

Southmoreland School District

High Quality Learning For All

Boardroom News



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BOARDROOM NEWS



SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION

- ◆ Scottie Spotlight
- ◆ PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference Recap
- ◆ Introduce Graduation Requirements Exploration



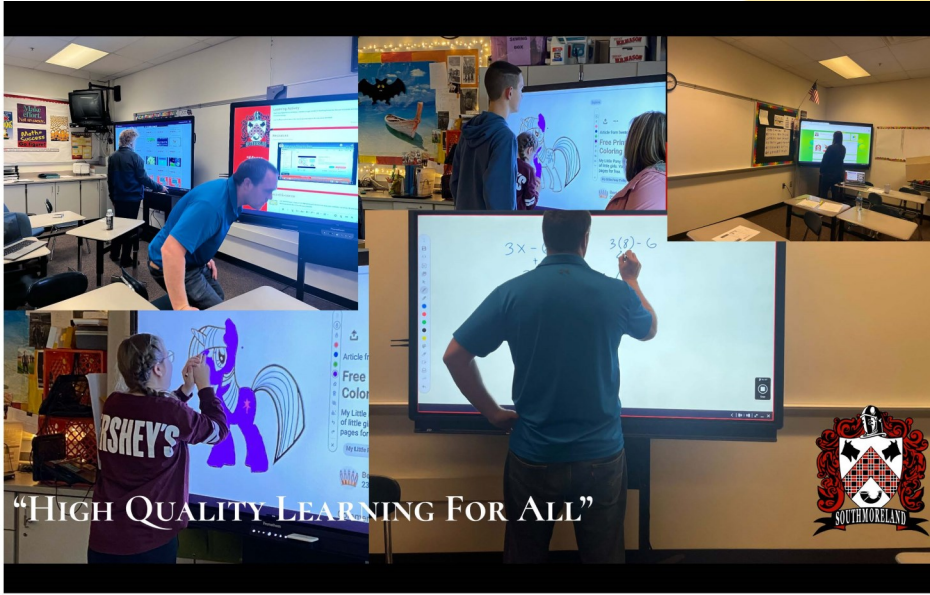
Dr. Boone highlighted the new promethean boards that were recently installed for the benefit of our students and Staff.





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Dr. Boone talked about the PASA/PSBA Conference that he just attended and projects he will be working on with in the next few weeks. Some of the topics covered in sessions were for Board members as well as Superintendents that were geared towards mental health, capital projects in underfunded districts, new visions for public education, looking into new graduation requirements, and offering flexibility in the scheduling requirements.



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
- ◆ Happy with where we are with transportation, still working on individual parent concerns

CWCTC REPORT

It was reported the CWCTC had a meeting the first week of October, and there are many community wide projects the students are working on, and they are having teacher/staff nights to collaborate what the CWCTC is teaching to have a better relationship & understanding with locals schools. They are continuing the Road Shows like last year and are organizing a Trunk-or-Treat to be hosted at the CWCTC on October 25th with information on their website.

WIU REPORT

Last meeting was on September 20, 2023. WIU discussed their financial concerns that have been getting worse with no increases from area districts.

PSBA LIAISON REPORT

It was reminded of the professional development opportunities the PSBA has to offer Board members, and how school districts would handle House Bill 1642.

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

There is no report this month.

POLICIES

No new motions were approved this month.





STUDENT REPORTS

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



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REPS: Nolan Blaze and Faith Tarr

1. Student Council is hosting Red Ribbon Week beginning October 23rd. High School students will wear a red ribbon wrist band throughout the week to symbolize their pledge to be drug free. They will also host a week full of spirit events promoting a drug-free life for all students.
2. The SHS Counseling Office held two Instant Decision Day events so far this year. Seton Hill's admission counselor met with 8 students and the counselor from Pennsylvania West (formerly known as Cal U, Edinboro and Clarion universities) met with 30 students.
 - 5 students were offered a spot at Seton Hill, while three are undergoing additional review
 - 17 students were admitted to a PennWest Campus
3. Saint Francis University and University of Pitt at Greensburg counselors also visited Southmoreland, along with the United States Army and the United States Navy.
4. SHS College & Career Fair has been set for November 15, 2023. Local businesses, the armed services, colleges and universities and trade schools have been invited and responses are arriving daily.
5. All 10th graders will be taking the ASVAB Oct. 18; while 11th graders will be taking the PSAT Oct 18. This year, the tests are online. Counselors have been working with our technology department to ensure a smooth transition to the online testing format.
6. Our high school students proudly represented Southmoreland at the Westmoreland County Community College College and Career Fair in September with Southmoreland having the 4th highest participation rate among the county schools. There were slightly over





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100 employers, services, armed services, colleges, universities, and trade schools in attendance.

7. Counselors have been coordinating three visits to Penn State Fayette this fall for junior and senior students to participate in the University's hands-on interactive career programs in the fields of Social Sciences (Oct. 27); Health Science (Nov. 3); and Engineering (Nov. 8). Students will travel to the Eberly Campus to explore career opportunities.
8. Ms. Eutsey's 9th integrated science classes have partnered with Jacob's Creek Watershed Association. These classes participate monthly with JCWA to conduct water quality of local waterways. The first local water quality testing was completed in the classroom on October 6th.
9. On Saturday October 14, 2023 from 6-9 PM over 350 high school students enjoyed the 2023 Homecoming Dance at the high school. King Ty Keffer, Queen Maddie Brown, their court, and the other attendees danced to the sounds of DJ Kris from Moxie Events. Special thanks to student council for helping secure the DJ. The freshman and sophomore class officers and student council members from the freshman and sophomore class had the commons beautifully decorated. The freshman and sophomore classes and class sponsors also provided the refreshments for the evening. A good time was had by all.



PERSONNEL

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Sewage Treatment Plant Stipend
- ◆ Business Manager Agreement



Supplemental Resignations-Thank you for your service!

- ◆ None

Personnel Resignations-Sorry to see you go!

- ◆ Joseph David Byrd - Custodian

New Hires-A very warm welcome to the following!

- ◆ Jessica Provlic—Custodian SHS

Transfer to a new position-Best of luck!

- ◆ None

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

- ◆ Nikki Lewandowski - SMS Student Council Sponsor
- ◆ Dan Boring, Volunteer HS Softball Coach

Substitutes- Thank you for your help!

- ◆ Patricia Thomas - Cafeteria



Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- ◆ None this month



EDUCATION

No new motions were approved this month.



FINANCE

All of the following Motions were approved:

- ◆ Monthly Board Treasurers' Report-August
- ◆ General Fund Board Summary Report-August
- ◆ Accounting and Food Service Check Summary Listing-August

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

No new motions were approved this month.



ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

The Board approved the formation of a new Southmoreland School District Clay Trap Team to be fully insured by USA Clay Target League, Inc. that was presented at the September 19, 2023 meeting at no cost to the District.



Let's go Scotties!

Next Board meeting is scheduled
for November 21, 2023