

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING UPDATE - FEB 2026

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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Catherine Fike
Stephanie Geyer
Richard Grabiak
Mellisa Moore
Scott Olsen, Vice-President
David Thomas

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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 Webiste!
Next Board meeting is scheduled for
March 17, 2026*



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SUPERINTENDENT



- **Scottie Spotlight - Dr. Boone introduced a new initiative to regularly recognize students making positive choices. He noted the large attendance of students and parents and stated the district would continue recognizing students and staff throughout the year.**
- **Policy 011 Principles for Governance and Leadership was presented again.**



Pennsylvania School Boards Association PRINCIPLES FOR GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Pennsylvania school boards are committed to providing **every** student the opportunity to grow and achieve. Our actions, as elected and appointed board members, ultimately have both short- and long-term impact in the classroom. Therefore, we pledge that we will...



LEAD RESPONSIBLY

- Prepare for, attend and actively participate in board meetings
- Work together with civility and cooperation, respecting that individuals hold differing opinions and ideas
- Participate in professional development, training and board retreats
- Collaborate with the superintendent, acknowledging their role as the 10th member of the board and commissioned officer of the commonwealth



ACT ETHICALLY

- Never use the position for improper benefit to self or others
- Avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest
- Recognize school directors do not possess any authority outside of the collective board
- Accept that when a board has made a decision, it is time to move forward collectively and constructively



PLAN THOUGHTFULLY

- Implement a collaborative strategic planning process
- Set annual goals that are aligned with comprehensive plans, recognizing the need to adapt as situations change
- Develop a comprehensive financial plan and master facilities plan that anticipates short- and long-term needs
- Allocate resources to effectively impact student success



EVALUATE CONTINUOUSLY

- Make data-informed decisions
- Evaluate the superintendent annually
- Conduct a board self-assessment on a recurring basis
- Focus on student growth and achievement
- Review effectiveness of all comprehensive and strategic plans



COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

- Promote open, honest and respectful dialogue among the board, staff and community
- Acknowledge and listen to varied input from all stakeholders
- Promote transparency while protecting necessary confidential matters
- Set expectations and guidelines for individual board member communication



ADVOCATE EARNESTLY

- Promote public education as a keystone of our commonwealth
- Engage the community by seeking input, building support networks and generating action
- Champion public education by engaging local, state and federal officials



GOVERN EFFECTIVELY

- Establish and adhere to rules and procedures for board operations
- Develop, adopt, revise and review policy routinely
- Align board decisions to policy, ensuring compliance with the PA School Code and other local, state and federal laws
- Remain focused on the role of governance, effectively delegating management tasks to the administration

Represented by the signatures below, adoption of these principles assures the school board and individual school directors adhere to the same principles across our commonwealth.

Adopted on: _____

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SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL **School Board Notes** **February 17, 2026**

Student Representatives: Zoey Welling, Alexa Pandullo, Audrey Miller

1. Congratulations to the February Spirit Award Winner: Reed Pollard
2. Congratulations to the February Scholar Award Winner: Logan Deluca
3. A special shout-out goes to Keira Bryson for her leadership in helping launch Early Act this year. Early Act serves as the elementary extension of Interact and introduces younger students to service and leadership opportunities. Thanks to Keira's initiative and dedication, the program is off to a strong start, with over 30 fifth-grade students already participating. Her work has helped build a foundation for continued student leadership and community involvement in our district.
4. Early Act and Interact students recently partnered to support Fischer's Furry Friends of PA. Through their efforts, Ms. Hixson was able to deliver a car full of donated cat food and litter to the rescue. In addition, students helped prepare and distribute individual mouse toys so that each cat recently rescued from a hoarding situation received something of its own. This project gave students a meaningful opportunity to practice service leadership while supporting a local organization in need.
5. Congratulations to the new National Honor Society Inductees for 2026. The following students are excellent examples of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students will be inducted during a ceremony on Thursday, February 26.

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Alyssa Hixson	Ember Ware	Aidan Watkins



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Audrey Miller	Kelsey Ambrisco	Bryce Seward
	Derik Barton	Luke Stinnett
	Alexis Levendosky	Noah Meyer
	Juliet Ice	Tanner Baker
		Kaylie Lightner
		Connor Dillon
		Joylynne Lusty
		Stephen Sulkowski
		Baily Mains
		Ava Hernandez
		Madison Guyer
		Elizabeth Dziurzynski
		Abbie Ritenour
		Kaleigh Grabosky
		Isabella Sloan
		Alex Clawson

6. Three swimmers have qualified for multiple events in the WPIAL Swimming and Diving finals on February 26 and 27 at Pitt's Trees Pool.

- Allison Stinnett qualified in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, and the 100 breaststroke.
- Allison will compete in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.



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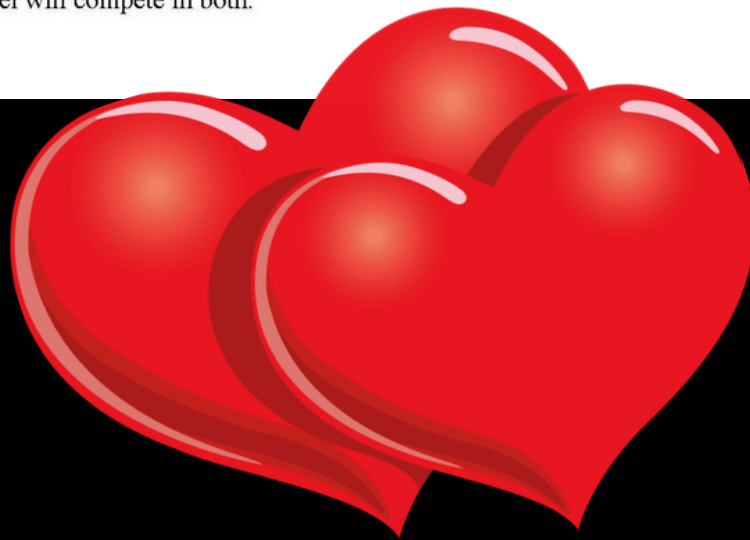
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- Elizabeth Dziurzynski qualified in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.
- Elizabeth will compete in the 100 freestyle only. (Independent swimmers are limited to only 1 entry per event)
- Daniel Busato qualified in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.
- Daniel will compete in both.



SOLICITOR

No report this month.

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BUSINESS MANAGER/ TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

Ms. Mondock provided the following reports and a financial update including:

- Building Activity Fund Information
- Cyber Charter Expense Analysis
- SSD Budget Presentation #2 From Committee of the Whole Meeting 2/10/26
- SSD Budget Presentation #2-Addendum

The Business Manager recently provided an update on the District's debt service in response to Board questions. The presentation reviewed the District's loans prior to the 2025 refinancing and explained how the new wraparound bond structure keeps annual payments relatively stable while paying off the 2022 loan and projecting the District to be debt-free by 2036. Although the restructuring results in a modest increase in local debt payments next year, it improves long-term planning and budgeting. The report also noted future facility planning needs, including major building components approaching end-of-life, and showed that Southmoreland's equalized mill rate remains below the county average—meaning local taxpayers contribute less than many neighboring districts when property values are adjusted for fair comparison.

You may find the full reports on the district website at:

<https://www.southmoreland.net/departments/business-office/budget-development-presentations>



BOARD/POLICIES

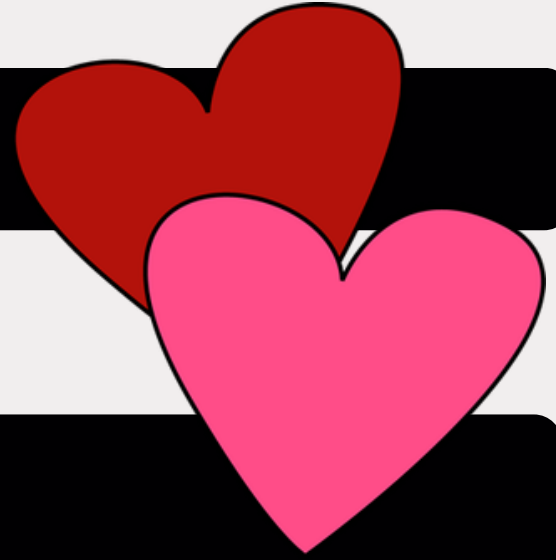


BOARD

The Board approved the following motions:

1. Meeting Minute(s)

- January 20, 2026



POLICIES

First Read-Post for 30 Days

105.2	Exemption From Instruction	Mandated
122	Extracurricular Activities	Recommended
122.1	Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student-Initiated Groups	Recommended
204	Attendance	Mandated
218.1	Weapons	Mandated
805.1	Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies	Recommended
805.2	School Security Personnel	Recommended
816	District Social Media	Recommended

Final Read-Approved

006.2	Broadcasting Board Meetings	New
102	Academic Standards	Mandated
105	Curriculum	Recommended
123	Interscholastic Athletics	Recommended
209.2	Diabetes Management	Recommended

PERSONNEL



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The Board approved:

- Personnel Log for February 17, 2026 - See below
- Musical Staff and Compensation Approved
- ESY Nurse Rate Approved - \$40.67

PERSONNEL LOG - FEBRUARY 17, 2026



(All required paperwork and all clearances are current and on file with Administration. Salaries & benefits are prorated based on start date. Effective dates vs. start/end dates could vary on a case by case basis-TBD by HR.)

- 1. Resignations/Retirements**
 - a. Morgan Tylka - Administrative Assistant SPC, resign effective 6/30/2026
 - b. Rachael Aller - Food Service Department, resign effective 2/3/2026
- 2. New Hires - Cafeteria (Per the SEIU Agreement.)**
 - a. Whitney Clark - SHS 4.25hrs @ \$15.00/hr effective 1/21/2026
- 3. Supplementals (Per the SEA Agreement.)**
 - a. Jon Campbell - MS Head Baseball Coach \$3,000 (25-26 SY)
 - b. Scott Kubica - MS Assistant Baseball Coach \$2,600 (25-26 SY)
- 4. Volunteers**
 - a. Shane Datz - Wrestling Coach
 - b. Blake Forsythe - Baseball Coach
- 5. Substitutes**
 - a. Christian Huffman - Cafeteria \$13.00, effective 2/5/2026
 - b. Christine Richardson - Cafeteria \$13.00, effective 2/17/2026
- 6. Bus/Van Drivers - Quest**
 - a. Tracy Lynn Margarelli
- 7. Leave**
 - a. FMLA Leave - Employee #3510 effective February 6, 2026 to April 7, 2026

2025-2026 Musical Staff

MUSICAL DIRECTOR	SHAWN CONWAY	\$2,040.00	Per SEA Agreement
MUSICAL PRODUCER	JAMIE GORE	\$2,040.00	
VOCAL COACH	SHAWN CONWAY	\$2,200.00	Paid for with Musical Budget, Overage to be billed to the boosters.
ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR	JAMIE GORE	\$2,200.00	
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & COSTUME	CHELSEA CONWAY	\$2,200.00	
CHOREOGRAPHER	RAYGAN LEWANDOWSKI	\$1,600.00	
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	JOSH BRADY	\$1,000.00	
STAGE MANAGER	SAMANTHA QUINN	\$1,100.00	
MUSICIAN	SHAWN HARRIS	\$600.00	
MUSICIAN	STEVEN CLARK	\$1,000.00	
MUSICIAN	DEREK HUFF	\$600.00	
MUSICIAN	JACK GENTRY	\$600.00	
MUSICIAN	JOHN GIANANTE	\$600.00	



EDUCATION



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The Board approved:

- **Student Discipline Agreement(s)**
 - 2025-2026-03
- **ESY Schedule**
 - **Monday-Thursday:**
 - **Elementary and Middle School**
 - June 15-18, 2026
 - June 22-25, 2026
 - July 6-9, 2026
 - July 13-16, 2026
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 - **High School**
 - July 6-9, 2026
 - July 13-16, 2026
 - July 20-23, 2026
 - July 27-30, 2026
- **Music Education Association Region I Honors Chorus Field Trip**



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The Board approved:

- School Calendar 2026-2027



SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR - ADOPTED 2/17/26

Aug-26

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Kindergarten Orientation - Aug 12-14
 SPC 1st Grade Meet The Teacher - Aug 17
 SES Grades 4/5 Meet The Teacher - Aug 17
 SES Grades 2/3 Meet The Teacher - Aug 20
 SPS Meet The Teacher Night - Aug 19
 Freshman Orientation and Meet The Teacher - Aug 20

Sep-26

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Sept 7 - Labor Day - No School
 Sept 18 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Data Meetings

Oct-26

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Oct 23 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Data Meetings

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Nov 11 - Veterans Day - No School
 Nov 22 - PT Conferences After School
 Nov 13 - Act 80 Day (AM PT Conferences 11/13)
 Nov 26-Mar 30 - Fall Recess

Dec-26

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Dec 11 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Data Meetings
 Dec 21 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
 Dec 22-31 - Winter Recess

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Jan 13 - Winter Recess
 Jan 25 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Data Meetings
 Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School

Feb-27

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Feb 22 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Data Meetings
 Feb 15 - Presidents Day - No School

Mar-27

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Mar 12 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Data Meetings
 Mar 15 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
 Mar 25-28 - Spring Recess

Apr-27

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Apr 16 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Data Meetings
 Apr 23 - In-Service Day - No School for Students

May-27

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May 31 - Memorial Day - No School

Jun-27

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Total Days		
Students	172	Teachers 186

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NOTE: This calendar may be altered

or extended in case of emergency

closing of schools

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 Early Dismissal - Data Meetings
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Curriculum Development Days
- # Teacher Clerical Day
- # Early Dismissal

Reminder: SSD is approved for Remote Instruction Days to be used in the event of unusual circumstances that affect the buildings or staffing.

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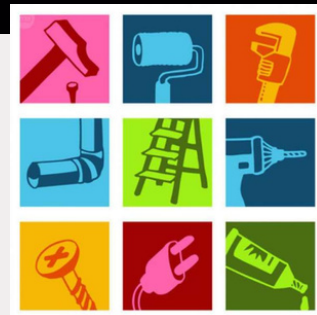
FINANCE/ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ATHLETICS



FINANCE

Board approved:

- Monthly Board Treasurers' Report
- General Fund Board Summary Report
- Fund Accounting, Capital Fund and Food Service Check Summary Listing
- Awarding of Bids - Gasoline & Diesel
- A transfer of \$213,464.66 from the Assigned Fund Balance Cyber/Charter to the Unassigned Fund balance. Due to the spending levels of Cyber/Charter line item in the 2024/2025 fiscal year.



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

To accept a donation in the amount of \$4,699.88, to be allocated to the district's Safety & Security budget.

ATHLETICS

No items for this month.

