

**STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**August 6, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Micheal Wanner, President, Ms. Ashley Ward-McMullen, Vice President, Mr. Calvin Johnson, Treasurer, Ms. Jenna Condran, and Mr. Casey Hamilton, Ms. Joyce Culpepper, Ms. Christie Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Conjar. and Mr. Michael Pilsitz (left at 6:20 p.m.).

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Michael Iskric, Jr, Superintendent, Mr. Willie Slade, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Micheal Lewis, Solicitor, Ms. Megan Armstead, Elementary Principal, Ms. Elayne Thomas, Elementary Assistant Principal, Mr. Harry Mathias Chief Recovery Officer, and Ms. Cynthia Chisholm, Assistant Board Secretary.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Wanner called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING**

Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters.

A second Executive Session was held at 6:20 pm to discuss personnel and board matters.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only)**

No public comment.

**6. FOLLOW UP**

Dr. Mick Iskric, Jr., Nothing to report.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**7.a. June 4, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the June 4, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen second by, Mr. Johnson with no objections by Voice Call Vote, all members voting Aye, item 7.a was approved.

**7.b. June 11, 2025 Legislative Meeting Minutes**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the June 11, 2025 Legislative Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen second by, Mr. Johnson with no objections by Voice Call Vote, all members voting Aye, item 7.b was approved.

**7.c. June 18, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the June 18, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen second by, Mr. Johnson with no objections by Voice Call Vote, all members voting Aye, item 7.c was approved.

## **8. REVIEW OF BOARD REPORTS**

Reports are all listed individually.

### **8.a. FINANCE REPORT ACTION ITEM**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Steelton-Highspire Financial Recovery Plan and Resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson second by Ms. Ward-McMullen, by Roll Call Vote, all members voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wanner – Aye, Ms. Ward-McMullen – Aye, Ms. Hamilton – Aye, Ms. Culpepper – Aye, Mr. Hamilton – Aye, Mr. Pilsitz – Aye, Mr. Conjar – Aye, Ms. Ms. Condran and Mr. Johnson - Aye, item 8.a.1 was approved.

Mr. Mathias stated with the plan being approved the top priorities will be balancing the budget, healthcare cost, reviewing policies and procedures, special education and start working on the 2026-2027 operating budget. He will be working with Dr. Iskric and the School Board in all aspects of the Financial Recovery Plan and the plan progress and reports. There will be a Financial Recovery Plan Report added to the School Board Agenda.

On a motion to go back into Executive Session by Mr. Wanner. Motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen and second by Mr. Johnson with no objections by Voice Call Vote, all members voting Aye, motion to go into Executive Session. Executive session was from 6:20 p.m. to 7:34 p.m. to discuss personnel and board matters.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Food Service Management Contract with Compass Group/Chartwells for a period of five years beginning the 2025 - 2026 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson second by Ms. Hamilton, by Roll Call Vote, 7-members Aye and 1-member voting Nay by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wanner – Aye, Ms. Ward-McMullen – Aye, Ms. Hamilton – Aye, Ms. Culpepper – Aye, Mr. Hamilton – Aye, Mr. Conjar – Nay and Mr. Johnson - Aye, item 8.a.2 was approved.

### **8.b. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Personnel Report. High School Principal transfer and High School Assistant Principal appointment being pulled from the Personnel Report and will be discussed further with the Board next week.

On a motion by Ms. Culpepper second by Ms. Ward-McMullen, by Roll Call Vote, all members voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wanner – Aye, Ms. Ward-McMullen – Aye, Ms. Hamilton – Aye, Ms. Culpepper – Aye, Mr. Hamilton – Aye, Mr. Conjar – Aye, Ms. Condran and Mr. Johnson - Aye, item 8.b was approved.

### **8.c. POLICY REPORT**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached second reading for Policy 626 Procurement Procedures.

On a motion by Ms. Culpepper second by, Ms. Ward-McMullen with no objections by Voice Call Vote, all members voting Aye, Board Policy Report is moved to the Consent Agenda.

### **8.d. PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**

The Administration is recommending the approval of the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims between the Steelton-Highspire School District and Pennsylvania Leadership Charter Schools for educational services rendered during the 2016-2017 school year.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Neighboring Group (Academy) for student services. Tabling the Neighboring Group agreement for further information.

Ms. Culpepper questioning the processed and follow-up with Swatara Township. Dr. Iskrick stated the lease was reviewed by solicitor and the district would need to commit so Swatara Township can have plans or to confirm.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Steelton-Highspire Elementary School ATSI Plan for 2025-2026 school year.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Health eTools for student services.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with New Story for student services.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Pro Quality Cleaning for district services.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Yellow Breeches Educational Center for student services.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreements with River Rock Academy for student services.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 for staff professional development.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Mr. Burge for MTSS Consultant for staff professional development.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen second by Ms. Hamilton with no objections by Voice Call Vote, all members voting Aye, Pupil Service Report is moved to the Consent Agenda.

#### **7.e. TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached amendment agreement with First Student/First Alt for alternative student transportation services for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached amendment agreement with BuckledIn formally Assist Services for student transportation services for the 2025-2026 school year.

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton second by, Ms. Ward-McMullen with no objections by Voice Call Vote, all members voting Aye, Transportation Report is moved to the Consent Agenda.

#### **7.f. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Iskrick, Nothing to report.

### **7.g. SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with PSBA for school board services.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen second by Mr. Johnson, by Roll Call Vote, all members voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wanner – Aye, Ms. Ward-McMullen – Aye, Ms. Hamilton – Aye, Ms. Culpepper – Aye, Mr. Hamilton – Aye, Mr. Conjar – Aye, Ms. Condran and Mr. Johnson - Aye, item 7.g was approved.

### **7.h. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lewis, Nothing to report.

### **8. BOARD ROUNDTABLE**

Ms. Culpepper stated that First Baptist Church will be offering free haircuts on August 14, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **9. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda and non-agenda items)**

Mr. Rodrigues, All You Can, Inc spoke to the summer program and the everyone enjoying the end of the year program and he read a Thank You poem from the students to the Board Members and Administrative staff.

Mr. Wanner stated that Mr. Carnes advised him that American Water Co. will be done with their work in the parking lot before school starts.

Mr. Conjar wished the Elementary Principles good luck with the start of the school year.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen and second by Ms. Hamilton. All members present voted Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ms. Cynthia Chisholm  
Assistant Board Secretary