

Southmoreland School District

High Quality Learning For All

Boardroom News

June/July 2023



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BOARDROOM NEWS



Superintendent's Information

- ◆ Scottie Spotlight-Dr. Boone highlighted all the wonderful things that happened in our buildings at the end of the school year. Fun was had by all!
- ◆ SPC had Scottie awards, Fun Day, and a group of students got to experience the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve at St. Vincent College.
- ◆ SES had a kickball tournament against SMS, Fun Day, 5th Grade Olympics and Promotion Ceremony. Seniors walked with cap and gowns to demonstrate to the 5th graders what graduation was all about.
- ◆ SMS had a CWCTC Road Show in the gym along with a 6th, 7th & 8th grade student showcase in the cafe with nearly 250 sets of parents in attendance in and out of the events. They also had fun days with kickball.
- ◆ SHS had the annual Scholars Dinner last night, students in the art department painted ceiling tiles outside, graduating seniors walked through SES.
- ◆ Southmoreland Athletics had statewide success this year with softball, swimming, wrestling, track, & cross country.





Solicitor's Information

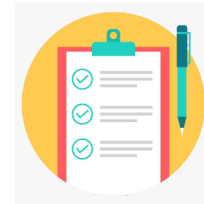
The solicitor thanked the board for the time with the district and let them know she really enjoyed her experience, and wanted to wish everyone luck!

Business Manager/Transportation Director Information

- The budget is due to be voted on on June 26th.
- RTU Units and roof projects are beginning.
- Certifications have gone out for anyone that had been paid with federal funds to improve the process and documentation from previous spreadsheets.
- It would take about \$1.4 million to take the football field back to grass.
- Mrs. Mondock presented a PowerPoint to further explain how best to move forward with funding all expenses.

CWCTC Report

- Has 2 students going to the State Skills Competition.
- New satellite program at Mount Pleasant High School for students interested in going into the education field.



WIU Report

- Last meeting was held on May 23, 2023.
- Beyond Student Services Commission Report addressed the needs of students.
- Successful Entrepreneur Strategies on how to generate money in the schools
- PLAY-Professional Learning and You Program is to help teachers develop their skills.
- The Comprehensive Plan was updated with the WIU.
- WIU is looking at new ways to combat the teacher shortage crisis.
- Education Deficit Funding was discussed with SDS at about a 1% deficit.

PSBA Liaison Report

The 2023 PSBA School Leadership Conference is scheduled for October 15-17th, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Building, Grounds and Safety

Turf is scheduled for testing by Penn State of the shock rate by the 3rd hit for shock absorption. SES needs more signs for parent drop offs, so the buses have the right of way.

Finance, District Operations, Transportation

Meeting is scheduled for June 21st. Mrs. Geyer will attend in place of Mrs. Smith.

Non-Academic, Athletics, Extra-Curricular

Meeting was on June 2nd. Softball & Track teams had great seasons. Looking at tennis courts at Loucks Park, Mrs. Colebank is looking at grants, banner signs are being voted on, larger athletic signs, and letterman's jackets costs will need to be discussed further.

Policy 800.2 - Electronic Data Storage

Motion carried by unanimous vote, 1 absent



Personnel

Resignations/Retirements-Sorry to see you go!

- ◆ Larry Ansell, Supplementals (National Honor Society, Junior Class, YEA) - Effective June 30, 2023
- ◆ Bethany Hutira, Colorguard Instructor - Effective Immediately
- ◆ Dan Boring - HS Health and Physical Education Teacher; Athletic Director
- ◆ Jamie Gore - Junior Class Sponsor
- ◆ Angela Selembo, SHS School Counselor (Resignation)
- ◆ Jenna Hixson, Supplemental - Senior Class Sponsor (Resignation)
- ◆ Christopher Wagner, SPC Autistic Support/Life Skills Support Teacher (resignation) effective August 31, 2023
- ◆ Rachel Sleasman, SPC Interventionist (resignation) effective June 29, 2023
- ◆ Andrea Hanford, Sophomore Class Sponsor (resignation) effective immediately
- ◆ Laura Murcek, SPC Interventionist (resignation) effective July 10, 2023
- ◆ Cheryl George, SPC 1st Grade Teacher (retirement) effective immediately



New Hires-A very warm welcome to the following!

- ◆ Stephanie Bann - SMS Paraprofessional
- ◆ Stephanie Lewandowski - Summer Food Program
- ◆ Ashley Mitrisin - HS Cheerleading Assistant Coach
- ◆ Amber Boring - HS Volleyball Assistant Coach
- ◆ Andrew Rodriguez - MS Boys Soccer Assistant Coach
- ◆ Jayson Boyce - Marching Band Equipment Hauler
- ◆ Abby King - Marching Band Woodwind Instructor
- ◆ Brian Pritts - Athletic Director
- ◆ Rachelle Naser - Cheerleading Volunteer Coach
- ◆ Matthew Rodriguez - MS Boys Soccer Volunteer Coach
- ◆ Paige Grabiak - Cheerleading Volunteer Coach
- ◆ Skyler Beatty - Colorguard Volunteer Instructor
- ◆ Paula Geska - Substitute Secretary



Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- ◆ Gary Steiner
- ◆ Miranda Lender
- ◆ David King
- ◆ Paul Newell



Other Personnel:

All of the following Motions passed by majority vote:

Appointment of Board Secretary for a 4 Year Term (23/24, 24/25, 25/26, 26/27)

Lorie McTavish was approved as the Board Secretary for a 4 Year Term.

SEA Extended School Year MOU

The MOU with SEA regarding Extended School Year wages was approved.

Grant Tenure

Both Tina Gower and Taylor Hiles were granted their tenure. Congratulations to you both!!!

Administrative Assistants Restructuring Plan

The Board approved the Administrative Assistants Restructuring Plan as follows.

	<u>SPC</u>	<u>SES</u>	<u>SMS</u>	<u>SHS</u>
Building Administrative Assistant		Amanda Springer		Terri Tarr
Principal Administrative Assistant	Barb Conn	Sonya Zahrobsky	Kris Leonard	Kelly Vance
Administrative Assistant for Communications, Child Accounting, and Federal Programs (Admin)	Lori Herman			

Solicitor Services

The Board hired Andrews & Price as the new school district Solicitor as of July 1, 2023.

Postings/Advertisements

The Board approved Administration to post internally and advertise outside of the district for vacant positions as they open.

School Dentist

The Board approved Dr. Wagler, Kraisinger Family Dentistry, as the school dentist for the 2023-2024 school year at a fee of \$10.00 per exam.

School Psychologist

The Board hired Melissa Redinger as the School Psychologist effective August 2, 2023 with a salary of \$70,000 and benefits as per the Academic Administrator - Act 93 Agreement. A special welcome goes out to Melissa!!!



Education

All of the following Motions passed by majority vote:

- ◆ Student Settlement Agreement-Agreement #001-2022-2023.
- ◆ 23-24 Agreement with Adelphoi
- ◆ 23-24 Agreement with Achieving True Self
- ◆ 23-24 Agreement with Intermediate Unit 1
- ◆ 23-24 Agreement with Private Industry Council/Pre-K Counts
- ◆ 23-24 Student Assistance Program Agreement
- ◆ Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP)
- ◆ WIU STEAM Lending Library Agreement 23-24



FINANCE

All of the following Motions passed:

- ◆ Monthly Board Treasurers' Report
- ◆ General Fund Board Summary Report
- ◆ Accounting and Food Service Check Summary Listing
- ◆ Awarding of Multi-Purpose Paper Bid
- ◆ Awarding of Diesel Fuel Bid - July/December 2023
- ◆ Awarding of Gasoline Fuel Bid - July/December 2023
- ◆ Establish Capital Fund Money Market Account
- ◆ PDE 2028 Final General Fund Budget
- ◆ Real Estate Taxation
- ◆ Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion
- ◆ Continuing Taxes for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
- ◆ Insurance Renewal Proposal
- ◆ Increase in Violent Incident Protection
- ◆ Milk and Beverage RFQ awarded to Turner Dairy
- ◆ Tax Anticipation Note
- ◆ Food Service Adult Meal Prices
The Board approved an increase of adult meals prices for the 2023- 2024 school year due to CEP, recommending a district-wide structure:
Adult Breakfast - \$2.40
Adult Lunch - \$4.75





ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

New Advertising Athletic Fundraising Program

Banner Sponsorship

Each business advertisement is presented on a 4' x 6' heavy duty weather resistant banner with color letter and graphics against a white background to ensure each business logo and phone number is seen by all those who attend the games and events at Southmoreland. Participants in the Southmoreland Banner Program will be helping the Southmoreland Athletic Department and its student-athletes while gaining valuable exposure for their business products and services.

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Southmoreland Street Banner Program

This year we are starting a new program in the form of street banners. Banners will be displayed on light posts around the Southmoreland School District campuses.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

1. Administration Office Address Change

The Board approved the change of address of the Southmoreland School District Administration Office (107657503-0000) to 2351 Route 981, P.O. Box A, Alverton, PA 15612 effective immediately.

Citizens' Comment:

Jan Kiefer—concerns about air pollution, meetings being live streamed, costs of live streaming, masks in audience, filtration systems, pollution, price of grass, nanoparticles in turf, skids on surface, vaccination policy, how healthy the milk we serve is, covid, homeland security, debates, covid, & student medication.