

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
May 23, 2024
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.

Presentation:

- 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Jon Drager

Reports:

President of the School Board

Student Representatives to the School Board

Superintendent

Director of Pupil Services

Solicitor

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Action Items

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 April 2024 \$1,018,621.49, \$36,332.50, \$12,316.86, \$39,446.65
 - 1.1.02 April Balance Sheet
 - 1.1.03 April General Fund and Food Service Income Statements
- 1.2 Motion to approve the attached Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion, in the amount of \$398.29.

REVISED 1.3 Motion to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2024-2025 with a millage rate of 29.7200, an increase of 2.0220 mill. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$44,294,491 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$45,183,088. The Deficit of \$888,597 will be partially absorbed by the General Fund's Fund Balance.

2.0 Operations Capital Improvement, Update, Repair and Maintain Facilities and Equipment, Municipal Relations, Safety and Environment	<i>Mrs. Hughes, Chair</i> <i>Mr. Colasante, Co-Chair</i> <i>Mrs. Karstetter</i>
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REVISED 2.1 Motion to approve facility rental requests as presented.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership Activities, Athletics, Food Service, PTO	<i>Mr. Colasante, Chair</i> <i>Mr. Dunmire, Co-Chair</i> <i>Mrs. Yuhas</i>
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3.1. Motion to approve fundraising requests as presented.

4.0 Special Assignments Steel Center Career & Technical Education, Southeastern Special Schools, Board Policy	<i>Mrs. Karstetter, Chair</i> <i>Mrs. Hughes, Co-Chair</i> <i>Mr. Colasante</i>
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4.1 Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Combined Budget (Administrative, Operating, Perkins, and Workforce Development – Adult Education) and approve the Southeastern Area Special School 2024-25 Administrative Budget as presented.

5.0 Educational Leadership Curriculum and Instruction, Career & Technical Education, Instructional Media Services, Special Education Services and Programs, Intermediate Unit Programs and Services, Strategic Planning, Instructional Supplies and Equipment	<i>Mrs. Yuhas, Chair</i> <i>Mr. Dunmire, Co-Chair</i> <i>Mrs. Ballas</i>
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5.1 Motion to approve the School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) Support Services Agreement for the 2024-25 school year for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide support and assistance to the District in seeking reimbursement under Pennsylvania's School-Based ACCESS Program for certain health services provided by the District to its students.

5.2 Motion to approve the 2024-25 Services Agreement between The Day School at the Children's Institute and Steel Valley School District to provide special education and related services to students to fulfill Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

5.3 Motion to approve the Agreement between Steel Valley School District and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health/TCV Community Services for the provisions of Mental Health Staffing Supports for the 2024-25 school year.

5.4 Motion to approve the Waterfront Learning Services Addendum to the AIU Services Agreement 2024-25 so customized and individualized virtual education services can be provided to students.

5.5 Motion to approve the AIU Comprehensive Services Agreement and Special Education Addendum for 2024-25.

NEW 5.6 Motion to accept the \$1,000 Unified Bocce Coaches Stipend received from the Special Olympics, to be donated to the Bocce team account on behalf of the Bocce coaches, Shawn and Beth McCallister.

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

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 approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Steel Valley Education Association (PSEA/NEA)
- 7.2 Motion to revise and correct the verbiage of Motion 7.1, which was approved at the Board's public meeting on April 25, 2024 concerning the retirement of Tracy Findlay. The revision shall be as follows, and shall be reflected, upon approval, in the minutes adopted by the Board for the April 25, 2024 public meeting as follows: "Tracy Findlay will retire under the terms and conditions of the approved MOU between the District and the SVEA, effective June 3, 2024.
- 7.3 Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Tracy Findlay, under the terms and conditions of the approved MOU, effective June 3, 2024.
- 7.4 Motion to appoint Jordan Bon to a full-time teaching position with a 2024-2025 assignment as a PreK teacher at Barrett Elementary at a salary of \$50,715 based upon Step 4 with a Master's degree plus benefits, effective August 19, 2024.
- 7.5 Motion to appoint Amy Konesky as a districtwide paraprofessional at a rate of \$15.10/hour as per the Steel Valley/Aid Education Support Agreement MOU that approved on July 28, 2022, with documentation for meeting highly qualified status, effective August 19, 2024.
- 7.6 Motion to appoint Judy Levy as a districtwide paraprofessional at a rate of \$13.60 per hour plus benefits, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days, effective for the 2024-2025 school year. Once documentation for meeting highly qualified status is confirmed the rate will change to \$15.10 per hour.
- 7.7 Motion to approve Jaston Ball to be hired as the Steel Valley School District In-house Security Guard at rate of \$16.50 per hour with the option of individual health benefits or option of \$500/month opt out, effective upon receipt of current clearances and pre-employment screenings.
- 7.8 Motion to approve Bailey Stoken to be a day-to-day substitute nurse and Doug Hughes to be a substitute teacher for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$20/hour with a standard work day of 7.5 hours, 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 Brian Plichta to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools with an annual salary of \$120,000 according to the terms of the agreement, effective on a mutual agreed upon date.
- 7.10 Motion to approve the creation of two (2) Act 93, 12-month, districtwide, Technology Department positions for the Steel Valley School District's Technology Department: System and Network Administrator and Technology Support Specialist.
- 7.11 Motion to approve Jessica Luft to work the In-Person Summer Program at the Middle School, at the approved rate, effective June 5, 2024 to be paid out of the ESSER III grant.
- 7.12 Motion to approve the MOU between the District and Steel Valley Education Association (PSEA/NEA).

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of:

- April 22, 2024 worksession meeting
- April 25, 2024 regular meeting (as amended in Section 7.2, above)

Christine Schott
Meghan Fitzgerald

Finances, general questions and other issues brought up at the meeting.
PTO issues requesting funds, getting transfers completed, and requesting that we go back to the “old way” of handling finances for PTO funds.

Jim Deutsch

Declining fund balance, ESSER money ending with loss of those jobs, told cost of new school would be 32 million then sky rocketed to the 56 million and total cost 110 million plus new costs, failing to balance the budget 6 of the last 8 years, the cost of busing, no accountability for people who fail us and anything else.

Adjournment