

Southmoreland School District

High Quality Learning For All

Boardroom News

January 2024



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BOARDROOM NEWS



SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION

Dr. Boone reported on the following topics:

- ◆ Scottie Spotlight
- ◆ School Director Recognition Month
- ◆ Identify List of Books Report
- ◆ Comprehensive Planning Update
- ◆ Wellness Committee Information
- ◆ New Legislation Updates
 - Act 56 - 180 Days *or* 900/990 Hours
 - Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and in each school year thereafter, a school entity or nonpublic school shall provide a mandatory course in personal financial literacy with a value of at least one-half credit or half of a full credit. Students shall be required to complete the course once during grade nine, ten, eleven or twelve.





SOLICITOR'S INFORMATION

None at this time.

BUSINESS MANAGER/ TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR INFORMATION

The following was reported:

- ◆ Activity and Cyber Charter reports are posted online in BoardDocs
- ◆ SPC building needs repairs after accident-no immediate danger
- ◆ SES/SMS had some wind damage
- ◆ Ms. Mondock will be filling & processing payroll for the time being

CWCTC REPORT

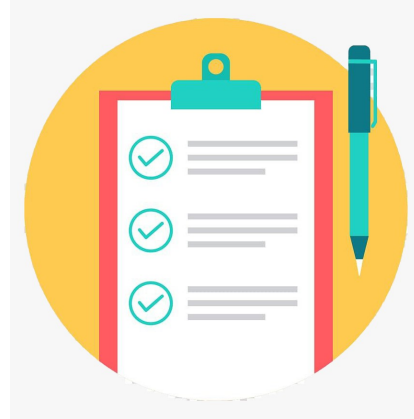
It was reported that CWCTC students have been working on the new media room above the gym, 9th grade students will be taking a tour on January 19th, and the community open house will be February 15th at 6:00pm.

WIU REPORT

Last meeting was in November. WIU is looking to work on an entrepreneurial mode (make a business plan) & offer technical support to districts.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

There is no report this month.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building, Grounds and Safety

There is no report this month.

Finance, District Operations, Transportation

There is no report this month.

Personnel, Policy, Academics

There is no report this month.

Non-Academic, Athletics, Extra-Curricular

There is no report this month.

School Safety & Security

There is no report this month.





POLICIES

The following policies were posted for review to update and adopt at the February meeting to comply with required and mandated school policies:

1.	006	Meetings
2.	011	Principles for Governance and Leadership
3.	200	Enrollment of Students
4.	202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
5.	203	Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
6.	204	Attendance
7.	216.1	Supplemental Discipline Records
8.	217	Graduation
9.	221	Dress and Grooming
10.	233	Suspension and Expulsion
11.	251	Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster
12.	810	Transportation
13.	815	Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Net-
14.	819	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

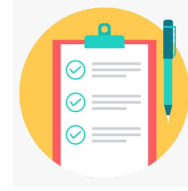
The following policies were updated with the new 2024 threshold amounts:

1.	610	Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
2.	611	Purchases Budgeted
3.	626	Procurement Attachment-Only

The following policies were reviewed as required each year:

1.	917	Parental/Family Involvement
2.	918	Title I Parent and Family Engagement





STUDENT REPORTS

Student representative to the Board Nolan Blaze presented the following:

1. Congratulations to November's Scottie Scholar — Breann Poole and Spirit of Southmoreland Student — Gwen Basinger.
2. Congratulations to December's Scottie Scholar — Adam Halinka and Spirit of Southmoreland Student — Adalyn O'Rear.
3. Seniors Zackary McGrath and Danica Johnson on Clarinet, Nolan Blaze on Bassoon, Derek Huff and Carlie Cameron on Alto Saxophone, and Christopher Headley on French Horn represented Southmoreland at WCMEA's County Band Festival November 30th and December 1st. Both Zackary and Nolan had solos on the program and Christopher was awarded the WCMEA Scholarship.
4. The Southmoreland School District Winter Choral Concert took place on Thursday, December 7th.
5. The Southmoreland School District Winter Instrumental Concert took place on Thursday, December 14th, and featured the debut of Southmoreland's "Modern Band" ensemble.
6. On Monday, December 18th, Southmoreland hosted the second annual *Poetry Out Loud Competition*. Senior Nolan Blaze defended his title from last year and will go on to represent Southmoreland at the Regional Competition on Saturday, January 27th in Ligonier.
7. Southmoreland's Interact Club hosted a "Jingle Bell Jubilee" on December 21st, in which students chose a holiday-themed room to spend their last day before winter break.
8. Southmoreland's ongoing efforts and contributions to WPIAL's third annual food and fund drive earned our school the title of Class 4A champions, as well as the overall champion, raising 11,397 meals.
9. Rehearsals for Southmoreland's 2024 Production of *Mamma Mia!* are underway and the live performance will take place March 14-17th.
10. Congratulations to Senior Clarinet Zackary McGrath, Senior Bassoon Nolan Blaze, Senior French Horn and Alto Flute Christopher Headley, Junior Percussionist Logan Reeger, and Sophomore Percussionist Audrey Johnson for representing Southmoreland at PMEA's District 1 East Band January 11-13th at Greater Latrobe High School. Both Zackary and Christopher have advanced to the Region level which will be held at Deer Lakes February 22-24th, where they will have the opportunity to audition for the All-State festival.
11. Southmoreland's Snowball Dance will be held Saturday, January 20th from 6-9 pm in the high school cafeteria. The final Snow Court donations will be collected at the door, and the Snow King and Queen will be crowned at the dance that evening. All proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



SCHOOL BOARD

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ The November 21, 2023 Discussion/Voting Meeting & December 6, 2023 Reorganization Meeting minutes were approved
- ◆ Two meetings a month was not passed by a vote of 6-No and 3-Yes

PERSONNEL

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ FMLA Leave for employee #1634
- ◆ Unpaid Leave request for employee #2583
- ◆ To post and advertise open positions as they open
- ◆ Medical Accommodation for employee #2629
- ◆ Assistant Business Manager/Payroll Specialist Position



Supplemental Resignations-Thank you for your service!

- ◆ Thomas Kurtz - Head Volleyball Coach
- ◆ Rachel Means - MS Assistant Volleyball Coach

Personnel Resignations-Sorry to see you go!

- ◆ Patricia Thomas - Cafeteria
- ◆ Rebecca Rodriguez - Administrative Assistant

Supplemental—New Hires-A very warm welcome to the following!

- ◆ Ashley Copeland - Volunteer Cheerleading Coach
- ◆ Edward John Campbell - Volunteer Girls Golf Coach
- ◆ Raymond Bann - Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- ◆ Charles Myers - Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Substitutes- Thank you for your help!

- ◆ Cassidy Hiles—Cafeteria



Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- ◆ None this month



EDUCATION

The following items were approved this month:

- ◆ Student Service Agreements
- ◆ New Course-Growing Teachers in Our School
- ◆ SHS Program of Studies for the 2024-2025 School Year
- ◆ SMS Program of Studies for the 2024-2025 School Year
- ◆ SES/SPC Program of Studies for the 2024-2025 School Year



FINANCE

All of the following Motions were approved:

- ◆ Monthly Board Treasurers' Report-October & November
- ◆ General Fund Board Summary Report-October & November
- ◆ Accounting and Food Service Check Summary Listing-October & November
- ◆ Act 1 Budget Resolution
- ◆ Certificate of Deposit for the Capital Funds at First National Bank
- ◆ Report to be delivered each month on the progress of the 2024-2025 Budget

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

No new items approved this month.

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

No new items approved this month.



Let's go Scotties!

**Next Board meeting is scheduled
for February 20, 2024.**