

# Southmoreland School District

High Quality Learning For All

Boardroom News

2023



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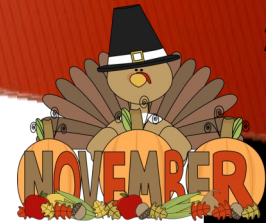
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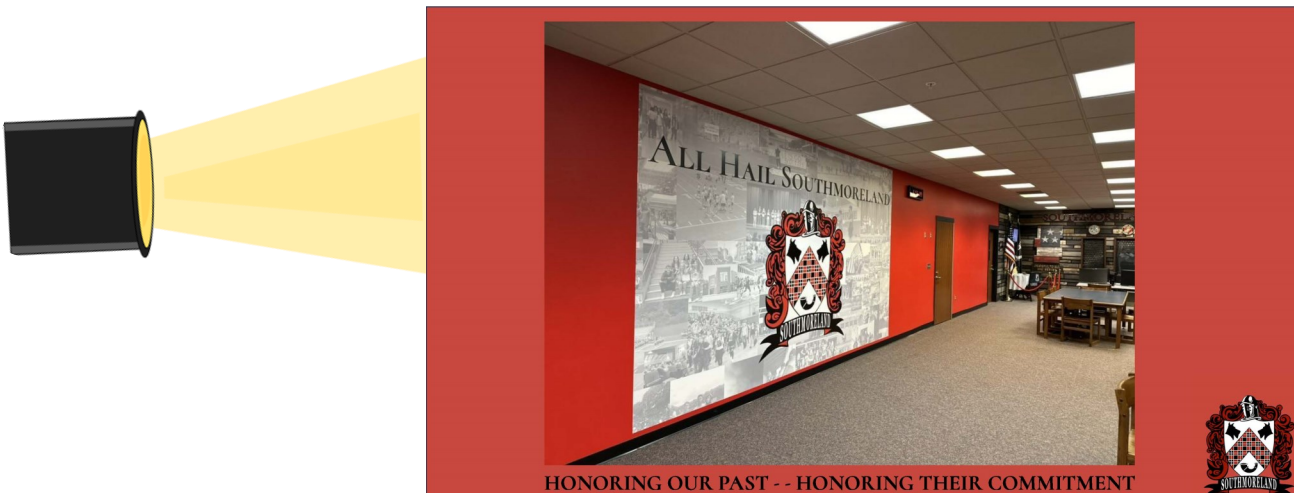


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## **SOLICITOR'S INFORMATION**

None at this time.

## **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
- ◆ Cyber costs are lower than years past, lowered the budgeted amount for next school year
- ◆ Next years budget process has begun
- ◆ End of year closing for payroll and annual audits are underway

## **CWCTC REPORT**

It was reported the CTC continues in co-ops, Skills USA, and the reorganization dinner meeting is December 14th.

## **WIU REPORT**

Last meeting was on November 16th. The IU discussed the technological needs of the IU as well as the districts, there are 7 new members to the Board, continued staffing concerns, concerns of the financial forecast, borrowed \$6 Million anticipation note, need to make payroll, using auditor Mark Turnley, and upgraded from \$2mil → \$4 million fund balance.

## **PSBA LIAISON REPORT**

There is no report this month.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE 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**

Highlighted the Bands performances, winter sports are underway, passes available online, & jackets offset by concession stand volunteers.

## **POLICIES**

No new motions were approved this month.

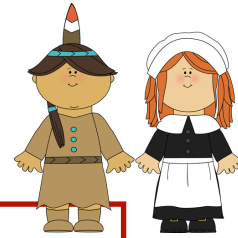
## **MINUTES**

The October 17, 2023 Discussion/Voting Meeting minutes were approved.



## STUDENT REPORTS

Student representative to the Board Nolan Blaze presented the following:



## **SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL** **School Board Notes** **November 21, 2023**

REPS: Nolan Blaze and Faith Tarr

1. Congratulations to September's Scottie Scholar — Madison Brown. Also Congratulations to September's Spirit of Southmoreland Student — Christopher Headley.
2. Congratulations to October's Scottie Scholar — Makai Trout-Lewis. Also Congratulations to October's Spirit of Southmoreland Student — Camryn Slate.
3. On October 4th, 2023, over 60 SHS Students participated in Buddy Day at Twin Lakes with the Youth Education Association. The High School students were paired with a special needs student from our district and spent the day being their "buddy," which included playing games with them, riding paddle boats, and much more.
4. The Senior Class of 2024 voted on Senior Superlatives in 18 different categories.
5. Friday, October 20th, was the Senior Recognition Night prior to the Football Game.
6. On Monday October 2nd, Southmoreland Music Department students traveled to Baldwin High School to audition for PMEA Honors and District Band. The audition requires rigorous preparation of college level music, with only the top high school musicians qualifying for the ensembles. Senior French Horn Player Christopher Headley and Senior Clarinet Player Zackary McGrath represented Southmoreland at PMEA Honors Band at North Hills High School from November 17th-19th. Christopher and Zackary will join senior bassoon player Nolan Blaze, along with percussionists Logan Reeger and Audrey Johnson in representing Southmoreland at PMEA District 1 East Band at Greater Latrobe High School from January 11th-13th. Headley will represent Southmoreland at PMEA District 1 Orchestra at North Hills Middle School from February 8-10.
7. On October 6th, The Tri-M Music Honors Society held their annual induction ceremony where they inducted three new members as well as



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honorary member retired Southmoreland School District music staff member Mr. Russell Buri.

8. Olivia Love, Gianna Perbonish, Nolan Blaze, Ty Whoric, Caden Kolar, and Logan Reeger represented Southmoreland at WCMEA's County Chorus Festival at Burrell High School November 16-17th.
9. On November 20th, PMEA District 1 chorus auditions were held at Bethel Park High School. The rigorous audition process consisted of college-level pieces sung in both English and Latin. Seniors Tenor 1 Christopher Headley and Tenor 2 Nolan Blaze will both go on to represent Southmoreland at the PMEA District 1 Chorus Festival at Canon-McMillan High School January 24-26th.
10. On November 15th, the following students were named to the Snow Court. Gwen Basinger, Madison Brown, Christine Cable, Carlie Cameron, Gabrielle Fabery, Gabriella Grabiak, Isabella Johnson, Eva Martin, Beatrix Pawlikowsky, Faith Tarr, Cody Bateman, Nolan Blaze, Aidan Guyer, Adam Halinka, Derek Huff, Kaden Keefer, Ty Keffer, Elijah Leighlighter, Dylan Pape, and Makai Trout-Lewis. The members of the Snow Court will collect donations for Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, and the boy and girl who raise the most money will be crowned Snow King and Queen at the Winter Dance, which will take place Saturday, January 20th.
11. A giant shout out to Pam Mondock who offered Life Skills the opportunity to acquire new skills! Life skill students were able to learn how to detail vehicles by doing this on our district vans. It was a wonderful learning opportunity!
12. Students participating in the Southmoreland High School BotsIQ team have gotten underway on the designing and building of their 2024 robot. To date no name has been finalized. October is recognized as manufacturing month and to celebrate on October 25, students completed their industry tour of local manufacturing company Duraloy Industries here in Scottsdale! Students learned about the brief history of the company and the many projects fields they are involved in. Students were able to witness manufacturing in action by seeing how the main foundry operates from developing the sand molds, melting and pouring molten material into the molds and watching pipes being formed through centrifugal casting. The physical robot is currently in the fabrication phase; the frame parts have been cut out once again by another local company, Reynolds Machine in Ruffsdales with their waterjet cutting machine. Students are currently working with the new CNC machine in the High School Machine shop to accurately drill holes and begin the assembly process. Competitions have been scheduled for March and April.





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13. The SHS Counseling Office hosted the 2023 College & Career Fair November 15 with almost 40 participants from 4-year and 2-year colleges and universities, trade and technical schools and local employers. All SHS students attended the fair. Positive feedback from participants and students was received. We look forward to expanding on this successful event next year.
14. November 8, 10 students attended Penn State University's Engineering Day at the Eberly Campus. Our students were introduced to nearly two dozen engineering programs, including Electro-Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering technology.
15. On October 18, all 10th graders took the ASVAB testing, a career inventory assessment tool, and all 11th graders took the PSATs. We will be hosting an additional ASVAB testing date on December 8.
16. Southmoreland and Mount Pleasant will jointly host a **Financial Aid Night** December 7 beginning at 6 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Area High School. This annual presentation will be led by a representative from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. After the presentation, students can receive help setting up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid account.
17. After the Thanksgiving break, Counselors will be meeting with 10th grade students in their English classes; and 11th grade students during their World History class to review their PSAT results.
18. On behalf of myself, Faith Tarr, Dr. Brown, and the entire Student Council, we would like to thank Mrs. Williams, Ms. Smith, Mr. Pawlikowsky, and Mr. Lizza for their service to our school and community and we wish them all the best.

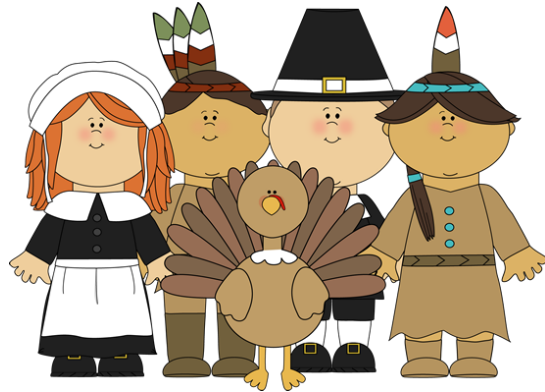




## PERSONNEL

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Unpaid leave request for employee #2483
- ◆ SEIU Settle Agreement
- ◆ Musical Staff



### Supplemental Resignations-Thank you for your service!

- ◆ Olivia Porter - Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

### Personnel Resignations-Sorry to see you go!

- ◆ Samantha Lee - SMS LTS STEM Teacher
- ◆ Paula Geska - Cafeteria Worker
- ◆ Thomas Begonia, Jr - Custodian
- ◆ Ross Miner - Custodian

### New Hires-A very warm welcome to the following!

- ◆ Ross Miner - Custodian
- ◆ Jeffrey Dull - Custodian
- ◆ Angela Johnson - Cafeteria
- ◆ Patricia Thomas - Cafeteria
- ◆ Netah Serock - SES/SMS PT Nursing Assistant

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

- ◆ Rachel Means - Volunteer Clay Trap Team Coach
- ◆ Bethany Eutsey - Volunteer Clay Trap Team Coach
- ◆ Renee Ruggeri - Volunteer Gymnastics Coach
- ◆ Keina Mastowski –Volunteer Swim Coach

### Substitutes– Thank you for your help!

- ◆ Holly Owen—Cafeteria



### Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- ◆ None this month





## EDUCATION

The following items were approved this month:

- ◆ Westmoreland County Forum for Workforce Development
- ◆ Student Service Agreements
- ◆ Student Discipline Agreement(s)
- ◆ ARP/ESSER III Purchase - Technology 1-to-1 Refresh - 1st grade and 2nd grade iPads



## FINANCE

All of the following Motions were approved:

- ◆ Monthly Board Treasurers' Report-September
- ◆ General Fund Board Summary Report-September
- ◆ Accounting and Food Service Check Summary Listing-September
- ◆ Awarding of Diesel Fuel Bid - Jan/June 2024
- ◆ Awarding of Gasoline Fuel Bid - Jan/June 2024

## BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

The following item was approved this month:

- ◆ Sewage Plant Permit Renewal

## ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

No new items approved this month.



***Let's go Scotties!***

Next Board meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023 and we look forward to welcoming our newest Board Members.