

# SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING UPDATE - JAN 2025

### BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Samuel Accipiter  
John Eutsey  
Catherine Fike  
Duane Frund, President  
Stephanie Geyer, Vice-President  
Richard Gabiak  
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  
February 18, 2025*



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## SUPERINTENDENT

**Scottie Spotlight - Assessment Update was given. See BoardDocs for full presentation.**

**School Director Recognition Month - Dr. Boone recognized School Directors for their hard work and dedication to the student, staff and Southmoreland School District.**

**There was a discussion on the cost of Dual enrollment classes, class rank and graduation requirements.**

## SOLICITOR

**Mr. Lucas stated there was an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel and student issues.**

## BUSINESS MANAGER/ TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

- **Building Activity Fund Information was given.**
- **Cyber Charter Expense Analysis was given.**
- **Budget Presentation #1 - See Attached on BoardDocs.**

**There was a discussion on how the GESA improvement projects would be funded. Mr. Accipiter expresses his opinion that we should wait on those projects. Other discussions included Act 1 index (5.4), Act 93 contract, and an increase to the High School budget for extra classes & Girls Wrestling coach(s). Dr. Fike asked to vote now to not raise taxes. It was explained that Act 1 is necessary and voted on each year.**

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### CWCTC Report

Mr. Eutsey reported the CWCTC will have an open house for prospective students on 2/13/2025. He also commented on the annual reorganization dinner in December, and recognized what a great job the students did on the dinner and planning the evening.

### WIU Report

Dr. Fike reported there was no meeting yet and discussed the upcoming council meetings.

### Building & Grounds: Nicole O'Rear (Chairperson), Richard Grabiak, Scott Olsen

- Last Meeting - December 16, 2024
- Agenda
  - Stadium Wall Project
  - Russ Grimm Stadium Turf Replacement
  - Guaranteed Energy Savings Project Update
- Next Meeting March 10, 2025



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**Finance, District Operations, & Transportation: Stephanie Geyer (Chairperson), John Eutsey, Duane Frund, Brian Shipley**

- Last Meeting - January 14, 2025
- Agenda
  - Preliminary Budget Presentation
- Next Meeting February 10, 2025

**Personnel, Policy, & Academics: Catherine Fike (Chairperson), Stephanie Geyer, Richard Grabiak, Brian Shipley**

- Last Meeting - January 16, 2025
- Agenda
  - Academics
    - Graduation Requirements-which included a public meeting to get feedback from parents and students.
    - Class Rank
    - Program of Studies
    - New Courses-students were able to give they feedback with a survey of what classes they would like to be added.
    - CWCTC Partnership
    - 2023-2024 Data Presentation
    - School Calendar
  - Policy
    - Updated Policy Language - Policies
  - Personnel
    - Agreements Coming Up - Act 93, SEIU, Paraprofessionals, Educational Support Team
- Next Meeting April 29, 2025

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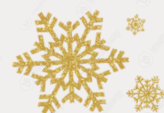
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**Non-Academic, Athletics, & Extra-Curricular: Brian Shipley (Chairperson), Nicole O'Rear, Duane Frund**

- Last Meeting - December 16, 2024
- Agenda
  - Football Coaching Position
  - Geibel Co-op
  - Winter sports recognition -
    - Trap Team doing well, 3 Independent Swimmers, Pep Band is active, High School Boys Basketball doing well, & Wrestling Section Champs for the first time since 1998.
  - Pep Band is active
- Next Meeting TBD

**School Safety & Security: John Eutsey (Chairperson), Sam Accipiter, Scott Olsen, Nicole O'Rear**

- Last Meeting - 2024
  - Agenda
    - TBD
- Next Meeting January 27, 2025



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## STUDENT REPORTS

1. January student scholar and spirit winners have not yet been released. We will announce this month's winners at the February meeting.
2. Student Council raised \$1500 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation at the annual Bump It Up Event held on December 20th. Over 150 students participated in this event as helpers, participants, and spectators. An extension of this event will take place at the winter sports assembly later this year when our Snow Queen and King are announced. Money raised by the snow court will go to a designated charity agreed upon by the court.
3. Caleb Eicher (9th grade euphonium), Isabella Sloan (9th grade percussion) and Noah Meyer (9th grade percussion) represented Southmoreland at PMEA Junior High District Band on Friday, January 17, 2025 at Mt. Pleasant High School. Despite losing a day of rehearsal due to weather, the group still performed their entire repertoire in a wonderful concert conducted by the Director of Athletic Bands from Penn State University.
4. This week, our upperclassmen will participate in PMEA Sr. High District Band at Laurel Highlands High School. Logan Reeger (senior percussion), Caleigh Boyce (sophomore clarinet), Olivia Welling (sophomore flute) and Jack Gentry (senior double bass) will audition for seat placement and the opportunity to advance to PMEA Region Band held in March. The students will also hold a performance on Friday, January 24, 2025 at 7pm at Laurel Highlands High School.
5. The High School Musical is also underway. Despite losing some rehearsal time with the winter weather, the 30 member cast and 7 member orchestra have been working to prepare a fun, toe tapping production that runs March 13-16, 2025. Tickets are available now through [southmorelandmusical.net](http://southmorelandmusical.net) or at [southmorelandmusical.ludus.com](http://southmorelandmusical.ludus.com).

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6. The musical has also received the third year of sponsorship from Armstrong. As part of their contribution, Armstrong will produce and record a commercial for the group in the coming weeks.

7. Finally, the musical is excited to be preparing for their first Musical Gala. The formal evening will be held at Bells Banquet Center on February 15, 2025. Tickets are on sale for \$35 a person and include an elegant buffet, upscale basket raffle and evening filled with musical performances and entertainment.

8. The Reading Team is preparing for the upcoming Westmoreland Interscholastic Reading Team Competition which will be held on March 10th at Seton Hill University. Both a 12th grade team and an underclassmen team will be attending with each team reading a collective thirty books in preparation for the event. Teacher coaches, Ms.Hutira and Dr.Brown will escort the teams.

9. Congratulations to the boys wrestling team for securing section champions. This is the first section win since 1998.

10. Student Council is planning an American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 15th beginning at 8 am. Junior and Senior students in good health who meet the Red Cross donation criteria are invited to make a blood donation on that day. This event will be open to all administration, faculty, staff, and eligible high school students.



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# BOARD/POLICIES



## BOARD

The Board approved the following motions:

- 1. Meeting Minute(s)
  - November 19, 2024
  - December 4, 2024
- 2. School Dentist - Dr. Jeffrey McCloy
- 3. WIU Representative - Dr. Catherine Fike

## POLICIES

The following policies were approved.

- 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

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

- 005 Organization
- 202.1 Out of District Student Attendance of Full-Time Nonresident Employees
- 308 Employment Contract/Board Resolution
- 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- 611 Purchases Budgeted
- 626 Policy-Attachment-Procurement
- 823 Opioid Antagonist

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# PERSONNEL



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The following motions were approved:

### 1. Personnel Log

- **Resignations/Retirements**
  - Sandra Geiger - Assistant School Nurse effective June 30, 2025
  - Robin Hann - Food Service effective January 1, 2025
- **New Hires - Paraprofessionals (Per the Paraprofessionals Agreement with a 90 day probation period.)**
  - Angela Johnson - \$20,720.00 effective January 13, 2025
- **Supplementals (Per the SEA Agreement.)**
  - Kierstin Schade - Girls Head MS Volleyball Coach, \$3,000 (24-25 SY)
  - Chris Hixson - Girls Assistant MS Volleyball Coach, \$2,600 (24-25 SY)
  - Michael Busato - Head Cross Country Coach, \$3,950 (25-26 SY)
- **Volunteers**
  - Kashton Bish - Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- **Substitutes**
  - Amanda Thompson, Cafeteria \$11.75, effective January 22, 2025
- **Bus/Van Drivers - Quest**
  - Brenda Lee Cantu
- **Leave**
  - Unpaid Leave - Employee #3447 effective 10/31/2024 to 12/10/2024
  - Unpaid Leave - Employee #3458 effective 1/2/2025 for no more than 90 Days

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The following motions were approved:

2. Varsity Football Coach - Dustin Shoaf NEW Head Football Coach
3. Postings/Advertisements - Giving the Superintendent authority to post and advertise positions as they occur to speed up the process to fill positions.
4. Precision HR Agreement - For Substitute School Psychologist Services
5. ESS Amendment - For Custodial & Food Service Personnel
6. Musical Staff:
  - MUSICAL DIRECTOR - SHAWN CONWAY
  - MUSICAL PRODUCER - JAMIE GORE
  - VOCAL COACH - SHAWN CONWAY
  - ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR - JAMIE GORE
  - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & COSTUME - CHELSEA CONWAY
  - CHOREOGRAPHER - RAYGAN LEWANDOWSKI
  - STAGE MANAGER & ACTING COACH - ROBYN BRADY
  - TECHNICAL DIRECTOR - JOSH BRADY
  - MUSICIAN-WOODWIND - RUSS BURI
  - MUSICIAN-TRUMPET II - JIM HENIGIN
  - MUSICIAN-GUITAR II - STEVEN MURPHY
  - MUSICIAN-BASS - DEREK HUFF
  - MUSICIAN-DRUMSET - SHAWN HARRIS
  - MUSICIAN-KEYBOARD I & REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST - STEVEN CLARK
7. Termination of #3585

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# EDUCATION



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The Board approved:

**1. Student Discipline Agreement**

**2. Approval of New Courses at SHS**

- Industrial Wood-6 Day
- Industrial Wood-3 Day
- Internship-All Year
- Internship-Half Year
- WWII & Holocaust
- Basic Cooking
- Intro to Business-3 Day
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Mythology
- Human Body
- Zoology
- Sports and Entertainment-6 Day
- Sports and Entertainment-3 Day
- Public Speaking
- Reading Popular Fiction

**3. New Graduation Requirements**

**4. The Eliminate Class Rank**

**5. SHS Program of Studies**

**6. SMS Program of Studies**

**7. SPC/SES Program of Studies**

**8. School Calendar - See next page.**

**9. CWCTC Innovative Technologies Program**



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### SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Aug-25**

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	S: 7		T: 10			

Kindergarten Orientation - Aug 13-15  
 SPC 1st Grade Meet The Teacher - Aug 18  
 SMS Meet The Teacher Night - Aug 14  
 SES Grades 4/5 Meet The Teacher - Aug 13  
 SES Grades 2/3 Meet The Teacher - Aug 14  
 SIS Freshman Orientation and Meet The Teacher - Aug 18

**Sep-25**

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
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Sept 1 - Labor Day - No School  
 Sept 10 - 2 Hour Delay for Data Meetings

**Oct-25**

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
S: 22		T: 23				

Oct 8 - 2 Hour Delay for Data Meetings  
 Oct 13 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students  
 \*County Wide PD Day

**Nov-25**

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	S: 15		T: 17			

Nov 6 - PT Conferences After School  
 Nov 7 & 10 - Act 80 Day (AM PT Conferences 11/7)  
 Nov 11 - Veterans Day - No School  
 Nov 27-Dec 1 - Fall Recess

**Dec-25**

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Dec 1 - Fall Recess  
 Dec 10 - 2 Hour Delay for Data Meetings  
 Dec 22-31 - Winter Recess

**Jan-26**

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Jan 2 - Winter Recess  
 Jan 14 - 2 Hour Delay for Data Meetings  
 Jan 19 - Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School

**Feb-26**

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Feb 11 - 2 Hour Delay for Data Meetings  
 Feb 16 - Presidents Day - No School  
 Feb 9 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students

**Mar-26**

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
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Mar 4 - 2 Hour Delay for Data Meetings  
 Mar 16 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students  
 \*County Wide PD Day

**Apr-26**

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
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Apr 2-6 - Spring Recess  
 Apr 15 - 2 Hour Delay for Data Meetings

**May-26**

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
S: 19		T: 20				

May 1 - In-Service Day - No School For Students  
 May 25 - Memorial Day - No School

NOTE: This calendar may be altered  
 or extended in case of emergency  
 closing of schools

**Jun-26**

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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Total Days		
Students	175	Teachers 186

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**Key**

- Student First/Last Day
- In-Service Day
- Tentative Progress Reports Due
- Tentative End of Quarter
- Tentative Grades Due
- Act 80 Day
- No School
- 2 Hour Delay - Data Meetings
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- # Teacher Clerical Day
- # Early Dismissal

Reminder: SSD is approved for S Flexible Instruction Days (PID) to be used in the event of unusual circumstances that affect the buildings or staffing.



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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:

- Act 1 Resolution-Annually
- Tax Collectors Remuneration Plan-3% Increase
- Budget Transfer to Buildings and Grounds-For truck purchase.



## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. Purchase of Ford F350 with plow for maintenance.
2. Stadium Rock Wall approved with Sanner Bros Masonry.
3. Stadium Turf bids were declined.
4. Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with Constellation was approved.

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