

BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES October 9, 2025
Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices, Room 200
7:00 p.m.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Sue Tiede (Chair), Roberta Hotinski, Rachel Weil

Other Board Members: Todd Kantorczyk, Suan Audrain, Kenneth Hong, Maryann Picconi

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Mark Cataldi, John Mull, Patrick Gately

Community Members: Jeremy Hampton (TEEA Representative), Mimi Terman, Grace Hu (Spoke student reporter)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from September 11, 2025.

The Committee received the updated **2026-27 District Calendar** information from Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning. Dr. Towle shared the revised draft 2026-27 District Calendar, which now includes parent teacher conferences in early March. Also, this draft kept the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) as the first five emergency closing days. The Committee recommended the revised draft 2026-27 District Calendar be moved to the full School Board for approval at the meeting on October 27, 2025.

The Committee received the **Assessment Report** from Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability and Dr. Patrick Gately, English Language Arts Supervisor. Mr. Cataldi provided an overview of Spring 2025 PSSA results in ELA, Math, and Science, as well as Spring 2025 Keystone Exam results in Algebra 1, Biology, and Literature. Mr. Cataldi reviewed the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) changes to PSSA Science, including the use of the new STEELS Standards, Science testing now in Grade 5, and Science results not being reported in 2025 due to the new STEELS Standards being implemented. Mr. Cataldi also reviewed the District plan for PSSAs and Keystone Exams for the 2025-26 school year, including required online testing for all PDE assessments. Mr. Cataldi and Dr. Gately reviewed PSSA and Keystone Exams Areas of Focus for instruction and preparation for the 2026-26 school year and answered questions from the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next meeting: November 6, 2025.