 2024-2025

Local Tax Effort (\$)	Westmoreland Tax Rate (mills)	Increase/Decrease (mills)	Average Monthly Increase/Decrease At Median Value	Fayette Tax Rate (mills)	Increase/Decrease (mills)	Average Monthly Increase/Decrease At Median Value	Deficit (\$)	Notes
\$11,137,000.00	94.71		\$0.01	16.89		-\$1.76	-\$312,648.00	Option #1 - 23/24 Local Tax Effort In Mills
\$11,150,000.00	94.8	0.09	\$0.15	16.91	0.02	-\$1.67	-\$300,426.00	
\$11,200,000.00	95.18	0.47	\$0.73	16.98	0.09	-\$1.33	-\$250,020.00	
\$11,250,000.00	95.56	0.85	\$1.32	17.05	0.16	-\$1.00	-\$199,616.00	
\$11,269,000.00	95.7	0.99	\$1.53	17.07	0.18	-\$0.91	-\$181,526.00	Option #2 - Approximate 1 Mill Increase
\$11,300,000.00	95.94	1.23	\$1.90	17.11	0.22	-\$0.71	-\$150,042.00	
\$11,350,000.00	96.32	1.61	\$2.48	17.18	0.29	-\$0.38	-\$99,637.00	
\$11,400,000.00	96.7	1.99	\$3.06	17.25	0.36	-\$0.05	-\$49,231.00	Option #3 - 23/24 Tax Effort in Dollars (\$)
\$11,450,000.00	97.07	2.36	\$3.63	17.32	0.43	\$0.29	\$0.00	Option #4
<i>Maximum Allowed Increase Under The Act 1 Index</i>								
\$12,036,000.00	101.51	6.80	\$10.42	18.11	1.22	\$4.05	\$586,623.00	Surplus



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SOLICITOR'S INFORMATION

None at this time.

CWCTC REPORT

New student orientation was held. Nearly 1,500 student offers were put out. There was a senior recognition ceremony on May 13th.

WIU REPORT

Last meeting was on April 24th. There were discussions about WIU Board participation, career expo at St. Vincent, training to generate income for the IU, & online testing changes coming. Services offered by the IU include monthly news letters, notifications, Business Manager monthly meetings, Superintendent meetings, tech services, consortium purchases, legal services and HR services.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

They are looking to reorganize the Board and there will be no meeting until September.

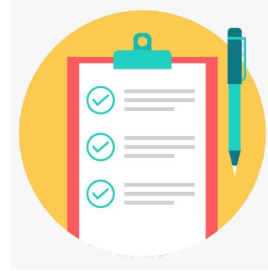
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building, Grounds and Safety

The District is looking at energy savings projects to pay for capital projects at no cost to the District. Still have an open maintenance position. New wall that was leaking was finished at the SHS. Next meeting will be August 7, 2024.

Finance, District Operations, Transportation

Last meeting was May 1st. There was another budget update and we are still waiting on the Title allotment. There are no more meetings schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel, Policy, Academics

There was 1 new policy discussed #903-Public Comment in Board Meetings. There have been many interviews going on to fill positions for next year. There was an extensive discussion about graduation credit requirements compared to all other county districts. There are no set state requirements. Next meeting will be August 13, 2024.

Non-Academic, Athletics, Extra-Curricular

Spring sports are completed except states for Track & Field. Next meeting will be TBD.

School Safety & Security

Dr. Boone & Mr. Keefer toured the Penn SSI facility to learn about the interactive training programs they offer for frontline personnel. Next meeting will be June 3, 2024.

SCHOOL BOARD

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2024
- ◆ Pam Mondock as Board Treasurer
- ◆ PARSS Membership

POLICIES

The proposed policy #903-Public Comment in Board Meetings was asked to be revised by the committee before a 2nd read.





STUDENT REPORTS

Student representatives to the Board Nolan Blaze & Faith Tarr presented the following:



SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL **School Board Notes** **May 21, 2024**

REPS: Nolan Blaze and Faith Tarr

1. Congratulations to April Spirit of Southmoreland: Beatrix Pawlikowsky
2. Congratulations to May Spirit of Southmoreland: Kaylee Doppelheuer
3. Congratulations to Gabby Fabery-Scottie Scholar for April.
4. Congratulations to Derek Huff-Scottie Scholar for May.
5. Saturday, May 11th, Southmoreland hosted our annual Prom! The formal event open to all juniors and seniors was hosted at the Edgewood Country Club in Pittsburgh, where students enjoyed a catered dinner, danced the night away, and Nolan Blaze and Madison Brown were crowned Prom King and Queen! Our junior class officers and representatives did an amazing job with planning and executing the night! Everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you to Mrs. O'Rear for volunteering her talents as the prom Photographer, Steve Smithula as our lighting technician, Jason Sharek and Larry Ansell for set building, and Bethany Hutira for announcing during the Grand March. Susan Ansell, Cathy Pallyagus, Bree Padgelek, Dan Krofcheck, Charity Colebank, Greg Keefer, and Rose Spotted Bear for joining as chaperones.
6. On May 22, 2024, our Transition series evening will be held at SHS Student Union from 6-8 pm. Our Special Education Department will be welcoming Achieva and Achieving Your True Self - both are local community agencies for families and students.





STUDENT REPORTS-Cont'd

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7. Students from the Southmoreland High School BotsIQ Team participated in the 19th annual BotsIQ Final Competitions at PennWest-California on April 26 and 27. The team, Mjolnir's Might [Pronounced "MOLE-NEARS"] began the design process in September and spent the duration of the school year fabricating the 15 pound battle bot and developing the supporting documentation portfolio that accompanies the robot at finals. Although they had two losses to South Park and Somerset CTC, they still achieved a 4th place ranking on Documentation and 6th place ranking on best engineered robot out of 67 participating teams this year. The remaining month of school has been spent dissecting this year's design and starting some preliminary designs for next year while recruiting new members. The students wish to thank the continued support of the school district and this year's industry partners: Duraloy Technologies, Reynolds Machine Shop, KAF TECH Industries and Quality Truck Service.
8. Student Council hosted the annual Powder Puff Football game on April 27th at Russ Grimm Field with over a hundred students involved in playing, cheerleading, volunteering in the concession area and gate, and cleaning up. The senior and sophomore team took home a victory, but the greatest victory was raising over \$3000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. A special thank you to Mr. Busato and Mr Yeager for coaching, Ms. Hutira for helping with the cheerleading squad, Mr. and Mrs. Causer for running the concession area, Mrs. Colebank for all of her support and assistance, and our local sponsors: Norvelt Pizzeria, Carson's Restaurant, Great Scott Escapes, Suzy's Simply Delicious, Fox's Pizza, Wish's Bar and Grill, and Lynn's Dairy Queen. Without the help of sponsors, this event would not be possible.
9. Congratulations to our Westmoreland Cultural Trust Achievement in the Arts award recipients for 2024! These students were recognized last Tuesday, May 14th, at the Palace Theater in Greensburg for all of their incredible performances and talents.
 - a. Achievement in Instrumental Performance: Chris Headley
 - b. Achievement in Vocal Performance: Nolan Blaze
 - c. Achievement in Theater Performance: Faith Tarr





STUDENT REPORTS-Cont'd

Student representatives to the Board Nolan Blaze & Faith Tarr presented the following:

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d. Achievement in Visual Art: Adra Pandullo

10. Our Highlander Choir and Scottie Singers both got to enjoy a (rainy) day at the amusement park on top of their stellar performances! Both choirs received an adjudication of "Excellent," and both received first place in their respective categories at the Music In Our Parks festival in Hersheypark on Saturday, May 4th! Additionally, Sophomore Lily Guess received a special award for being an "Outstanding Student Accompanist."
11. Congratulations to all of our Daily Courier Teen of the Week recipients, who were honored at a banquet on April 30th: Chris Headley, Alyson Gaborko, Faith Tarr, Gabriella Grabiak, Olivia Love, Amelia Miller, Carlie Cameron, Nolan Blaze, Madison Brown, and Kaylee Doppelheuer. A special congratulations to Madison Brown on winning the Teen of the Year award and \$2,500 scholarship!
12. On Friday, April 26th, the high school hosted our first mock accident in recent years to raise awareness for drinking and driving. The simulation depicted 2 Southmoreland seniors losing their lives and 3 others being seriously injured as a result of another senior's decision to drink and drive. The event, sponsored by Coroner Tim Carson in conjunction with the Scottdale Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, Scottdale VFD, Everson VFD, East Huntingdon VFD, Mutual Aid, Life Flight, Frank Kapr Funeral Home, and Raygor's Auto Inc, was extremely educational and eye opening for students to make good decisions, especially as graduation quickly approaches. Thank you to those organizations for participating and helping to bring this experience to life! Thank you to Mrs. Colebank for hosting this event for students.
13. We would like to express our gratitude to the school board for allowing Miss Tarr and I to be a part of the board and allowing us to have a voice. We have enjoyed our time working with you this school year! Thank you!





PERSONNEL

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Personnel Log-See below
- ◆ Business Manager Vacation Days Carry Over

Personnel Resignations-Sorry to see you go!

- ◆ Al Govern, Varsity Baseball Head Coach
- ◆ Dan Boring, Varsity Wrestling Head Coach

Personnel New Hires—CONGRATULATIONS & welcome aboard!

- ◆ Brian Vankirk - SPC/SES BCIT Teacher
- ◆ Caitlin Huey - SES Grade Elementary Teacher
- ◆ Mary Kay Wojtanowski- SES Grade Elementary Teacher
- ◆ Deborah Fawcett - SES Learning Support Teacher
- ◆ Abigail Kane - SMS Math Teacher
- ◆ Kerra Miller - SHS School Counselor
- ◆ Brett Binduga - SHS Autistic Support Teacher
- ◆ Morgan Tylka - SPC Administrative Assistant
- ◆ Jennifer Sutton - Custodian
- ◆ Jennifer Jones - Cafeteria SHS
- ◆ Michelle Pergar - Head Volleyball Coach
- ◆ Ashley Mitrisin - Assistant Head Cheer Coach
- ◆ Jenni Tarasky - Co-Middle School Cheer Coach
- ◆ Ashley Baker - Co-Middle School Cheer Coach
- ◆ Amber Causer - Cafeteria Substitute

Personnel Leaves-Best wishes!

- ◆ Employee #2024-11, effective April 19, 2024-April 18, 2025 - Intermittent
- ◆ Employee #2516, effective April 17, 2024-June 15, 2024 - Intermittent



Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- ◆ Jennifer L. Suter

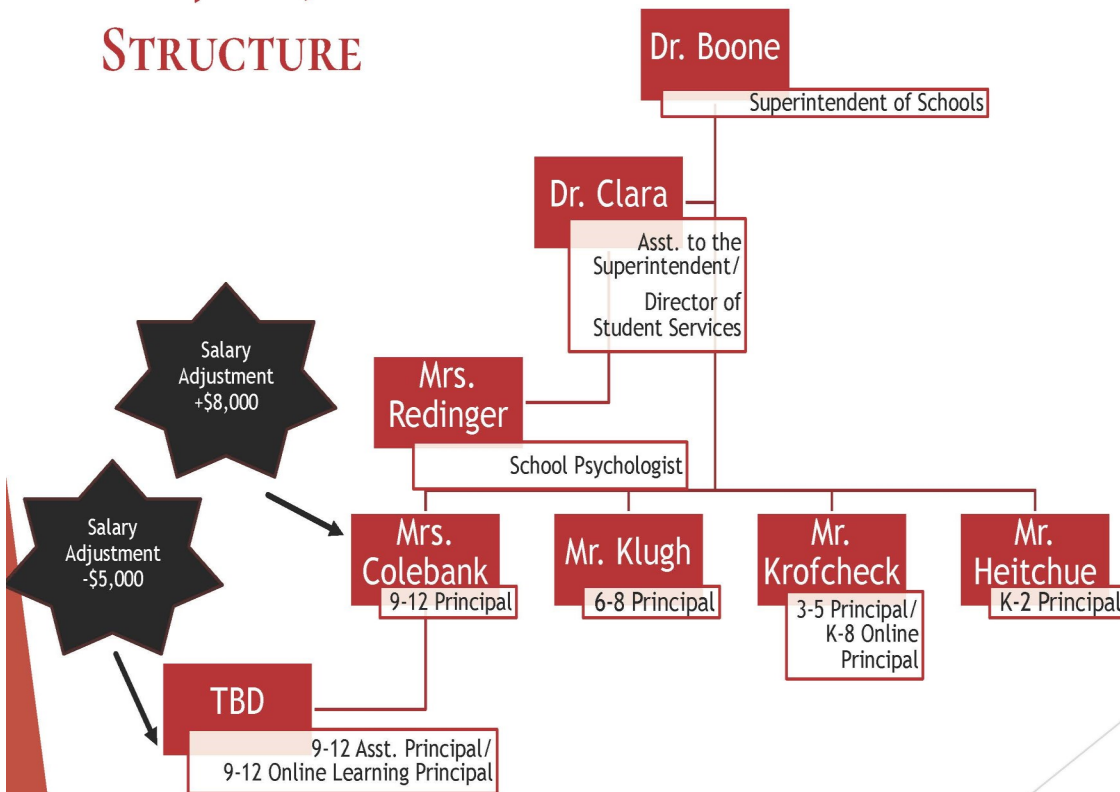


PERSONNEL

The following additional motions were approved:

- ◆ Tracey Kuchar-Long approved as SPC Intervention Specialist
- ◆ New Administrative Structure 2024-2025-See below

2024-2025 PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



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EDUCATION

The following items were approved this month:

- ◆ CEP Model



DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

- CEP CURRENTLY OPERATING AT SPC & SES, GROUPED
- STATE-WIDE FREE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE AT MS & HS
- STATE-WIDE REDUCED LUNCH REIMBURSEMENT INITIATIVE AT MS & HS
- ONLY PAID STATUS STUDENTS AT MS & HS ARE CHARGED FOR MEALS, REPRESENTS 429 STUDENTS
- 23% OF ENROLLED STUDENTS ARE NOT OFFERED MEALS FOR FREE



POTENTIAL NEW GROUPING

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Food and Nutrition Division
CEP Site Eligibility
Program Year: 2023 - 2024
Reporting Date: April 01, 2024

Site ID	Site Name	SNAP	Other	Nbr of Identified Students	Enrollment	ISP	Eligible?
000006191	SOUTHMORELAND SHS	141	120		261	546 47.80%	X
000006932	Southmoreland Elementary School	218	134		347	580 59.83%	X
000007978	Southmoreland Primary Center	102	74		176	270 65.19%	X
000008102	Southmoreland Middle School	137	89		226	412 54.85%	X
	District Grouping	593	417		1010	1808 55.86%	

Free 89% **Paid 11%**

Previous full grouping would have been closer to 80/20 split.



NEW MODEL (YEAR 2,3,4)

- DATA LOCKED IN FROM APRIL 1, 2024
- MEALS AT BOTH BREAKFAST & LUNCH ARE AVAILABLE TO EACH ENROLLED STUDENT AT NO-CHARGE
- DISTRICT GROUPING- 1808 GROUP ENROLLMENT
- IDENTIFIED STUDENTS - 1010
- ISP 55.86%
- FREE 89% PAID 11%
- **100,014 TOTAL - 89012 F, 11002 P (BREAKFASTS)** **180,904 TOTAL - 161004 F, 19900 P (LUNCHES)**



EDUCATION

The following items were approved this month:

- ◆ Student Service Agreements 2024-2025
 - Adelphoi Education Services
 - Camco Physical & Occupational Therapy, LLC
 - IU1 Service Agreement
- ◆ WIU Master Agreement 2024-2025
- ◆ CEP Model - See previous page.



FINANCE

All of the following Motions were approved:

- ◆ Monthly Board Treasurers' Report
- ◆ General Fund Board Summary Report
- ◆ Fund Accounting, Capital Fund and Food Service Check Summary Listing
- ◆ Proposed Final Budget-Option 1



BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

- ◆ No Items For This Month



ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- ◆ No Items For This Month



Let's go Scotties!

Next Board meeting is scheduled
for June 18, 2024