

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING UPDATE - APR 2026

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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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
May 19, 2026*



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SUPERINTENDENT

- **Scottie Spotlight - Student Recognition**
- **State Assessments - Computer glitch statewide. SMS eventually continued, and SES delayed.**

STUDENT REPORTS

Student Representatives: Audrey Miller, Zoey Welling, Alexa Pandullo



1. Congratulations to the April Spirit Award Winner: Jaxson Raygor
2. Congratulations to the April Scholar Award Winner: Addison Jordan
3. Student Council hosted the *American Red Cross* Blood Drive on April 14 in the SHS gymnasium. Teachers, students, and staff donated blood from 8:30 to 1:30 resulting in 81 lives in Westmoreland County being saved!
4. To recap some gifted events that occurred this year:
 - February 18, 2026: Southmoreland Gifted Program hosted the gifted "Words and Pictures" event at Southmoreland HS for various local high schools to participate
 - February 20, 2026: Mr. Fabian took gifted students to Penn Trafford for Academic World Quest
 - March 19, 2026: Mrs. Heberling took gifted students to Franklin Regional for Calculus.
 - March 30, 2026: Ms. Eutsey took gifted students and future nursing students to St. Vincent College for Science Exploration Day.
 - April 21, 2026: Mr. Reger took gifted students to Franklin Regional for the annual county Catapult competition

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- April 23, 2026: Ms. Eutsey will take students to Twin Lakes Park for the annual Westmoreland County Envirothon Competition
5. This week, Southmoreland High School proudly celebrates National Student Leadership Week, with National Honor Society students leading impactful initiatives across the district and community. Student leaders have created and will distribute a writing and art contest centered on the theme of leadership for all school buildings. In addition, 20 students will participate in a “Leading by Serving” project with Habitat for Humanity on Thursday. NHS members are also organizing a leadership conference for our National Junior Honor Society and National Elementary Honor Society students, fostering mentorship and collaboration across grade levels.
 6. The following juniors will be representing Southmoreland Interact Club at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference in June: Cassie Loop, Keira Bryson, and Caylin Raymond. A huge thank you to the Scottdale Rotary for paying for all three students to attend the week long conference.
 7. In recognition of Earth Day, Southmoreland Interact Club members, led by junior Paige Gunderson, will be staying after school tomorrow to clean up litter around the high school parking lots. This student-led effort reflects Interact’s ongoing commitment to service, environmental stewardship, and pride in our school community.
 8. Southmoreland Interact Club will host a bake sale this Friday to support sophomore Liam Smith and his upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic. During a previous visit, Liam recognized a critical need for durable footwear. Proceeds will go toward purchasing innovative, adjustable shoes that expand 3–5 sizes, providing children with long-term use. Students and staff are invited to support this meaningful cause by purchasing baked goods. Community members interested in sponsoring a pair of shoes (\$20) may contact Jenna Hixson at hixsonj@southmoreland.net

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9. Congratulations to student Caylin Raymond who won the high school poetry award for her entry, *Alive and Living*, in the annual Waldman Arts & Writing Competition sponsored by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. Caylin will be honored at a banquet at Chatham University on May 12.

10. On April 10 and 11, BotsIQ Students competed in the Final Competitions at PennWest California. They finished the weekend with two wins against Trinity and Central Valley High Schools (Southmoreland's first .500 season in many years!). Out of 68 teams participating from over 50 High Schools, these are their final results:

Arena Score: 21st out of 68

Documentation and Team Interview: 3 out of 68 (*478 out of 500 Points achieved*)

Final Ranking: 13 out of 68 (*combined arena & documentation scores*)

The team thanks the continued support of the district and our many industry partners who assist with donated material for fabrication towards the success of our robot!

11. Mr. Sharek would like to recognize graduating team members of Bots IQ who have participated multiple years including:

Jaxon Raygor who has held the team captain position for the last three years

Audrey Johnson who served as assistant captain and secretary the previous school years!

Robert Woodward who served as student ambassador to BotsIQ for the last two years!

Congratulations and good luck to these three and all members of the class of 2026!

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 #4 -See Below
- 2024-2025 Audit Report was presented by Turnley, Robertson & Associates LLC - No issues, in compliance.

You may find the full budget report on the district website at:

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

You may find the complete audit report on the district website at:

<https://www.southmoreland.net/departments/business-office/audit-reports>



BOARD

The Board approved the following motions:

1. Meeting Minute(s)

- March 17, 2026
- PSBA Annual Membership 2026-2027
- Board Docs LT for 2026-2027

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POLICIES

Second/Final Read-Approved

#	Name	Notes:
006	Meetings	Recommended
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



First Read-Post for 30 Days

#	Name	Notes:
140	Charter Schools	Recommended
221	Dress and Grooming	Mandated
236.1	Threat Assessment	Recommended
325	Dress and Grooming	Recommended
332	Working Periods	Recommended
619	District Audit	Recommended
810	Transportation	Mandated

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PERSONNEL

The Board approved:

- Personnel Log for April 21, 2026 - See below
- Administrative Assistants Agreement 2026-2031
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PERSONNEL LOG - APRIL 21, 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

- Judy McBeth - Custodian retire effective April 30, 2026
- Tara Hixson - Paraprofessional resign effective 3/23/2026
- Nick Clara - Paraprofessional resign effective 4/1/2026
- Jenna Hixson - Sophomore Class Sponsor resign effective EOY
- Erik Raygor - Custodian retire effective August 5, 2026

2. Volunteers

- Nickolas Hyde - Assistant Track Coach
- James Preisach - Trap Team Assistant Coach

3. Substitutes

- Sandy Geiger- Nurse \$16.67, effective 3/24/2026

4. Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- Danielle Leigh Zook



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EDUCATION

The Board approved:

- Student Discipline Agreement(s)
 - 2025-2026-07, 2025-2026-08, & 2025-2026-09
- Special Education Plan 2026-2029, Final Approved
- Private Industry Council/Pre-K Counts Lease Agreement
- Purple Star Schools Resolution supporting military families
- New-SHS Emotional Support Position
- Student Service Agreements - Adelphoi & Pressley Ridge



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FINANCE

Board approved:

- Monthly Board Treasurers' Report
- General Fund Board Summary Report
- Fund Accounting, Capital Fund and Food Service Check Summary Listing
- CWCTC 2026-2027 Budget
- Service Exchange Agreement - American Fidelity
- Public Education Resolution



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Sewage Plant RFP
- Bus Cameras



ATHLETICS

Posting of Bids for Athletic Equipment 2026-2027

