

Steelton, Pennsylvania  
August 20, 2015

The Steelton-Highspire School Board met on the above date with the following members present: President, Ms. Mary Carricato; Vice President, Ms. Rachel Slade; Mr. Derek E. Lewis; Ms. Sarah F. Metallo; Mr. Samuel Petrovich; Mr. John Salov; Mr. Robert Spizzirri and Mrs. Rosemary Tonkin. Mr. Barry L. Baumgardner was absent. Also present were Dr. Ellen Castagneto, Superintendent; Mr. Travis Waters, Assistant to the Superintendent; Cynthia Craig, Business Manager; Mick Iskric, High School Principal; Ms. Rachel Montiel, Elementary Principal; Mr. Willie Slade, Director of Student Services; Joe Zimmerman, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Ms. Debora Kagarise Board Secretary. Attached is a copy of a list of names of the members of the public who were present.

Ms. Carricato called the meeting to order at 6:43 P.M.

The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag”.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Carricato announced an Executive Session was held prior to tonight’s meeting.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. George Conner, Deputy Director of Economic Development for Dauphin County Commissioners presented the Dauphin County Land Bank. Mr. Conner stated the land bank was established to put blighted property back onto the tax rolls, improving the economy through municipal partners. Vacant, neglected residential and commercial properties are bought to renovate or torn down. New homes are built and sold; school districts get half of the post-sale property taxes for five years. Mr. Conner informed the board, the mayors of both Steelton and Highspire have signed on with the land bank and the school board would need to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in order for two properties to be bought in the district. The bank is willing to give properties at 209 Lincoln Street and one in the hundred block of Pine Street to the land bank. At the meeting of the Steelton Borough this week, the Adam Street property was donated back to the redevelopment authority and developers are ready to construct ten townhomes on the property. Mr. Petrovich questioned and it was confirmed the district gets the percentage each year of the five year period. Ms. Carricato asked if Highspire properties are being considered as well, Mr. Conner answered they are looking at the entire county. Mr. Lewis thought there was a property in Highspire, Mayor Hoerner stated no and Mr. Conner said when the MOU is signed all properties will be identified. Mr. Conner stated the commissioners would like to return at a later date to review and prioritize the properties.

Dr. Castagneto spoke about how Department of Education has redesigned the PSSA tests administered to students in April 2015, causing state-wide scores to drop. Parents are urged to contact legislators prior to data being released, scores can't be compared to previous years. Dr. Castagneto reported the preliminary results show the more rigorous PSSA tests, realigned to match standards and common core, caused an average state-wide drop of 35.4% in math and 9.4% ELA. ELA is English/Language Arts, originally called Reading. Other states, after adopting standards and common core, have also seen test scores decrease. Results of the tests are expected to be available to the students in September. Ramifications of the scores may affect teachers and principals with lower evaluations causing "needs improvement" plan to be put in place. Dr. Castagneto was encouraged with the preliminary results, with the State as a whole showing an average decline of 45%, Steelton-Highspire only showed a 42% decline. Increased instructional time at student assessed levels are in place at both elementary and high school. Dr. Castagneto had handouts available with more information. Mr. Salov and Mr. Petrovich both stated this entire system of changes seems unfair to everyone.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the May 11, 2015 Planning Meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Lewis. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Salov made a motion to approve the May 21, 2015 Legislative Meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the June 8, 2015 Planning Meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Lewis. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Tonkin made a motion to approve the June 18, 2015 Legislative Meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Action Items)**

Mayor Acri thanked the Board for allowing the Land Bank to speak and for the approval for the Memorandum of Understanding, this very important to both communities, as well as the school district. Mayor Acri was representing the Steelton Italian Club in donating \$3,000, to be split between the high school and the elementary schools.

### **FOLLOW UP**

Dr. Castagneto reported donations are at \$2350.00 for the elementary fence. There has been no further news regarding the Highspire Coalition petition. Attorney Champion stated the district is waiting on a determination from PDE of whether the petition has education merit.

## CURRICULUM REPORT

### **SCHOLASTIC READING CLUB GRANT**

Ms. Metallo made a motion to accept a \$5,000 grant to the school library from the Scholastic Reading Club. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## FINANCE REPORT

### **GENERAL FUND**

Mr. Salov made a motion to approve the following financial reports account. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

June 2015	
Balance 6/1/15	\$1,024,616.96
Receipts	\$1,979,786.55
Disbursements	\$760,478.71
Balance	\$2,243,924.80

July 2015	
Balance 7/1/15	\$2,243,924.80
Receipts	\$444,643.73
Disbursements	\$1,663,416.01
Balance	\$1,025,152.52

### Accounts Payable/Estimated Expenditures Reports

Final approval of June vendor payments in the amount of \$81,649.59 which include vendor checks #00038741- #00016556.

Final approval of July vendor payments in the amount of \$24,101.18 which include vendor checks #00038813- #00038853.

### **CAFETERIA FUND**

June 2015	
Balance 6/1/15	\$23,068.99
Receipts	\$639.40
Disbursements	\$0
Balance	\$23,708.39

**Cafeteria fund continued**

July 2015	
Balance 7/1/15	\$23,708.39
Receipts	\$7039.99
Disbursements	\$0
Balance	\$30,748.38

**ATHLETIC FUND**

June 2015	
Balance 6/1/15	\$1,017.92
Receipts	\$5,800.22
Disbursements	\$1,240.00
Balance	\$5,578.14

July 2015	
Balance 7/1/15	\$5,578.14
Receipts	\$2,197.76
Disbursements	\$7,527.20
Balance	\$248.70

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT**

June 2015	
Balance 6/1/15	\$50,785.71
Receipts	\$4,816.26
Disbursements	\$9,833.46
Balance	\$45,768.51

July 2015	
Balance 7/1/15	\$45,768.51
Receipts	\$4,423.90
Disbursements	\$1,988.46
Balance	\$48,203.95

**REPOSITORY BIDS**

Mr. Salov made a motion to accept the Repository Bid on a Steelton Borough parcel as presented by the Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau. This property was offered at a Judicial Sale. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## **INTERNAL ANNUAL REQUIRED AUDIT CONTRACTS**

Mr. Salov made a motion to approve the contract with Brown Shultz Sheridan & Fritz for the year ending June 30, 2015 for the amount, not to exceed \$60,000.00 (budgeted), to complete the requirements of the internal audit. Second by Ms. Tonkin. Mr. Petrovich question if funds are from this year. Ms. Craig confirmed the audit is for the fiscal year ending June 30. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## **PROPERTY AS TAX EXEMPT**

Mr. Salov made a motion to approve the request of Borough of Steelton for the property at South 4<sup>th</sup> St., 4<sup>th</sup> St. Park (Parcel No. 57-012-039) as tax exempt. Second by Mr. Lewis. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## **DAUPHIN COUNTY LAND BANK**

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the Dauphin County Land Bank Memorandum of Understanding. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to accept the following resignations. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Ms. Carricato questioned if all positions have been replaced except for summer position. Dr. Castagneto reported interviews were held for special education positions today and positions are being filled. Mr. Salov questioned the effective date in October. Dr. Castagneto stated the district is attempting to hold employees, as other districts do as well, until the position is filled, Ms. Johnson has relocated out of state and her effective date is immediately. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Mr. Dustin Hoffman	Summer Technology Office Assistant	July 7, 2015
Ms. Meghan Ragni	Elementary Teacher	August 13, 2015
Ms. Jennifer Waynick	Elementary Teacher	End of 2014-2015 school year
Ms. Ashley Griffie	Elementary Teacher	End of 2014-2015 school year

Ms. Mandi Abernathy	Secondary Special Education Teacher	End of 2014-2015 school year
Ms. Patricia Johnson	High School Learning Support Teacher	effective no later than October 4, 2015 or until the position is filled
Ms. Dana Dieffenderfer	Special Education Teacher	effective no later than October 4, 2015 or until the position is filled

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Charles Geegee, Sr., Part-time facilities worker, effective August 10, 2015. Second by Mr Spizzirri. Mr. Spizzirri questioned why this employee worked the short amount of time. Ms. Slade stated he was a former employee and possibly couldn't do the job when he returned. Ms. Craig stated he had a minor medical concern, the doctor cleared him for work, but unfortunately, it didn't work out. Mr. Lewis indicated there are new bosses now. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the following appointments. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Hourly Rate of Pay or Salary</b> <i>Salary will commensurate with the CBA</i>
Mr. Bahliby Kidane	Summer Technology Office Assistant	July 14, 2015	\$11 per hour, to work no longer than 30 hours per week, until August 21, 2015
Mr. Charles Geegee, Sr.	Part-time facilities worker	July 20, 2015	\$8.00 an hour, at 19.5 hours a week
Mr. Dustin Owen	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science teacher	August 25, 2015	Step 1-B, at a salary of \$38,670
Ms. Rebekah Randolph	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Long Term Sub (open ended position)	August 25, 2015	Step 1-B, at a salary of \$38,670
Ms. Katherine Perich	Elementary Teacher	August 25, 2015	Step 1-B, at a salary of \$38,670
Ms. Laura Groff	Elementary Teacher	August 25, 2015	Step 1-M+36, at a salary of \$49,035
Ms. Sara Erdman	Elementary Teacher	August 25, 2015	Step 1-B, at a salary of \$38,670

Ms. Emily Mohr	Elementary Teacher	August 25, 2015	Step 2B, at a salary of \$39,959
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Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the following appointments. Second by Mr Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Hourly Rate of Pay or Salary</b> <i>Salary will commensurate with the CBA</i>
Anthony Shipkowsky	Elementary Second Grade Long Term Sub	August 25, 2015 (open ended position)	Step 1B, \$38,670
Paige Swineford	Special Education Teacher	August 25, 2015	Step 1B, \$38,670

**CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Petrovich made the motion to approve the date of hire for Emily Mohr, Elementary Teacher, as pending, upon release from current employed district, but no later than October 3, 2015. Second by Ms. Tonkin. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

**SUBSTITUTE CALLER**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve Ms. Carol Hollern, as Elementary Substitute Caller for the 2015-2016 school year, to be paid a stipend of \$1,750 a year. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve Ms. Carol Hollern, as High School Substitute Caller for the 2015-2016 school year, to be paid a stipend of \$1,750 a year. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEAD**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve Malari Kane as 2015-2016 High School Special Education Department Head. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

**RETURN FROM CHILDREARING LEAVE**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the request from Ms. Rachel Morgan Peter, to return from childrearing leave at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. Second by Ms. Tonkin. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

**TEAM/GRADE LEVEL COORDINATORS**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the following 2015-2016 grade level coordinators. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Lori Graybar	Kindergarten	Ben Hassinger	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Michelle Stewart	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Amanda Walk	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Ariane Ackley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Erin Drayer	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Amie Kretzing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Peter Boyajian	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Tara Russo	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rachelle Morgan	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Megan Byrnes	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Chris Chyr	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Cynthia Goles	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade		

**MENTORS**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the following mentors for the 2015-2016 school year. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<b>New Teacher</b>	<b>Mentor</b>
Joseph Davis	Adam Gable
Dustin Owen	Tony Wolfe
Rebekah Randolph	Pete Boyajian
Kenneth Zendt	John Rhodes
Jessica Cree	Michelle Stewart
Sara Erdman	Megan Byrnes
Kate Perich	Tara Russo
Emilee Truitt	Allison Moyer
Emily Mohr	Stacey McCutcheon
Laura Groff	Lisa Grob
Anthony Shipkowsky	Kristy Panebaker

**REVISION SUMMER SCHOOL PAY**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to amend the motion from June 18, 2015 to read as follows. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board approve the appointments for the 2015 Jr./Sr. High School Summer School, teachers and PBIF's, to be paid \$25 per hour.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion approve the following as SHSD Day-To-Day substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year. CAIU Guest Teachers are Emergency Permit for PK-12. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Zachery Scott, Social Studies	Robin Broderick, CAIU Guest Teacher
Cody Siefertowski, Elementary	Christine Madsen, CAIU Guest Teacher
Douglas Manning, CAIU Guest Teacher	Andrew Simms, CAIU Guest Teacher
Elizabeth Young, CAIU Guest Teacher	Catlin Doyle, CAIU Guest Teacher
Paul Hambke, CAIU Guest Teacher	Rosemary Minni, CAIU Guest Teacher
Charles Spiroff, CAIU Guest Teacher	

Mr. Petrovich made a motion approve the following as SHSD Day-to-Day certified substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Jim Johnson, Comprehensive Social Studies 7-12	Patricia Williard, Elementary K-6
Jake Atty, Health & Phys. Ed.	

**TENURE**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to grant tenure to the following. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Ms. Robyn St. Hilaire	Elementary Teacher	August 12, 2015
Ms. Aislinn Benfield	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher	August 14, 2015

**ATHLETIC APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the following athletic appointments for the 2015-2016 season. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Mr. Petrovich questioned Mr. Rivera as

volunteer, not an employee. Ms. Carricato stated this is a personnel matter. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Carol Hollern	Athletic Treasurer	Step 7, \$3,400
Gene Gregorits	Game Manager	Step 10, \$4235
Joe Spogli Nadine Bosnyak	Equipment Managers	Step 10, \$2,185.50 (split)
Joe Spolgi	Athletic Trainer	\$19,506
Victor Rivera	Athletic Trainer	Volunteer

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the appointment of Dustin Owen as Volunteer Junior High Football Coach for the 2015-2016 season. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

#### **RATE OF PAY CHANGE**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve to adjust the hourly rate of pay for Jenny Pietz, Paraprofessional, to \$9.50 per hour beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, effective August 25, 2015. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

#### **ACT 93 AGREEMENT**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the decision of Act 93 employees to forgo Section K of the Act 93 agreement, as below. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

“An employee may elect to receive employee only fully paid medical insurance as provided to active employees. The retiree will remain eligible for coverage until age 65 or eligibility for Medicare, whichever occurs later. At the time of the election, the employee must also state whether they are electing additional coverage, at their own expense, for spouses/dependents.”

#### **BOARD SECRETARY STIPEND**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve Ms. Deb Kagarise as Board Secretary to be paid a stipend of \$2500.00 per year. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## **PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT**

### **LOBAR SEWER PROJECT**

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the contract with Lobar Associates for the high school replacement sewer pipe project, not to exceed \$19,000.00. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

### **ELEMENTARY FENCE**

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve Tyson Fence Co., Inc. to install the upper safety fence at elementary school, per proposal and acceptance contract, not to exceed \$2,668.00. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

### **STEELTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER**

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the Steelton Volunteer Fire Department to hold a bake sale fundraiser at one home football game. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

### **REPAINTING SHHS LETTERS ON HILLSIDE**

Ms. Slade made a motion to allow the community to repaint the letters on the baseball field hillside, pending insurance is cleared through Attorney Vince Champion. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Ms. Tonkin probed the necessity of insurance due to liability. Mr. Lewis stated Mr. Zimmerman had reported his support of this project at last meeting, advising the difficulty with painting on the hillside. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

### **FACILITIES USAGE REPORT AUGUST 2015**

Mr. Lewis presented the facilities usage requests for the school district as of August, 2015 respectfully submitted by the Facilities Administrator:

- Request from Coach Joe Pilsitz for the use of high school field, August 6 to October 24, 2015, Thursday evenings 6-8 pm and Saturday mornings 10:00 – noon for fall baseball practice.
- Request from Lisa Carricato for the use of the high school auditorium on August 11 & 12 from 7:30 to 4:30, Strawbridge Studios will be taking senior portraits.
- Request from Leann Cox for the use of the high school library on September 30 and October 19 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for PLN class.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **BUS STOPS**

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the attached bus stops for public and non-public students for the 2015-2016 school year. Second by Ms. Tonkin. All members present voted aye on voice vote.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT**

### **FUNDRAISERS**

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the following fundraisers. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<b><u>Club/Group</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Funding</u></b>
HS Science (Anatomy) Class	9/14/15	Sub/pretzel sandwiches (for field trip to Franklin Institute)
Science Club	8/31-9/18/2015	St. Jude Service Project
Roller Cheerleading	8/22/15-10/30/15	Bake Sale/Roller Gear Sale

## **PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**

### **BEHAVIORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Ms. Metallo made a motion to approve the attached agreement for special needs students for SPA, Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Capital Academy). The agreement is effective August 1, 2015, subject to completion of negotiations. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

### **CAIU OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Ms. Metallo made a motion to approve the CAIU “fair share” agreement for district classroom space at the SHHS for a MDS class. Second by Ms. Tonkin. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## **LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PHYSICIAN COVERAGE**

Ms. Metallo made a motion to approve the attached letter of agreement for Pinnacle Health System, to provide sports medicine physicians, fellows and resident physicians to assist with home varsity football coverage (oversight by Dr. Albright). Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

## **SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **PSBA VOTING DELEGATE**

Ms. Carricato made a motion to appoint two PSBA Voting Delegates to participate in the PSBA Delegate Assembly to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference. Voting will occur at September board meeting. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on voice vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Castagneto announced upcoming events within the district. Teacher orientation has begun, members were given copies of the updated manual; a block party was held last Saturday, thanked all of the community for attending; new student orientations will be held for high school on August 25 and kindergarten on August 27. Dr. Castagneto invited the board members to attend the inservice day and gave them the schedule of the day; Ms. Tonkin, again this year, will address the teachers and staff with the pledge and goals of the district. Back to school night for high school will be September 8 and September 10 for the elementary. K-12 Parent Advisory meeting will be held September 15 with two board members on the committee. Dr. Castagneto added two other events, the Adopt a Classroom campaign kicked-off on July 29 and Community Men Gathering, saying more information will be later in meeting.

Dr. Castagneto reported there are various contributions from donors advertising in the athletic game programs, available for purchase at the games. Dr. Castagneto thanked both mayors for their generous donations, recognizing the donation from the Highspire Borough as well.

### **DONATIONS:**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the following donations. Second by Ms. Slade. All members present voted aye on roll call, Mr. Lewis voted no. (7 ayes, 1 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<b>NAME</b>	<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Dr. Ellen Castagneto	Fence	\$50.00
Mid Penn Bank	Fence	\$100.00
Scott Wolpert	Fence	\$250.00
Karla Roach	Fence	\$50.00
Ryan Lee Mohn Memorial Foundation	Cheerleading	\$500.00
Dr. Ellen Castagneto	Cheerleading	\$150.00
Farrah Conjar	Cheerleading	\$500.00
Stacy Reid	Cheerleading	\$50.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Beckley, II	Cheerleading	\$50.00
Tami Wilson, DBA	Cheerleading	\$50.00
Jacolby Kent	Cheerleading	\$100.00
Advanced Training Programs	Cheerleading	\$75.00
Hoffman Ford	Cheerleading	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Beckley, II	Football	\$50.00
EKO Assoc.	Football	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery	Football	\$250.00
Ryan Lee Mohn Memorial Foundation	Football	\$500.00
Glenn Croman	Football	\$50.00
Elizabeth Auker	Elementary Yearbook	\$17.00
Highspire Borough	SHSD HS Fall Ball Program	Material for baseball field

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to accept the \$3000 donation from the Steelton Italian Club. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

**CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the following conference request. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. ( ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, absent)

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gifted Boot Camp, Bucks County IU22	Malari Kane	9/15/15	\$265.96 (Title II funded)
Autism Interventions That Work, CAIU, Enola	Tracy Hipple	10/7/15	\$50.00 (plus substitute)
NSTA Conference on Science Education, Philadelphia	Nicole Koller	Nov.12-14, 2015	\$555.00 (plus substitute)

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Slade stated fall sports season, volleyball, football and cheerleading have begun with high numbers of participants in junior high, junior varsity and varsity. A scrimmage game will be on Saturday morning, against Donagal. Next Saturday will be first game, against McDevitt. Mr. Slade announced the fire department's request for a fundraiser at one game and one of the new teachers to the district would like to volunteer as football coach. Mr. Slade is delighted with the results from the grand stand ticket sales that began last evening and reported the patron board will continue again this year raising money for the athletic funds. Game schedules are printed and distributed, without baseball and softball schedules, due to area athletic directors not responding to his communication through the summer months for the non-league games; once those schedules are completed, he will distribute.

#### **PSBA REPRESENTATIVE**

There was nothing to be reported.

#### **HACC**

There was nothing to be reported

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

There was nothing to be reported.

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Mr. Lewis reported the parking lot paving with lines for new driving patterns, he is hopeful all will adhere to the change. He understands Mr. Zimmerman and his crew are on schedule for beginning of school year projects, such as checking the lights on the football field. Mr. Spizzirri noted the field's new section was blocked and questioned parking for games, Mr. Zimmerman has been in communication with ECI (Verizon) discussing completion with macadam, planting trees for privacy line and removal of port-a-potty before the first game; everything with the new tower is on schedule.

## **DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

There was nothing to be reported.

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

There was nothing to be reported.

## **BOARD ROUND TABLE**

Ms. Slade wished well for the teachers, staff and principals for the new school year. She expressed concern with the delay in receiving yearbooks, after graduation; to her, it seems these books have been delivered later each year. Ms. Slade questioned the advisor, being a graduate of the district, should understand these yearbooks are for the seniors, who didn't have the chance to get their books signed by teachers or students; the spring sports are not included in the yearbook. She stated a delivery deadline needs to be established and if delays continue, a change should be made in a new advisor, since this is the responsibility of the advisor for the books to be delivered on time. Mr. Iskric stated he requested a discount from the vendor, with the July delivery, but he has not had a response from them. He reported the district has changed yearbook vendors this year, to include all spring sports and the possibility of digital copies. Mr. Petrovich agreed the spring sports highlighted were always from the previous year, the yearbooks should be delivered before graduation for seniors to have the opportunity to get their books signed and a change in staff, if that is what's needed to get this accomplished.

Ms. Tonkin welcomed back teachers, staff and everyone. She looks forward to seeing everyone on August 31.

Ms. Metallo wanted to convey to everyone her wish for a successful school year.

Ms. Carricato also said welcome back to everyone.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Markis Millberry, 349 Spruce Street, Apt. A, Steelton, PA 17113, spoke about plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, an event to remember passed classmates and loved ones. A section of bleachers will be used this year with a podium on the football field, as well as the press box for the speaker system and lights. Dr. Carricato questioned if he included the details in the request form, he reported Ms. Woods had detailed everything when she completed the facilities usage request and they are waiting on the insurance to be in place before the next board meeting for approval. Mr. Millberry noted Ms. Carricato was the only elected official that attended last year's event and he hopes others will attend this year.

Ms. Natasha Woods, 181 S. Front Street, Steelton, followed-up with her request in writing from the last board meeting. Ms. Woods reported she is coordinating a group of volunteers and the LCBC church has also expressed interest in assisting, to paint the school letters on the hillside at the baseball field, which led to a discussion about insurance and injury.

Ms. Paula Sviben, 250 Penn Street, Highspire, gave more information about an event coordinated by Ms. Natasha Woods, herself and thanked Dr. Castagneto with her assistance. Community Men Gathering, an event for both men and women will be held beginning at 7:00 the first day of school, 7:15 in front of high school and 7:45 at elementary to greet students. An exact count for attendance hasn't been established at this time, but planning to attend are Mr. Lloyd Stokes, Mayor Hoerner, Chief Umberger and Councilman Proctor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Petrovich. Second by Mr. Salov. All members voted aye.

***Debora Kagarise***

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