

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
September 25, 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

Student Representatives to 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:

- August 11, 2025 worksession meeting
- August 14, 2025 regular meeting

NEW - Solicitor's Motions

1. Motion to ratify Board decision not to hold a hearing on a 906 complaint and ratify the written decision upholding the determination of the District's administration.
2. Motion to amend meeting minutes from June 26, 2025.
3. Motion to amend meeting minutes from Special Meeting of July 29, 2025.

1.0 Financial Management

Budget, Finance, Insurance, Audit, Funding, Taxes

Mrs. Ballas, Chair

Ms. Guy, Co-Chair

Mrs. Hughes

- 1.1 Motion to approve Lot & Blocks 131-C-377; 130-N-8; 130-N-7 to be disposed of by Tri-COG Land Bank.
- 1.2 Motion to accept the Letter of Authorization to confirm that Kristin Van Strien, acting on behalf of Van Strien Consulting, LLC, is authorized to represent the Steel Valley School District in matters related to the Federal Universal Service Discount Program, known as E-Rate, for the funding year of 2025-2026.
- 1.3 Motion to approve a refund to Jessica P. Warren Lot & Block 131-G-358, in the amount of \$390.32 for year 2024.
- 1.4 Motion to approve the Vnable Plumbing change order PC-011, an add of \$28,382 for the addition of isolation valves (Cimpress Valves) for the New Elementary School.
- 1.5 Motion to approve the attached Resolution to finance the second phase of the design, construction and equipping of the New Elementary School project with appointing PNC Capital Markets. LLC to be the Investment Banker and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond Counsel.

NEW

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 to approve the facility rental requests as presented.
- 2.2 Motion to authorize district officials to execute the Memorandum of Understandings between the school district and the police departments, effective for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

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.
- 3.2 Motion to approve an overnight field trip for the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. on May 7th, 8th, 9th, 2026.
- 3.3 Motion to appoint Dr. Rudolph Antoncic III as the school doctor for the 2025-2026 school year. The annual compensation of the contract is \$20,000 per year.
- 3.4 Motion to approve the contracted services of Robert Williams as the District Athletic Trainer, to be present at the district's athletic events, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, retroactive to August 26, 2025.
- 3.5 Motion to approve a new Middle School student activity, Heart & Sole by Girls on the Run, for students in 5th through 8th grade.

REVISED

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 Motion to approve the first reading to adopt all policies in Section 000 of the Board Policy Manual.
- 4.2 Motion to approve the first reading to adopt all policies in Section 100 of the Board Policy Manual.
- 4.3 Motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 236.1 – Threat Assessment.
- 4.4 Motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 249 – Bullying / Cyberbullying.
- 4.5 Motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 816 - District Social Media.

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 Wesley Schools Site-Based Academic Services Agreement from 2025 through 2028, providing educational and related services for certain identified students from Steel Valley School District.

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 to accept, with regret, the resignation of DeWayne Murray, from the full-time paraprofessional position, retroactive to August 18, 2025.
- 7.2 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Tamya McCoy, Steel Valley Security Guard, effective immediately.
- 7.3 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Betty Lyons from the After School Coordinator supplemental position at Barrett Elementary, effective immediately.
- 7.4 Motion to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) for Employee # 5899, retroactive to September 10, 2025, not to exceed 60 days in duration.
- 7.5 Motion to approve a Leave of Absence for Employee # 5941, retroactive to August 25, 2025, not to exceed two (2) years.
- 7.6 Motion to approve a leave of absence for Employee # 5890, retroactive to October 22, 2024, not to exceed two (2) years.
- 7.7 Motion to appoint Owen Richter to a long-term substitute position with a 2025-2026 assignment at Park Elementary at an annual salary of \$46,435 based on Step 1 status with Bachelor's degree, plus benefits, retroactive to August 18, 2025, and continuing until a time to be determined, clearances and pre-employment screenings are on file.
- 7.8 Motion to appoint Adaira Wilson to a long-term substitute position with a 2025-2026 assignment at Barrett Elementary at an annual salary of \$46,435 based on Step 1 status with Bachelor's degree, plus benefits, retroactive to August 22, 2025, and continuing until a time to be determined, clearances and pre-employment screenings are on file.
- 7.9 Motion to appoint Kayla Younger as a districtwide paraprofessional, with a 2025-2026 assignment at the Middle School, at a rate of \$17.50 per hour based upon Step 1 plus benefits as per the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Agreement, effective on an agreed upon date, clearances and pre-employment screenings are on file.
- 7.10 Motion to approve the supplemental positions for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 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 within 30 days.
- 7.13 Motion to approve the lists of school volunteers, contingent upon receipt of clearance and affidavits.
- 7.14 Motion to grant tenure to Kacie Titmus and Sara Fullard and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contracts.
- 7.15 Motion to approve Nick Mar 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.

- 7.16 Motion to approve the substitute hourly rates to \$13.00 per hour for Custodial/Cafeteria and Secretarial/Paraprofessional Substitutes.
- 7.17 Motion to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee #8138 effective November 15, 2025, not to exceed 60 days in duration.
- 7.18 Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Steel Valley Education Association (PSEA/NEA).

Citizen Comments

Christine Schott
Barbara Boylan
Michael Grimm
Jim Deutsch

Adjournment