

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING UPDATE - NOV/DEC 2024

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Samuel Accipiter
John Eutsey
Catherine Fike
Duane Frund, President
Stephanie Geyer, Vice-President
Richard Grabiak
Nicole O'Rear
Scott Olsen
Brian Shipley

Dr. Jason A. Boone, Jr., Superintendent
Russell Lucas, Solicitor
Pamela Mondock, Business Manager/
Transportation Director/Treasurer
Lorie McTavish, Board Secretary



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Important Reminder:

*All Meeting Agendas and Minutes Can Be
Accessed From Our District Website!
Next Board meeting is scheduled for
January 21, 2025*



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SUPERINTENDENT

- Updated Grant List
- Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement - Investment Grade Audit Presentations
 - McClure Company-see attached presentation
 - Constellation-see attached presentation

Extensive presentations were given by both McClure Company and Constellation. Board members had the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Items of discussion included AC units, lighting, guaranteed energy savings, warranties, not disturbing the new HS roof, safety for staff and students, training our staff to maintain new equipment, Title IX building, project management process, full-time supervisor on duty, clearances, & using the best sub contractors.

BUSINESS MANAGER/ TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

The business office is working to finish the AFR. There was a discussion over the rise in cyber charter school expenses. A few explanations were that the invoices were coming in faster and a spike in special education students in cyber charter schools.

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CWCTC Report

Mr. Lucas announced all Board members are invited to the annual CWCTC reorganization dinner and meeting on December 12th.

WIU Report

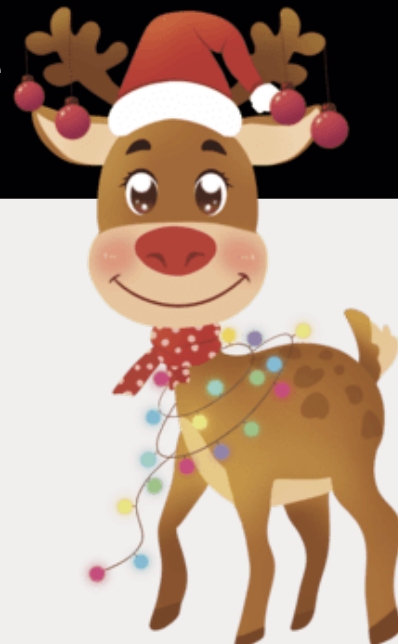
Last meeting was October 22nd, next will be November 21st, and there is no meeting in December. There was an executive director's report. Other discussions included new employees introduced, MOU for teachers in the workplace program, elected a PSBA officer, policy discussions, Clairview is of concern & little favor of the regional classroom development program.

Building & Grounds: Mrs. O'Rear (Chairperson), Mr. Grabiak, Mr. Olsen

- Last Meeting - November 6, 2024

Agenda

- Stadium Wall Project
- Russ Grimm Stadium Turf Replacement with RFP's for stadium wall, lights and scoreboard in discussions
- Guaranteed Energy Savings Project Update will be given at the December 4th meeting
- SHS roof and sidewalk work that was done
- 24/25 Budget Update
- Next Meeting TBD



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Personnel, Policy, & Academics: Mrs. Geyer (Chairperson), Dr. Fike, Mr. Grabiak

- **Last Meeting - November 12, 2024**
 - **Agenda**
 - **Academics**
 - SMS PVAAS Discussion and PDE Methodology
 - Graduation Requirements
 - Class Rank-November 15th meet and invite public to discuss
 - Possible New Programs at SHS
 - Media Information
 - Personal Finance/Financial Literacy (State Requirement)
 - FCS Food Prep
 - Independent Living Suite/Service Occupations
 - CWCTC Innovative Technologies Program
 - Possible New Pilot Program at SMS
 - CWCTC Pilot Program
 - **Policy**
 - Updated Policy Language - Policies
 - **Personnel**
 - Agreements Coming Up - Act 93, SEIU, Paraprofessionals, Educational Support Team
 - **Next Meeting TBD**

There was further discussion over politics being talked about in the classroom and if the district should have a policy to address these topics.

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Finance, District Operations, & Transportation: Mr. Frund (Chairperson), Mr. Eutsey, Mrs. Geyer

- **Next Meeting TBD**

Non-Academic, Athletics, & Extra-Curricular: Mr. Shipley (Chairperson), Mr. Frund, Mrs. O'Rear

- **Last Meeting - November 6, 2024**
 - **Agenda**
 - **Fall Sports Exit Interviews**
 - **Discussion on Football Program**
 - **Update on District Athletic Facilities**
 - **Side By Side Discussion**
 - **Open Discussion**
- **Next Meeting TBD**

Mr. Shipley noted turf, lights, band performed well, clay trap participation increases, and the many fall sports successes.

School Safety & Security: Mr. Eutsey (Chairperson), Mr. Olsen, Mrs. O'Rear

- **Last Meeting - October 21, 2024**
 - **Agenda**
 - **Positives since last meeting**
 - **Updated list of needs**

Next Meeting TBD



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STUDENT REPORTS

1. The Powder Puff Football game was hosted by the Student Council on November 15. Over a hundred students participated in playing, cheering, coaching, and working in the field house to make this event a huge success. Over \$3,000 was raised for the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation.

2. The following choral students participated in the WCMEA County Chorus Festival held at Norwin High School on Thursday and Friday November 14th & 15th: Gwen Appleby, Bri Pologruto, Logan Reeger, Brady Butts, Ty Whoric, Caden Kolar, & Hunter Eichner. Guest Conductor was Michael Rozell, retired Choral Director from the Belle Vernon School District.

3. Congratulations to our Spirit of Southmoreland Award winner for November, Belle Lint. This award recognizes students who exemplify service, pride, integrity, responsibility, and ingenuity.

4. Congratulations to our Scottie Scholar Award winner for November, Makayla Etling. Each Scottie Scholar must demonstrate service, scholarship, and leadership. They exemplify willingness to help their school and community, scholastic attainment, and serve as an officer or chairman of clubs and committees.

5. Southmoreland High School will have a group of nine high school students participating in the Special Olympics Bowling event this year. Students have attended practices throughout October and November in preparation for the Special Olympics Bowling event which happens on December 7, 2024, at Hillview Lanes in Greensburg. Brett Binduga and Missy Farrell are coaching for this team. Good luck to all nine Special Olympics Bowling Team members!

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BOARD/POLICIES/ PERSONNEL



BOARD

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:
1. October 15, 2024 Discussion/Voting Meeting

POLICIES

The following policies had a first read, and will be posted for at least 30 days.

113.1 Discipline of Students With Disabilities
113.2 Behavior Support
236.1 Threat Assessment
254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children
202 Nonresident Students
607 Tuition Students
805.2 School Security Personnel



PERSONNEL

The Board approved an amendment with ESS for their employees to be used for substitute secretary services.

The Board approved the following remuneration rates for the 2024-2025 SY:
1. Substitute Cafeteria/Food Service Personnel \$11.75

The Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Wagler, Kraisinger Family Dentistry, as the school dentist effective immediately.

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Resignations/Retirements

- a. William K. Sanders - Maintenance, retirement effective November 29, 2024
- b. LeeAnn Richter - V. Assistant Volleyball Coach effective immediately
- c. Michelle Pergar - V. Head Volleyball Coach effective immediately
- d. Adam Butts - MS Head Boys Soccer Coach, EOS
- e. Charles Brittain - Cross Country Head Coach, EOS

New Hires - Paraprofessionals

- a. Deborah Cameron
- b. Shelby Martz

New Hires - Support Staff

- a. George Hare - Armed Security Officer

Supplementals

- a. Faith Miller - V. Assist. Softball Coach
- b. G. Brett Binduga - E-Sports Coordinator
- c. G. Brett Binduga - Girls Head V. Volleyball Coach

Volunteers

- a. Raymond Bann - MS Wrestling Coach
- b. Al Miscovich - MS Wrestling Coach

Substitutes

- a. Rachael Aller - Cafeteria

Leave

- a. Sabbatical Leave - Employee #2942 effective 1/15/2025 - End of SY
- b. FMLA Leave - Employee #2472 effective 6/7/2024 - 6/15/2025 Intermittent
- c. FMLA Leave - Employee #1924 effective 11/2/2024 - 12/2/2024
- d. FMLA Leave - Employee #2024-06 effective intermittent 11/28/2024 - 11/17/2025



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Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- Regina M. Dixon
- James B. Jacquillard



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FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



FINANCE



The Board approved:

The Monthly Board Treasurers' Report

The General Fund Board Summary Report

The Fund Accounting, Capital Fund and Food Service Check Summary Listing

Also approved were:

The WPA Natural Gas Consortium Participation

Local Banking Services

A new Red Rover Time Clock System



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The Board authorized administration to advertise and post a RFP to accept bids for the stadium turf. This RFP has been reviewed by our Solicitor.

The Board approved Constellation for the GESA Investment Grade Audit.

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REORGANIZATION



OFFICERS

The Board appointed the following officers for the 2025 year:

Duane Frund - President
Stephanie Geyer - Vice President
John Eutsey - PSBA Liaison
John Eutsey - SEF Representative

The following School Board Meeting dates for 2025 were approved:

January 21, 2025
February 18, 2025
March 18, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 20, 2025
June 24, 2025 Regular & Budget Voting Meeting
August 19, 2025
September 16, 2025
October 21, 2025
November 18, 2025
December 2, 2025
DECEMBER 2, 2025 - is scheduled as the
REORGANIZATION/General Business Purposes Meeting

All meetings will begin at 6:30pm in the Southmoreland Middle School, 200
Scottie Way, Scottdale, PA 15683 unless otherwise posted.



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