

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING UPDATE - OCT 2026

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Important Reminder:

*All Meeting Agendas and Minutes Can Be
Accessed From Our District Webiste!
Next Board meeting is scheduled for
November 17, 2026*

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

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SUPERINTENDENT

- Student Award Recognition continued. Many were in attendance.

BUSINESS MANAGER/ TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

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

- Building Activity Fund Information
- Cyber Charter Expense Analysis

SOLICITOR

None

BOARD

The Board approved the following motions:

1. Meeting Minute(s)
 - September 15, 2026



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STUDENT REPORTS



SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL **School Board Notes** **October 20, 2026**

Student Representatives: Juliet Ice and Lailah Thomas

1. Congratulations to the October Spirit Award Winner: Isabella Ferrari
2. Congratulations to the October Scholar Award Winner: Paige Gunderson
3. Student Council will be hosting the Powder Puff Football Game on November 10 at the high school stadium beginning at 7 pm. Seniors and Sophomores will compete against Juniors and Freshmen and a boys cheerleading squad will cheer them on! We will have a full concession stand once again this year with everything from Chick-fil-a sandwiches to hot chocolate. The Community is invited to attend, and all money raised will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Admission will be \$5.00 at the gate.
4. Southmoreland High School's Interact Club recently earned second place for Outstanding Interact Club of the Year among more than 70 clubs at the Rotary Interact District Conference. Co-Presidents Keira Bryson and Juliet Ice accepted the award on behalf of the club.

Additionally, Caylin Raymond and Cassandra Loop earned first place in the Shark Tank competition, presenting their innovative community art auction, SOLD!, designed to raise money for disaster relief. Their presentation impressed an audience of more than 300 attendees.

Special thanks go to Paul Johnson and the Scottdale Rotary Club for their continued support of our students and their commitment to making a difference.

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5. Southmoreland High School Interact member Morgan Riddle is demonstrating how students can turn their personal passions into meaningful service. Her student-led passion project reflects the initiative, compassion, and leadership that our school strives to encourage. On October 13, Morgan made the volleyball match a Pink Out! From raffle baskets, pink treats, tshirt sales, and even a "Chuck a Duck!", Morgan was able to raise \$700 for Celene's Angels of Westmoreland, Fayette, and Washington Counties, a local breast cancer charity who provides financial assistance to local women.
6. YEA and Interact worked together to emphasize the importance of kindness, inclusion, and meaningful connections through "You've Got a Friend Day." This celebration reminds students that even small acts of friendship can make a tremendous difference in someone else's life. It reinforces an important message: Every student deserves to feel seen, valued, and included. Over 70 high school students were paired with a child with a disability from our own district, serving as their guide and companion throughout a day of fun at Twin Lakes.
7. During the month of November, Interact will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots and cans for the WPIAL food drive. We will be hosting a "Stuff a Van" event from 10:00am-2:00pm on Sunday, November 8, in the stadium parking lot. Feel free to bring cans and/or new toys!
8. Southmoreland High School College and Career Fair will take place on November 6, 2026 from 8am-1pm in the high school gymnasium. The goal is to provide students in grades 9-12 with postsecondary education, career pathways, and opportunities beyond high school. They will meet representatives from colleges and universities, explore workforce opportunities, learn about scholarships, financial aid, and the college admissions process, and connect directly with representatives to ask questions that will benefit their future.

9. The Southmoreland WORKs Program is excited to announce the addition of two new job sites: Alexander's Pizza and SPC Café! These new partnerships provide students with additional opportunities to gain hands-on work experience, develop job-specific skills, and build the confidence needed for future employment. We are grateful to our community partners for supporting our students as they work toward greater independence and success.

10. The Southmoreland Marching Band earned first place in Class AA at the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (PIMBA) competition at McKeesport this past weekend. In addition to their first-place finish, the band received awards for Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual, and Outstanding General Effect. The band will compete next at the PIMBA Championships at Gateway High School on October, 24 at 4:30 pm.



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POLICIES

Approved

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 the month - See below

PERSONNEL LOG - OCTOBER 20, 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. Dr. Dan Clara - Assistant to the Superintendent resign effective 10/22/2026
- b. Brett Glowacki - MS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach resign effective immediately

2. **New Hires - Cafeteria (Per the SEIU Agreement.)**

- a. Nathan Sage - SHS 4hrs, \$15.30/hr effective 9/29/2026
- b. Ashley Connolly - SPC 4.25hrs, \$15.30/hr effective 9/29/2026

3. **New Hires - Support Staff (Per the Educational Support Team Staff Agreement. For a 90 day probation period.)**

- a. Donald Jordan - FT VanAide Tier III \$90.69/day, effective 10/19/2026

4. **Supplementals (Per the SEA Agreement.)**

- a. Chris Hixson - MS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach \$2,600.00 (26-27 SY)
- b. Michael Busato - Co-Head Varsity Track Coach \$3,277.00 (26-27 SY)
- c. Nicholas Miller - Co-Head Varsity Track Coach \$3,277.00 (26-27 SY)
- d. Jimmy King - Head Baseball Coach \$5,381.00 (26-27 SY)

5. **Substitutes**

- a. Amanda Phillips - Cafe \$13.00, effective 10/21/2026

6. **Work-Study Program/Substitute**

- a. 2025-2026-01 - Cafe \$13.00, effective 3/23/2026
- b. 2026-2027-01 - Cafe \$13.00, effective 10/21/2026

7. **Bus/Van Drivers - Quest**

- a. Barbara Sue Jordan

8. **Leave**

- a. FMLA – Employee #1960, effective 11/10/2026 - 12/22/2026
- b. FMLA – Employee #3670, Intermittent effective 8/1/2026 - 7/31/2027



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PERSONNEL



The Board approved Administrative Position Changes:

- Change the Southmoreland Primary Center Principal/K-8 SOLA position to Assistant Principal K-5.
- Change the Southmoreland Elementary School Principal position to Principal K-5.
- Change the Southmoreland High School Assistant Principal/SOLA 9-12 position to K-12 SOLA Principal/Southmoreland High School Assistant Principal.

& the following Administrative Personnel Reassignments:

- Reassign James R. Klugh from Principal of Southmoreland Middle School to Assistant to the Superintendent & Director of Pupil Services, at an annual salary of \$132,500.
- Reassign Kaely Potochnik from Assistant Principal of Southmoreland High School to Principal of Southmoreland Middle School, at an annual salary of \$106,500.
- Reassign Dan Krofcheck from Principal 2-5 of Southmoreland Elementary School to the Principal K-5 position, at an annual salary of \$128,823.65.
- Reassign Ron Heitchue from SPC Principal to K-12 SOLA Principal/SHS Assistant Principal position at an annual salary of \$106,280.17.

As well as the following SEIU MOU's

- Custodial OT Rate For Sporting Events or Grass Cutting
- Payment for Unfulfilled Maintenance OT Work

EDUCATION



The Board approved:

- Student Discipline Agreement(s) – 2026-2027-01, -02, -03, -04
- Student Service Agreement(s) – Adelphoi Village Inc.
- CWCTC Satellite Program -
 - Pre-Engineering/STEM Program (CIP Code 15.9999)



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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
- Delegates for Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee (WCTCC)
 - Pam Mondock - Delegate
 - Diane Figg - Alternate Delegate



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None



ATHLETICS

None

