

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 21, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call
Flag Salute
Acknowledgements
Moment of Silence

Presentation:

Open Up Steel Valley: sponsored by Open Up Pittsburgh

Presenters:

Ryan Dunmire, Julie Kamnikar, Traci Churilla and Steel Valley Students Grades: 6th – 12th

Reports:

President of the School Board

Assistant Superintendent

Director of Pupil Services

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of:

- April 27, 2026 worksession meeting
- April 30, 2026 regular meeting

Solicitor Motions

1. Motion to approve stipulation with KRE HIP (Courtyard Marriott), 401 West Waterfront Drive, West Homestead, PA 15120 (Lot & Block 89-R-226) resolving Board of Viewers (BV) 24-003133, as follows: 2024 - \$8,100,000; 2025 - \$8,100,000; 2026 - \$8,000,000.

1.0 Financial Management

Budget, Finance, Insurance, Audit, Funding, Taxes

Mrs. Ballas, Chair
Mr. Bulger, Co-Chair
Mrs. Hughes

- 1.1 Motion to approve Anthony Piscioneri, Director of Finance, Operations & Human Resources, to serve as the District Treasurer.
- 1.2 Motion to approve the April 2026 Monthly Payment Applications for the new elementary school project:

Rycon Construction, Inc. – General Contractor for \$1,490,175.74
 Lugaila Mechanical Inc. – HVAC for \$269,027.17
 Vrabel Plumbing Company – Plumbing for \$18,661.75
 A-1 Electric, Inc. – Electrical for \$432,275.47
 11400 – Food Service Construction for \$28,750.00
 Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) for \$8,452.00
 Eckles Construction Services – Construction Manager for \$55,315.00
 Draw Collective – Architects for \$37,565.59
 ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC for \$4,573.35

1.3 Motion to approve an agreement with Dr. Dennis Zabelsky to serve as the District Dentist at a flat annual rate of \$200.00/per year for the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 fiscal years.

1.4 Motion to approve Rycon Construction Change Order #048: CE #085, for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) limit field changes, including the addition of topsoil at the new elementary school site, in the amount of \$29,078.00.

REVISED 1.5 Motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to adopt the 2026-2027 Proposed General Operating Fund Budget with revenue of \$46,399,758 and expenditures of \$49,154,329 with a budget deficit of \$2,754,571.

NEW 1.6 Motion to approve a refund to Corelogic Tax Services LLC Case # 06658664 Lot & Block 179-J-56, in the amount of \$1,456.65 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 Update.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Activities, Athletics, Food Service, PTO

Mr. Colasante, Chair
Mrs. Yuhas, Co-Chair
Mr. Zortea

3.1 Motion to approve fundraiser 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 Motion to approve the second reading to adopt policies 200 through 226 in Section 200 of the Board Policy Manual.

4.2 Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Combined Budget (Administrative, Operating, Perkins, and Workforce Development – Adult Education) and approve the Southeastern Area Special School 2026-2027 Administrative Budget as presented.

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
Mrs. Karstetter, Co-Chair
Mrs. Ballas

5.1 Motion to approve the Steel Valley High School Academic Handbook as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.

NEW 5.2 Motion to authorize funds from the School Board in the amount of \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/ Reception account to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2026.

6.0 Communications and Technology

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

Mr. Zortea, 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

Mr. Bulger, Chair
Mr. Zortea, Co-Chair
Mr. Colasante

- 7.1 Motion to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee #5881, retroactive to April 29, 2026, not to exceed 60 days in duration.
- 7.2 Motion to accept the resignation of Clay Stone, Middle School Principal, effective June 1, 2026.
- 7.3 Motion to appoint Devon Tuttle to a full-time teaching position with a 2026-2027 assignment of World Language-French at the Senior High School at an annual salary of \$49,648 based upon Step 2 with a Master's degree, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, contingent upon receipt of clearances and pre-employment screenings, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.4 Motion to approve the attached list of applicants to be placed on our substitute call list to be called in as substitute secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians and food service at a pay rate of \$13/hour and no benefits for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years when needed, contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
- 7.5 Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Steel Valley Education Association (PSEA/NEA).
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- 7.7 Motion to appoint Winifred Stegena and Danielle Mays to be food service employees for the 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Program, paid at their current hourly rate, effective June 8, 2026.
- 7.8 Motion to accept the resignation of Paul Ciccone, Steel Valley Security Guard, retroactive to May 20, 2026.
- 7.9 Motion to appoint Lawrence George as the Director of Technology position at an annual salary of \$110,000 and the benefits outlined in the Act 93 Agreement, 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.

Citizen Comments

Jim Deutsch
Mike Grimm

Adjournment