

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING UPDATE - SEPT 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 Webiste!
Next Board meeting is scheduled for
October 20, 2026*



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SUPERINTENDENT

- Student Award Recognition Will Continue Next Month!
- Thanked all staff for a great start to the school year.
- State test score reviews are on hold per state.

BUSINESS MANAGER/ TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

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

- Building Activity Fund Information
- Cyber Charter Expense Analysis

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor clarified that Board members have three voting options: yes, no, or abstain. He advised that, under Robert's Rules, any nonvote or nonresponsive response during voting should be recorded by the Board Secretary as an abstention.

BOARD

The Board approved the following motions:

1. Meeting Minute(s)

- August 18, 2026
- Student Representatives - Caylin Raymond, Juliet Ice, & alternate Lailah Thomas



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SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL **School Board Notes** **September 15, 2026**

Student Representatives: Juliet Ice, Caylin Raymond

1. Congratulations to the September Scholar Award Winner: Keira Bryson
2. Student Council and Class Officer Elections for the 2026-2027 School Year for *Freshman* will take place tomorrow during homeroom. All Freshmen will receive a link to vote for their favorite candidates.
3. Congratulations to Southmoreland's Homecoming court: Lailah Thomas, Keira Bryson, Abigail LeVine, Isabella Ferrari, Gia VanDyke, Mya Marazza, Madeline Bair, Kelsey Ambrisco, Dawson Wolfe, Hunter Pepiot, Hunter Ryan, Colton Cochran, Liam Smith, Franco Neal, David Sager, Justin Hribal.
4. Several members of the 10th-12th grade Student Council volunteered to help with *Meet the Teacher Night* on August 20th from 5-7 pm to help direct students and parents to classrooms around the building and answer school related questions so that Freshmen have a great start to the school year.
5. In recognition of September 11 as a National Day of Service, Interact Club Co-Presidents Keira Bryson and Juliet Ice and Vice President Caylin Raymond joined more than 200 volunteers to pack 1,400 boxes of meals for people in need. We are proud of these student leaders for honoring the day through service to others.
6. During the very first week of school, Interact Club Students created raffle baskets for the B. Walter *Always Happy* Golf Outing, held in memory of former Southmoreland graduate Brendan Walter. Proceeds from the event help fund a scholarship honoring Brendan's legacy.

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7. Interact Club is collecting used sneakers through Monday, October 5. Wearable shoes will be donated for reuse, while shoes that can no longer be worn will be responsibly recycled. Donations can be dropped off at the High School Office or Ms. Hixson's room.
8. If you are heading to the Scottdale Fall Festival this weekend, be sure to stop by the Family Area. Members of the Southmoreland High School National Honor Society will be volunteering throughout the weekend.



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POLICIES

First Read-Post for 30 Days

First Read		
#	Name	Notes:
102	Academic Standards	Mandated
105	Curriculum	Recommended
204.1	Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks	Mandated
209	Health Examinations/Screenings	Recommended
246	School Wellness	Mandated
249	Bullying/Cyberbullying	Mandated
704	Maintenance	Recommended
716	Integrated Pest Management	Recommended
803	School Calendar	Recommended
805.2	School Security Personnel	Recommended
822	AED/CPR	Recommended



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PERSONNEL

The Board approved:

- Personnel Log for August 18, 2026 - See below

PERSONNEL LOG - SEPTEMBER 15, 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.)

- Grant Tenure to the following Professional Staff:**
 - Rebecca Pine
 - Brianna Edwards
 - Sarah Zajac
- Resignations/Retirements**
 - Amber Causer - Food Service resign effective 9/14/2026
- New Hires - Professional Staff (FT with benefits per the SEA Agreement.)**
 - Adam Bluebaugh - 1st Grade LTS - \$52,802.52 M1 approximately 9/25/2026
- New Hires - Paraprofessionals (Per the Paraprofessionals Agreement with a 90 day probation period.)**
 - Katie Leer - \$17.41/hr effective 8/31/2026
 - Heather Rimel - \$17.41/hr effective 8/31/2026
 - Amy Neusbaum - \$17.41/hr effective 9/1/2026
 - Kayle Martin Long-Term Substitute - \$17.41/hr effective 9/2/2026
- New Hires - Cafeteria (Per the SEIU Agreement.)**
 - Christine Richardson - SHS 4.5hrs, \$15.30/hr effective 8/18/2026
- New Hires - Support Staff (Per the Educational Support Team Staff Agreement. For a 90 day probation period.)**
 - Matthew Zelenak - FT School Police Officer \$27.81/hr, effective 10/5/2026
 - Gabrielle Himes - PT Assistant School Nurse \$25.91/hr, effective 9/8/2026
- Supplementals (Per the SEA Agreement.)**
 - Ken Eicher - Assistant Band Equipment Hauler \$416.00 (26-27 SY)
- Bus/Van Drivers - Quest**
 - Barry Dean Mortimer
 - Mary Ellen Piper
- Leave of Absence**
 - Employee #3458, consisting of any available sick leave, and uncompensated leave, as applicable, through the employee's anticipated return-to-work date, TBD.
 - Employee #3551, consisting of any available sick leave, and uncompensated leave, as applicable, through the employee's anticipated return-to-work date, TBD.
 - Employee #3616, effective upon commencement of the employee's maternity leave approximately 10/2/2026 through the end of the 2026-2027 school year, consisting of FMLA & Sick leave, followed by uncompensated leave, as applicable.
 - Employee #3607, effective upon commencement of the employee's maternity leave approximately 10/30/2026 - 2/1/2027, consisting of FMLA & Sick leave, followed by uncompensated leave, as applicable.

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PERSONNEL

The Board approved:

- Mentor Teachers for the 2026-2027 School Year:
 - Carrie Rock for Colin Reilly
 - Missy Farrell for Dustin Shoaf
 - Jodi DeLuca for Chasady Stork
- Educational Field Experience Agreement
 - Grand Canon University



EDUCATION

The Board approved:

- Student Service Agreement(s)
 - Linkage - Innersight LLC
- Westmoreland County Forum for Workforce Development Membership



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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
- Tax Appeal Settlement on Parcel #47-11-00-0-189; -191;-192;-194;-196;-197
- Purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Express 2500 10 Passenger Van



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Public School Facility Improvement Grant Resolution
- Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department Probation Officers Agreement



ATHLETICS

None

