

The School Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss legal, personnel, safety and labor matters.

The public will be able to comment on agenda items only prior to any vote during the regular meeting. Citizen comments on non-agenda items, from those who put in a request, will be heard at the conclusion of the regular Board meeting.



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Steel Valley School District

School Board Meeting
High School Library
In-Person
August 14, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call
Flag Salute
Acknowledgements
Moment of Silence

- Motion to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in memory of the Steel

Reports:

President of the School Board

Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent

Director of Pupil Services

Director of Technology

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of:

- June 23, 2025 worksession meeting
- June 26, 2025 regular meeting
- July 29, 2025 special meeting

Solicitor's Motion

1. Motion to approve Integra Realty Resources invoice for services for Steel Valley School District for 152-154 East Bridge Street for \$5,000.
2. Motion to authorize the solicitor to enter into a stipulation with Eat'n Park, located at 245 E. Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120, regarding property tax assessment.

1.0 Financial Management

Budget, Finance, Insurance, Audit, Funding, Taxes

Mrs. Ballas, Chair

Ms. Guy, Co-Chair

Mrs. Hughes

- 1.1 Motion to approve the list of bills:
 - 1.1.01 General Fund, Food Service, External Groups and Activities Hand Checks for June 2025 \$1,273,728.66; \$5,712.12; \$3,258.08; \$5,681.70
 - 1.1.02 June Balance Sheet.
 - 1.1.03 June General Fund and Food Service Income Statements.
- 1.2 Motion to approve a refund to Artilio Cozza Lot & Block 181-A-288, in the amount of \$106.10 for year 2024.

2.0 Operations

Capital Improvement, Update, Repair and Maintain Facilities and
Equipment, Municipal Relations, Safety and Environment

Mrs. Hughes, Chair

Mr. Colasante, Co-Chair

Mrs. Karstetter

- 2.1 Motion approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Borough of Homestead for one officer whose primary assignment shall be the District's School Resource Officer (SRO) for the contract period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Compensation will be outlined per contract.
- 2.2 Motion approve the attached MOU with the Borough of Munhall stating that Munhall Borough shall make all reasonable attempts to employ two officers whose primary assignments shall be the District's School Resource Officers (SRO) for the contract period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Compensation will be outlined per contract.
- 2.3 Motion award the Fence Project at Barrett Elementary to Fye Fencing in the amount of \$45,000 for steel fencing and components, with an alternate bid of \$42,000 for aluminum fencing.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Activities, Athletics, Food Service, PTO

Mr. Colasante, Chair

Mr. Dunmire, Co-Chair

Mrs. Yuhas

- 3.1 Motion to approve the attached fundraising requests as presented.

4.0 Special Assignments

Steel Center Career & Technical Education,
Southeastern Special Schools, Board Policy, PSBA

Mrs. Karstetter, Chair

Mrs. Hughes, Co-Chair

Mr. Colasante

- 4.1 Update.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Curriculum and Instruction, Career and Tech Education,
Instructional Media Services, Special Education Services
and Programs, Intermediate Unit Programs and Services,
Strategic Planning, Instructional Supplies and Equipment

Mrs. Yuhas, Chair

Mr. Dunmire, Co-Chair

Mrs. Ballas

- 5.1 Motion to approve the agreement between Steel Valley School District and Estocin Transportation Services LLC (ETS Transportation), retroactive to August 1, 2025 through August 15, 2030.
- 5.2 Motion to approve the Holy Family Specialized Learning Educational Services Agreement for 2025-2026 providing educational and related services for certain identified students from Steel Valley School District.
- 5.3 Motion to approve The Watson Institute Services Agreement for 2025-2026 providing educational and related services for certain identified students from Steel Valley School District.
- 5.4 Motion to accept Whole Kids Garden Grant of \$3,500 to purchase appropriate tools and material to create an instructional gardening program at the Steel Valley Middle School.

6.0 Communications and Technology

Public Relations, Communications, Marketing, Media Relations,
Community Relations, Strategic Planning, Technology and Information Services

Mr. Dunmire, Chair

Mrs. Hughes, Co-Chair

Mrs. Karstetter

- 6.1 Update.

7.0 Personnel Management

Human Resources, Compensation, Fringe Benefits, Negotiations,
Recruitment, Selection, Staffing of Professional and Non-Professional Positions

Ms. Guy, Chair
Mr. Dunmire, Co-Chair
Mr. Colasante

- 7.1 Motion for the Board to rescind the offer of employment to Charles Ausbrook for the Head of Security position, approved at the June 26, 2025 meeting, effective immediately.
- 7.2 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Carol Sekura from the Steel Valley School District Websmaster supplemental position, effective immediately.
- 7.3 Motion to approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee #5901, effective August 18, 2025, not to exceed 60 days in duration.
- 7.4 Motion to appoint Jeffrey Filia as the 11-month, Head of Security position for Steel Valley School District at a prorated salary of \$55,000 plus benefits, effective on a mutually agreed upon date, contingent upon the receipt of current clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.5 Motion to appoint Morgan Beck to a full-time Elementary Special Education position with a 2025-2026 assignment at Barrett Elementary at an annual salary of \$49,856 based on Step 3 status with Master's degree, plus benefits, effective August 18, 2025, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.6 Motion to approve Kalei Getsy to a full-time Elementary Special Education position with a 2025-2026 assignment at Park Elementary, at an annual salary of \$46,435 based upon Step 1 with a Bachelor's degree, effective on August 18, 2025, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.7 Motion to approve the hire of Christopher Petricca to a full-time teaching position with an assignment of Music in the Senior High School and Middle School, at an annual salary of \$47,394 based on Step 2 with a Bachelor's degree, effective on August 18, 2025, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.8 Motion to approve Daniel Green to be hired as a Steel Valley School District Security Guard at a rate of \$16.50/hour with the option of individual health benefits or the option of \$500/month opt out, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.9 Motion to appoint the following cyber support/assessor stipend positions for the 2025-2026 school year for the following subjects, Barb Ferson for Social Studies; Jeff Deabner for Science; Beth McCallister for Math; Jodi Geyer for English; Jamie Fleck for Foreign Language, Spanish; Deanna Mudry for Foreign Language, French. The remote support positions will be reviewed quarterly for student's participation and effectiveness. Changes to the support program can be made at the end of each nine-week period.
- 7.10 Motion to approve the attached list of applicants to be placed on the support staff substitute call list to be a substitute for the 2025-2026 school year when needed. New applicants are contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.11 Motion to approve the attached list of day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year, at the rate of \$150/day for emergency certified substitute teachers, or \$200/day if the applicant is a Pennsylvania (PA) certified teacher. New applicants are contingent upon receipt of clearance, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed withing 30 days.
- 7.12 Motion to appoint Cara McKenna as an Assistant Principal within the Steel Valley School District, with a 2025-26 assignment of Interim Elementary School Principal at Park Elementary, at a prorated annual salary of \$90,000. This position includes benefits in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement and will be effective September 1, 2025. The appointment is contingent upon receipt of clearance, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed withing 30 days.

- 7.13 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Paula Rossi, from the long-term substitute Social Worker position, effective immediately.
- 7.14 Motion to grant tenure to Jessica Luft and Deanna Mudry and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contracts.

Citizen Comments

Jim Deutsch
Mike Grimm

Adjournment