

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

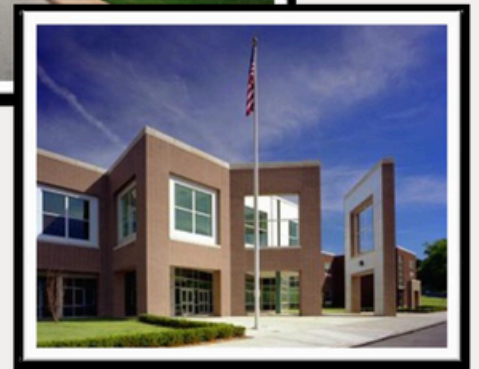


SCHOOL BOARD MEETING UPDATE - FEB 2025

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



Contact Us :

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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"Cultivating Lifelong Learners Ready For An Ever-Changing World"

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SUPERINTENDENT

Scottie Spotlight - Dr. Boone highlighted the service our students and staff are doing to give back to those in need. SMS had speakers come in for February 14 also known as Organ Donor Day to talk about the importance of organ donations. SES raised over \$3,000 for Hurricane Helene victims-see below.

A list of capital improvements was shared that highlighted projects that are past due or about to become due within the next 5 years-see next page.



SMS students are partnering with CORE (Center for Organ Recovery & Education) and OTDA (Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness) to learn about the importance of organ donation.

Thank you to everyone in the Southmoreland community for showing compassion and love to the victims of Hurricane Helene by supporting our Hurricane Helpers fundraiser. We are proud to announce that our community raised \$3,000 that was sent to Samaritan's Purse.



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SUPERINTENDENT -CONT'D

Item	Building	Purchase/Install Date	Purchase/Install Cost	Athletics (Yes or No)	Avg. Life Expectancy	Approximate End of Life	Approximate Replacement Cost
Ex. Stadium Turf	Field House/Stadium	2014	\$275,000.00	Yes	10 years	2024	\$475,000.00
Generator	SPC	1956 ?		No	20-30 years	1986	\$40,000.00
Fire panels/Alarm	SHS	1976	\$45,000.00	No	15-20 years	1996	\$175,000.00
SPC	SPC	1983		No	30 Years	2013 ?	
Boilers	SHS	1999	\$250,000.00		30-40 years	2029/2039	\$550,000.00
SHS	SHS	1999		No	30 Years	2029 ?	
Generator	SHS	1999	\$45,000.00	No	20-30 years	2029	\$80,000.00
Tennis Courts	SHS Athletic Fields	1999		? Yes	15 Years	2013	?
HVAC Units	SHS	1975/1999		? No		1990/2014	
Side by Side - Maintenance	Maintenance Building	2005	\$6,000.00	Yes	10 years	2015	\$15,000.00
Roof	SMS/SES	2008	\$2,500,000.00	No	20 Years	2028	\$3,200,000.00
Boilers	SMS/SES	2008	\$250,000.00	No	20 years	2028	\$400,000.00
SES	SES	2008		No	30 Years	2038 ?	
SMS	SMS	2008		No	30 Years	2038 ?	
Chiller	SMS/SES	2008	\$150,000.00	No	15-20 years	2028	\$250,000.00
Fire panels/Alarm	SMS/SES	2008		No	15-20 years	2028	\$130,000.00
Generator	SMS/SES	2008	\$50,000.00	No	20-30 years	2038	\$100,000.00
Van	Maintenance Building	2009	\$12,500.00	No	10 Years	2019	\$50,000.00
Maint trucks (3)	Maintenance Building	2010	\$45,000 each	No	5 Years due to salt	2015	\$74,000.00
Maintenance Building	Maintenance Building	2011		No	30 Years		
Field House	Stadium	2011			30 Years	2038 ?	
Heaters	Fieldhouse	2011	\$50,000.00	No	15-20 years		\$100,000.00
Heaters	Maintenance Building	2011	\$50,000.00	No	15-20 years	2026	\$100,000.00
Generator	Sewage Plant	2011	\$12,000.00	No	20-30 years	2031-2041	\$45,000.00
Side by Side - Trainer	Maintenance Building	2012	\$8,000.00	Yes	10 years	2022	\$15,000.00
Stadium Turf	Stadium	2014	\$275,000.00	Yes	10 Years	2024	\$475,000.00
Boilers	SPC	2017	\$299,000.00	No	15 Years	2032	\$450,000.00
Chiller	SHS	2017	\$325,000.00	No	15 years	2032	\$400,000.00
Fire panels/Alarm	SPC	2017		No	15-20 years	2037	\$90,000.00
Exmark Zero Turn	Maintenance Building	2021	\$9,600.00	No	10yrs. (1000) hrs.	2026	\$16,000.00
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Roof	SPC	2022	\$1,000,000.00	No	10 Years	2032	\$1,500,000.00
SHS Track	SHS Athletic Fields	2022	\$163,000.00	Yes	15 Years	2037	\$253,948.69
SPC Playground - K	SPC	2023	\$58,000.00	No	15 Years	2038	\$90,362.11
SES Playground - Enclosed	SES	2023	\$58,000.00	No	15 Years	2038	\$90,362.11
HVAC Units	SES/SMS	2008/2023	\$550,000.00	No	15 Yrs	2023/2038	\$900,000.00
Baseball Field	SHS Athletic Fields	2023	\$6,000.00	Yes	5-10 Years	2033	\$8,700.00
Roof	SHS	2024	\$4,000,000.00	No	32 Years	2056	\$8,000,000.00
Line Lazer	Maintenance Building	2024	\$17,500.00	Yes	10yrs. (1000) hrs	2034	\$22,500.00
SES Playground - By JCWS	SES	2024	\$41,500.00	No	15 Years	2039	\$64,655.65
Fire panels/Alarm	Fieldhouse	2024	\$10,500.00	No	15-20 years	2044	\$22,000.00
Fire panels/Alarm	Maint Shop	2024	\$6,500.00	No		2044	\$14,000.00
Softball Field	SPC	2024	\$6,000.00	Yes	5-10 Years	2034	\$9,000.00
Wrestling Mats - 3rd Floor	SHS	?		? Yes			\$15,000 per mat, 3 needed
Wrestling Mats - Gymnasium	SHS	?		? Yes			\$15,000 per mat, 3 needed
SPC Playground - 1	SPC	?		? No			?
SES Playground - By Old Ad	SES	?		? No			?
Maintenance Truck (1)	Maintenance Building	2025	\$75,000.00	No	5 Years due to salt	2030	\$86,945.56
Gravelly Zero Turn	Maintenance Building	unknown (approx 12 yrs)	\$7,000.00	No	10yrs. (1000) hrs	2018	\$16,000.00
	Purchased With Other Grants				Already Past Life Expectancy		
	Purchased With ESSER Grants				Close to End of Life Expectancy		

SOLICITOR

No report at this meeting.

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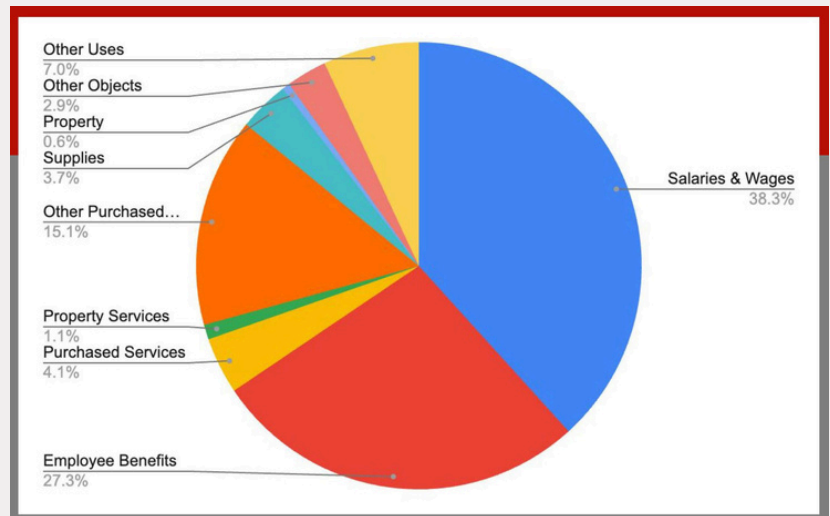
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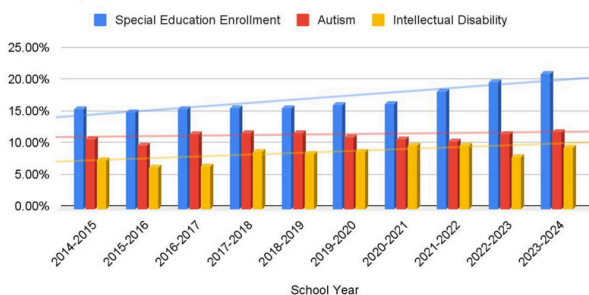
BUSINESS MANAGER/ TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

- Building Activity Fund Information was given.
- Cyber Charter Expense Analysis was given.
- PNC Presentation - See full presentation on BoardDocs.
- Budget Presentation #2 - See full presentation on BoardDocs.

Object	Description	Proposed Budget Amt	%
100	Salaries & Wages	\$14,333,757.00	38.27%
200	Employee Benefits	\$10,224,267.00	27.30%
300	Purchased Services	\$1,536,212.00	4.10%
400	Property Services	\$401,485.00	1.07%
500	Other Purchased Serv	\$5,671,809.00	15.14%
600	Supplies	\$1,370,128.00	3.66%
700	Property	\$206,919.00	0.55%
800	Other Objects	\$1,101,621.00	2.94%
900	Other Uses	\$2,608,000.00	6.96%



Special Education Enrollment, Autism Enrollment, Intellectual Disability Enrollment



- Our Special Education Enrollment has increased by 36% over the past decade!!!
 - Autistic Support enrollment has increased 11%
 - Intellectual Disabilities enrollment has increased 25%

Special Education

- How does this affect our costs?
- Funding for each special education student from the state and federal levels amounts to 22% of the actual costs per student!

- Let's look at the 23/24 School Year
 - Total Special Education Costs: \$4,626,263.22
 - Unfunded Cost Covered by the district: \$3,423,434.78 (approximately **20.75 mills** or **\$22.51/month**)
- Extrapolated for the past decade:
 - Total Unfunded Costs: \$28,395,931.92



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CWCTC Report

Mr. Eutsey reported the CWCTC students had a lunch event for Valentines Day for the public. They have an Elementary night event scheduled for February 26th. They have a great attendance program going on that has increased attendance. Their perfect attendance grew from 2023/2024 SY Sem. 1 was 22, Sem. 2 was 93, and 2024/2025 SY Sem. 1 was 99, Sem. 2 was 221.

WIU Report

Dr. Fike reported the WIU discussed district functions, agreements, new employee introductions, & policies. They would also like to have a business model to increase income. WIU shared a list of what improvements need to be done & when they plan to do each project. They will pay as they go over the next 5 years. Next meeting will be February 25th.

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

- Last Meeting - 12/16/2024
- Agenda
 - Discussed at the last meeting
- Next Meeting - 3/10/2025

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

- Last Meeting - 2/10/2025
- Agenda
 - Budget Process Presentation #2
- Next Meeting - 3/24/2025

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

- Last Meeting - 1/16/2025
- Agenda
 - Discussed Last Meeting
- Next Meeting - 4/29/2025

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

- Last Meeting - 12/16/2025
- Agenda
 - Discussed Last Meeting
- Next Meeting TBD

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

- Last Meeting - 1/27/2025
- Agenda
 - Radio Quote from WestCom - Paid for out of PCCD money
 - PCCD Grant money updates
 - Safety & Security Coordinator Meeting Jan 24 Notes
 - Security Personnel required training
 - Personnel & upcoming contract talks
 - 5 Year Budgeting Plan
- Next Meeting - 4/22/2025

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STUDENT REPORTS

Student Representatives: Lauren Stafford and Selby Bell

1. Congratulations to January Spirit and Scholar Award Winners: Aubrey Seder and Elizabeth Boone
2. Congratulations to the February Spirit and Scholar Award Winners: Lanie Moore and Claire Lehman
3. Student Council sold over 90 cupcake-grams on Valentine's Day which were distributed throughout the building with messages to brighten someone's day.
4. Olivia Welling (flute- grade 10) and Caleigh Boyce (clarinet- grade 10) represented Southmoreland at WVU Honors Band February 13-15, 2025. Both girls were members of the Gold Band and had a wonderful time. We hope to continue this festival for years to come!
5. 9th Grade County Band Members: Isabella Sloan (percussion) and Caleb Eicher (euphonium) performed at Franklin Regional Middle School on January 31, 2025.
6. 9th Grade District Band Members: Isabella Sloan (percussion), Noah Meyer (percussion) and Caleb Eicher (euphonium) performed at Mt. Pleasant Area Jr/Sr High School on January 17, 2025.
7. Senior High District Band Members included Olivia Welling (flute-grade 10), Caleigh Boyce (clarinet-grade 10), Logan Reeger (percussion-grade 12) and Jack Gentry (string bass- grade 12) performed at Laurel Highlands High School on January 22-24, 2025. Senior Jack Gentry advanced to Region Band on the string bass and will perform at Ambridge Area Sr High School on March 6-8, 2025 pending board approval.



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8. FayWest Honors Band was held at Greater Latrobe Senior High School on Friday, February 7, 2025. SHS students that participated were Olivia Welling (flute- grade 10), Caleigh Boyce (clarinet-grade 10), Reily Roberts (clarinet- grade 12), Gwen Appleby (tenor sax- grade 10), Lily Guess (french horn- junior), Robert Woodward (trumpet-grade 11), Stephen Sulkoqski (trombone- grade 9), Caleb Eicher (euphonium- grade 9), Logan Reeger (percussion-grade 12) and Jack Gentry (string bass-grade 12). The students were part of the biggest FayWest Honors Band to date at a massive 160 person ensemble. Mrs. Gore conducted a piece with the Honors Band called "The Cave You Fear" by Michael Markowski and the student premiered a new piece of music commissioned to commemorate the occasion titled, "Beyond the Summit". The piece pays tribute to the Laurel Highlands and was composed by Belle Vernon Area High School Band Director, Mr. Mark Surovchak.
9. The Musical held it's first Gala event on Saturday, February 15, 2024 at Bell's Banquet Hall in Mt. Pleasant. With approximately 100 people in attendance, it was a successful first endeavor! There was a basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, 12 performances by students in our cast in crew, photography station, dj entertainment and a delicious meal. We hope to continue this event in the future!
10. On February 4, 2025, the cast and orchestra worked with Armstrong to record and produce a 30 second commercial showcasing the talent of our students and advertising the performance dates for the production. As always, this gracious sponsorship with Armstrong gives our students a unique look into advertising and commercial production and is much appreciated by the staff, boosters and students. The commercial is viewable on district and musical social media and the musical website. Our "In the Know" segment featuring our new choreographer and 2021 graduate, Raygan Lewandowski and our musical director, Shawn Conway, is also viewable on these same platforms as of today!
11. The musical will hold a preview performance on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 during the school day. Act 1 will be performed at 9:30am for guests from a local retirement home and senior living community. Act 2 will begin approximately 12:20pm and will be performed for members

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of SHS music ensembles and classes. Any school board member, administrator and SHS faculty are welcome to attend/stop in for any part of the performances.

12. Our musical is Thursday, March 13-Saturday, March 15 at 7pm and Sunday, March 16 at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 and available at our website www.southmorelandmusical.net or southmorelandmusical.ludus.com.
13. A special thanks to Dr. Boone for including our musical poster in each edition of the newsletter.



BOARD/POLICIES/ PERSONNEL



BOARD

The Board approved the following motions:

- 1. Meeting Minute(s)
 - January 21, 2015

POLICIES

No items for this month.

PERSONNEL

- Musical Staff and Compensation-Additional Staff Needs
- Educational Support Team Agreement for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027
- ESS Amendment-Updated to adjust substitute food service staff.
- Formal Termination of #3585
- Termination of #3587



PERSONNEL



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The following motions were approved:

Resignations/Retirements

- a. **Mark Dye - 5th Grade Teacher effective 2/1/2025**

Supplementals (Per the SEA Agreement.)

- a. **Joseph Pergar - V First Assistant Football Coach, \$2,779.50 (25-26 SY)**
- b. **Arthur Blasco - V First Assistant Football Coach, \$2,779.50 (25-26 SY)**
- c. **Richard Kolesar - V Assistant Football Coach, \$4,743.00 (25-26 SY)**
- d. **Jaylen McNair - V Assistant Football Coach, \$4,743.00 (25-26 SY)**
- e. **Terry Quashnock - V Assistant Football Coach, \$2,371.50 (25-26 SY)**
- f. **Maxwell Malis - V Assistant Football Coach, \$2,371.50 (25-26 SY)**
- g. **Hunter Merrick - V Assistant Baseball Coach, \$1,725.00 (24-25 SY)**
- h. **Steve Kaylor - MS Head Baseball Coach, \$3,000.00 (24-25 SY)**
- i. **John Campbell - MS Assistant Baseball Coach, \$2,600.00 (24-25 SY)**
- j. **Allison Pawlikowsky - V Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, \$2,000.00 (24-25 SY)**
- k. **Mike Busato - V First Assistant Track Coach, \$4,520.00 (24-25 SY)**
- l. **Steve Ohler - V Assistant Track Coach, \$2,600.00 (24-25 SY)**
- m. **Gene Spadaro - MS Head Track Coach, \$3,000.00 (24-25 SY)**
- n. **Allie Grimm - MS Assistant Track Coach, \$2,600.00 (24-25 SY)**

Substitutes

- a. **Samantha Eutsey, Cafeteria \$11.75, effective January 27, 2025**

Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- a. **Michael P. Seman**

Leave

- a. **Uncompensated Leave - Employee #3447 effective 1/13/25 - 4/27/25**



EDUCATION

The Board approved:

- **Extended School Year (ESY) Rates & Schedule**
Paraprofessional: \$23.99/hr

Monday-Thursday:

June 16-19, 2025

June 23-26, 2025

July 7-10, 2025

July 14-17, 2025

- **Armstrong-Internet & Fiber Optic Services**
- **Counseling 339 Plan 2025-2028**
- **Student Discipline Agreement(s)**
- **PMEA Band Festival**



FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/ATHLETICS



FINANCE

- Monthly Board Treasurers' Report
- General Fund Board Summary Report
- Fund Accounting, Capital Fund and Food Service Check Summary Listing
- Transfer Unassigned Fund Balance to Assigned Fund Balance
- GESA Bond Resolution

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- GESA Agreement with Constellation
- Stadium Turf



ATHLETICS

No items for this month.