

**Steelton Highspire School District  
Financial Recovery Advisory Committee  
February 3, 2026**

Meeting Minutes

1. Harry Mathias called the meeting to order at 4:00
2. Attendance: Committee: Dr. Ben Henry, George Ioannidis, Beth Light, Willie Slade (Zoom), John Rhodes, Calvin Johson, Megan Armstead (Zoom), Andria Saia (Zoom), Harry Mathias Public: Tonisha Fulcher, Nicole Baker, Ralph Rodriguez
3. FRP Update:
  - a. Audits/AFRS—Mr. Mathias updated the committee that the 22-23 and 23-24 audits and AFRs have been completed. We plan to begin work on the 24-25 Audit soon and complete by June 30. Also, the committee was informed of the upcoming debt service issue.
  - b. 2026-2027 Budget Review—Mr. Mathias discussed that the Board has received presentations on the 2026-27 Preliminary budget showing a deficit of \$4.55M. The Board will vote on the Preliminary budget on February 18. Mr. Mathias also informed the committee of budget work currently being worked on including an Enrollment/Staffing report with staffing recommendations; a Special Education audit with program and staffing recommendations; and a review of key vendor contracts with recommendations—all of which will be presented to the Board in upcoming weeks.
  - c. Operations—Mr. Mathias reported that three business office staff members have left the district since August and that we have an Interim Business Manager, a contracted service for some services and are looking to hire a new staff member. Also discussed other options for staffing the Business office. Dr. Saia offered a discussion with the CAIU for possible sharing of services.
4. Questions for the Committee:
  - a. The Committee provided the following feedback:
    - i. Discussed the January School Board presentation regarding School Code language and possible furloughs. Advised being alert to perceptions from information presented to the Board.
    - ii. Discussed Business Office vacancies and expressed concerns about services, particularly HR services to staff.
    - iii. Discussed the process and timeline for providing reports and recommendations to the Board. Expressed concerns and advised empathy about how and when relevant staff receive communications.
    - iv. Expressed concerns that potential cuts may fall on support personnel.
5. Next Meeting: 4:00PM; Tuesday, March 3, 2026; SHSD District Office Board room
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:05.