

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
January 29, 2026
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 Valley Family members acknowledged this evening.

Zoom Presentation:
MaherDuessel

*Steel Valley School District's
2023-2024 Single Audit*

Reports:

President of the School Board

Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent

Director of Pupil Services

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of:

- December 2, 2025 reorganization and worksession meeting
- December 4, 2025 regular meeting

Solicitor Motions

1. Motion to approve the School Solicitor to file appeals to the Board of Viewers assessment appeal for Lot & Block 133-C-135; Lot & Block 130-E-176; 089-M-085; Lot & Block 130-B-069; 089-M-050.
2. Motion to approve the proposal from Valbridge Property Advisors in the amount of \$3,000 to do an appraisal for 1501-1503 West Street, Homestead, PA 15120, Lot & Block 131-C-257 for years 2024, 2025, 2026.

1.0 Financial Management Budget, Finance, Insurance, Audit, Funding, Taxes	<i>Mrs. Ballas, Chair Mr. Bulger, Co-Chair Mrs. Hughes</i>
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- 1.1 Motion to approve a refund to Daniel Lloyd Lot & Block 179-K-166, in the amount of \$275.88 for year 2025.
- 1.2 Motion to accept the Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) proposal for the professional services for the Park Elementary Demolition and Site Restoration for \$61,300.
- 1.3 Motion to exonerate the duties of the real estate Tax Collectors of the boroughs of Munhall, Homestead and West Homestead from collecting the remaining 2025 unpaid taxes which will be sent to the delinquent tax collectors.

2.0 Operations Capital Improvement, Update, Repair and Maintain Facilities and Equipment, Municipal Relations, Safety and Environment	<i>Mrs. Hughes, Chair Mr. Colasante, Co-Chair Mrs. Karstetter</i>
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- 2.1 Motion to approve AGX Inc., Environmental Consultants, to prepare a pre-demolition building inspection at Park Elementary School.
- 2.2 Motion to approve facility rental requests as presented.
- 2.3 Motion to accept the CORAM AI proposal for the purchase of video feed and safety alert licenses for 5 years and camera equipment for the New Elementary School in the amount of \$229,033.70, funding for this proposal has already been allocated within the Technology budget for the New Elementary School.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership Activities, Athletics, Food Service, PTO	<i>Mr. Colasante, Chair Mrs. Yuhas, Co-Chair Mr. Zortea</i>
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- 3.1 Motion to approve the attached fundraising requests as presented.
- 3.2 Motion to authorize funds from the School Board in the amount of \$1,000 to put towards the cost of the disc jockey services and other monetary needs for the Prom to be held at Stratigos Banquet Centre on May 1, 2026.

4.0 Special Assignments Steel Center Career & Technical Education, Southeastern Special Schools, Board Policy, PSBA	<i>Mrs. Karstetter, Chair Mrs. Hughes, Co-Chair Mr. Colasante</i>
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- 4.1 Motion to nominate James E. Bulger as a candidate for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.
- 4.2 Motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 827 – Conflict of Interest.
- 4.3 Motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance.

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	<i>Mrs. Yuhas, Chair Mrs. Karstetter, Co-Chair Mrs. Ballas</i>
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- 5.1 Motion to approve the agreement between the Steel Valley School District and Devereux Parent's League for Emotional Adjustment (PLEA) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 5.2 Motion to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) Program that is required to fulfill Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) for ESY eligible students. The program will run from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM, Monday through Thursday, June 9 - July 2, 2026 at the Steel Valley Middle School.
- 5.3 Motion to adopt the 2026-2027 official school calendar.

6.0 Communications and Technology Public Relations, Communications, Marketing, Media Relations, Community Relations, Strategic Planning, Technology and Information Services	<i>Mr. Zortea, Chair Mrs. Hughes, Co-Chair Mrs. Karstetter</i>
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- 6.1 Update.

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7.0 Personnel Management	<i>Mr. Bulger, Chair</i> <i>Mr. Zortea, Co-Chair</i> <i>Mr. Colasante</i>
Human Resources, Compensation, Fringe Benefits, Negotiations, Recruitment, Selection, Staffing of Professional and Non-Professional Positions	
7.1 Motion to approve Jon Drager, Director of Finance and Operations and district Treasurer, to transition to an hourly employee at a rate of \$60/hour, effective February 10, 2026, to assist with business operations during the transition period of hiring a new Director in the Business Office.	
7.2 Motion to appoint Jane Banyas to facilitate the Environmental, Chess, and Puzzle Clubs, and Regina Takos to facilitate the Knitting Club, for the Park Elementary 10-week Spring After School Program, effective February 16, 2026, held Monday through Thursday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at a stipend rate of \$264.00 per club.	
7.3 Motion to approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee #5919, retroactive to January 12, 2026, not to exceed 60 days in duration.	
7.4 Motion to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee #5692, retroactive to January 21, 2026, not to exceed 60 days in duration.	
7.5 Motion to approve Child Rearing Leave for Employee #5804, until the end of the 2025-2026 school year, and will return to work for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.	
7.6 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 for Pennsylvania (PA) certified substitute teachers. New applicants are contingent upon receipt of clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.	
7.7 Motion to approve Michelle Maddigan, retired Biology teacher in the Senior High School, to receive the approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was approved on September 25, 2025, in addition to the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) outlined in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.	
7.8 Motion to approve one (1) additional paid bereavement day for Employee #5900 on January 14, 2026.	
7.9 Motion to approve the list of Supplemental positions, Winter Coaches and volunteers, for the 2025-2026 school year.	
7.10 Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Steel Valley Education Association (PSEA/NEA).	
7.11 Motion to appoint Mr. Anthony Piscioneri as the Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources for a term of 5 years at the prorated base salary of \$145,000, effective on or after April 1, 2026, 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 appoint L. Douglas McCausland of McCausland Consulting, LLC as the interim Business Manager at a rate of \$150/hour, effective February 2, 2026.	

Citizen Comments
 Jim Deutsch
 Shawn McCallister

Adjournment