



MINUTES
Joint Operating Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
at Steel Center – Conference Room B

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Giglione at 7:33pm at Steel Center.

1.1. Roll Call

Baldwin-Whitehall
Clairton
Duquesne
Elizabeth Forward
South Allegheny
South Park
Steel Valley
West Jefferson Hills
West Mifflin Area
Brentwood

Mr. Pete Giglione
Mr. Roger Tachoir
Mrs. Calvina Harris
Mr. Travis Stoffer
Mrs. Lauren DiBeneditto
Mr. Wayne Perry
Mrs. Cara Karstetter
Mrs. Suzanne Downer
Mr. Mark Donahoe
Mr. David Schaap

The President declared a quorum.

Others Present:

Dr. Randal Lutz, Superintendent of Record
Ira Weiss, Weiss Burkardt Kramer
Burt Comensky, Duquesne City SD

Steel Center Staff:

Kevin Rice, Executive Director
Scott Kane, Assistant Director/Principal
Patrice Allison, Asst. Business Manager
Tom Bernick, Supervisor of Building & Grounds
Tricia Cousino, Board Secretary
Jay Cherep, Technology Specialist

2. Board Member Comments & Visitor Comments on Agenda Items

The agenda was posted on the Steel Center website by 6:00 PM on March 2, 2026. The meeting is open to the public to attend in-person.

3. President Remarks

An executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting for purposes of discussing legal matters.

4. Minutes

4.1. A motion was made by Mr. Schaap, seconded by Mrs. Harris, and carried by an aye vote to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026.

5. Financial ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Karstetter, seconded by Mr. Donahoe, carried by a roll call vote of 10-0 to approve Finance items 5.1 to 5.2.2 as presented.

5.1. Treasurer's Report ending January 31, 2026

5.2. Bills to be Approved

5.2.1 SEASS Administrative Fund Check Register – Payments February 2026

5.2.2 SEASS Administrative Fund Checks to Approve – Future Payments

6. Principal's Report

The following report was read by Ms. Cousino as she received the information via email from acting Principal Scott Dadowski:

- Mess Fess is on March 3, 2026
- Read Across America Week is March 9-13, 2026
- Mon Valley Talent Show is March 19, 2026
- March Madness is March 26, 2026
- Be on the lookout for Mon Valley School to be shared in this month's AIU Special Education Spotlight where we will be focusing on two brand new initiatives here at Mon Valley. "Good Morning Mon Valley" is a live television-based morning announcement program features MV students broadcasting morning announcements live. "Mon Valley Roasters" is a student run Coffee Shop located in the front lobby that is operated by MV students serving refreshments each week. Mr. Dadowski will share the official Special Education Spotlight at next month's meeting.

7. Facilities Update

The issue with the air handlers is being addressed. Mobile AC units have been put into place to help mediate any warmer areas. The chiller will be active later in April.

8. Facilities ACTION ITEMS – NONE

9. Allegheny Intermediate Unit Report – NONE

10. Superintendent of Record Report

Dr. Lutz shared that Baldwin-Whitehall is starting a CDL education program in conjunction with CCAC to certify bus drivers and other CDL utilized fields. He will follow up with the board members with a flyer.

11. Solicitor's Report – NONE

12. Information Items – NONE

13. Other Business – NONE

14. Visitor Comments – NONE

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schaap, seconded by Mrs. DiBeneditto, carried by an aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Steel Center CTE

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Cousino

Tricia Cousino, Board Secretary