

# STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

November 10, 2021

### MINUTES

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Rachel Slade, President, Mr. Calvin Johnson, Treasurer, Ms. Karen Harris, Ms. Ashley Ward-McMullen, Mr. Leonard Garfield, and Mr. Derek Lewis.

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Hudaya House, Ms. Joyce Culpepper, and Mr. Micheal Wanner.

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Iskric, Jr, Superintendent, Mr. Willie Slade, Assistant to the Superintendent, Mr. Vince Champion, Solicitor, Ms. Megan Armstead, Elementary Principal, Ms. Michelle Young, High School Principal, Mr. Terry Martin, Pupil Service Director and Mr. Michael Simonetti, Business Manager/Board Secretary.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Slade, President called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Audience

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items)**

No public Comment

### **PRESENTATION**

Therapy Dog Program, Mr. JD McFall introduced Patty his pet who has now been trained to be a Therapy Dog. Patty has attended public events such as Trunk Trick or Treat and visited schools. Mr. McFall is requesting Patty to be the Therapy Dog at the Elementary School by bring her in a few times during the week to assist and support the students. Mr. McFall and Patty are part of the Certified Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dog Team based out of New Jersey. The Administration and School Board support the Therapy Dog Program coming to the Elementary School.

### **FOLLOW UP**

Mr. Iskic thanked the School Board for the support and approval of his appointment. He welcomes impute to be part of the team to support the students in the district.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **September 15, 2021 Legislative Meeting Minutes**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the September 15, 2021 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Lewis, Second by Mr. Johnson; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Ms. Ward-McMullen, and Ms. Slade. (*6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent*) Motion carried.

### **October 13, 2021 Legislative Meeting**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the October 13, 2021 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Lewis, Second by Mr. Johnson; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Ms. Ward-McMullen, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

### **October 27, 2021 Special Meeting**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the October 27, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Lewis, Second by Mr. Johnson; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Ms. Ward-McMullen, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

### **REVIEW OF BOARD REPORTS**

Reports are all listed individually

### **FINANCE REPORT ACTION ITEM**

#### **Finance Report**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the **October 2021** Finance Reports which includes the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable/Estimated Expenditures Reports for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Athletic Fund, and the Student Activities Account.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, Second by Ms. Ward-McMullen; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

#### **Limit Tax Increase Inflation Index Resolution**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the Resolution approving the school district to limit tax increase to the level set by an inflation index.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, Second by Mr. Lewis; Ms. Ward-McMullen, Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

### **CURRICULUM ACTION ITEM**

#### **Emergency Instruction Time Template (EITT)**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the Emergency Instruction Time Template (EITT) for the 2021-2022 school year. This will allow flexibly with teachers' prep time, office time and one-on-one support time with students for ½ day every Wednesday until the end of the school year. A time line of 2-weeks will be given to the parents/guardians as to when the flexible instruction days will start.

Motion by Ms. Harris, Second by Mr. Johnson; Mr. Lewis, Ms. Ward-McMullen, Mr. Garfield, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT ACTION ITEM**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the Personnel Report

Motion by Mr. Johnson, Second by Mr. Lewis; Ms. Harris, Ms. Ward-McMullen, Mr. Garfield, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Winter Sports Personnel Report 1 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, Second by Mr. Garfield; Mr. Lewis, Ms. Harris, Ms. Ward-McMullen, and Ms. Slade. *(5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Winter Sports Personnel Report 2 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Duplicate names already voted on the previous motion, no vote required.

## **PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT**

### **Disposal of Equipment Surplus**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve of the following items declared as surplus.

- 2 - four drawer filing cabinets

Motion by Mr. Lewis, Second by Ms. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Ward-McMullen, Mr. Garfield and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the use of Elementary School Gym from December 10, 2021 - April 11, 2022, on Mondays-Wednesdays-Thursdays 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for Steelton Midget Basketball League.

Motion by Mr. Lewis, Second by Ms. Ward-McMullen; Ms. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Garfield and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

## **PUPIL SERVICES REPORT ACTION ITEM**

### **Dauphin County Mental Health/Autism Development Program (MH/A/DP) and Dauphin County Probation Services**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Dauphin County MH/A/DP and Dauphin County Probation Services with the Steelton-Highspire School District for student services for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, Second by Ms. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

### **Elizabethtown College Student Teaching**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Elizabethtown College and the Steelton-Highspire School District partnership for student teaching for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, Second by Ms. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

**First Student**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with First Student and the Steelton-Highspire School District for student transportation services for the 2021 - 2026 school years.

Motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, Second by Mr. Johnson; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent) Motion carried.

**Specialized Education of PA (Capital Academy)**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached amended agreement with Specialized Education of PA and the Steelton-Highspire School District for student services for 2021 - 2022 school year.

Motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, Second by Mr. Johnson; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent) Motion carried.

**Therapy Dog Program**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the Therapy Dog Program for the Elementary School for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Approval pending final agreement on contract language.

Motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, Second by Mr. Garfield; Ms. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent) Motion carried.

**Quest Diagnostic**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Quest Diagnostic and the Steelton-Highspire School District to provide COVID-19 testing for all district students and staff for 2021 - 2022 school year

Motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, Second by Ms. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent) Motion carried.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT ACTION ITEM**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the fundraisers.

Motion by Mr. Garfield, Second by Ms. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Ward-McMullen, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent) Motion carried.

<b>Club or Group /Advisor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type of Funding</b>
Youth in Government/Mr. Hoffman	10/29/2021	Halloween Costume Staff Dress-up (no charge for students)
Class 2023/Ms. Killian	11/2021 – 3/2022	Gertrude Hawk Holiday Brochure Sale
District Library Materials /Ms. Feldser	12/9-10/2021 and 3/7-11/2022	Scholastic Book Fair (on-line)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ACTION ITEM**

**Donations**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the following donations.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, Second by Ms. Ward-McMullen; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent) Motion carried.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount/Other</b>
Weis Market/Mr. Bonacci	Elementary School Rewards Program	\$400.00
Ms. Ward-McMullen	School District	PPE Supplies
Schnader's Concessions LLC, Mr. & Mrs. Schnader	Football Program	\$431.50

**Conferences**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Conference Report.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, Second by Ms. Ward-McMullen; Ms. Harris, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Slade. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Adrienne Albert	SAP Networking	10/26/2021	\$0
Mick Iskric	CAIU Superintendent Conference	11/3/2021 – 11/5/2021	\$0

**SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT ACTION ITEM**

No report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION REPORT ACTION ITEM**

No report at this time.

**SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Application and Resolution to identify and authorize the Superintendent to sign electronic agreements with the PA Department of Education (PDE) and to a term of three years.

Motion by Ms. Slade, Second by Ms. Harris; Ms. Ward-McMullen, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Johnson and. *(6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent)* Motion carried.

**SOLICITORS' REPORT**

Mr. Champion spoke about Commonwealth Court vacated the Interim Secretary of Health Mask Mandate Order for school districts. The Commonwealth of PA quickly filed an appeal the Mask Order with a Stay Order until the Supreme Court hears the case, all school district staff, students and visitors are still required to wear mask while on district property.

Mr. Lewis last School Board Meeting. It has been an extreme pleasure working with Mr. Lewis, his leadership is of great value, you have seen the district through some difficult times and will be miss working with you.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Athletics:**

Mr. Lewis (Chairperson)

Roller Football team is going for another State Championship

**Budget:**

Mr. Johnson (Chairperson)

No report at this time.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Mr. Wanner (Chairperson)

Upcoming projects in the new year

**Discipline:**

Mr. Lewis (Chairperson)

No update but will be setting up meetings with Mr. Iskric, Mr. Slade and all the Building Principals soon, haven't met in 2 years.

**Negotiations:**

Ms. Ward-McMullen (Chairperson)

SHEA representative will be reaching out to set-up meetings

**Policy:**

Mr. Garfield (Chairperson)

Setting up meetings and all policies are up to date on via on-line

**Strategic Planning:**

Ms. Ward-McMullen (Chairperson)

No report at this time.

**Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU)**

Mr. Wanner (Representative)

No report at this time.

**HACC:**

Ms. Harris (Representative)

No report at this time.

**PSBA:**

J. Culpepper (Representative)

The PSBA Assessment meeting went well.

**BOARD ROUNDTABLE**

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone and he will still be around to support.

Ms. Ward-McMullen wanted to thank the Principals staff for continuing to show up and help with the students acting out and fighting afterschool

Mr. Johnson wanted to thanks Mr. Lewis for all his done and it time to go

Mr. Garfield thanked Mr., Lewis for his services and please continue to hang out and support the district. Shout-out to the Jr./Sr. High School Science Fair everyone did an excellent job.

Ms. Harris stated Mr. Lewis you will be missed.

Ms. Slade thanked Mr. Lewis for all his services to the district and you're an outstanding human being

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Paioletti said we love you Mr. Lewis

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. on a Motion by Mr. Lewis and Second by Mr. Johnson. All members present voted aye.



*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**C. Michael Simonetti**  
Board Secretary