

**STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
January 7, 2026**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Micheal Wanner, President, Mr. Calvin Johnson, Treasurer, Mr. Casey Hamilton, Ms. Joyce Culpepper (virtual), Mr. Nicholas Conjar, Mr. Michael Pilsitz, Ms. Jenna Condran, and Ms. Christie Hamilton.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Micheal Lewis, Solicitor, Mr. Steve Shuleski, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Harry Mathias Chief Recovery Officer, Ms. Keri Postin Special education Director, and Ms. Lesli L. Elby, Recording Board Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wanner called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

Executive Session was held to discuss school personnel matters.

4. PRESENTATION

4.a. Jr./Sr. High School, Mr. Shuleski and Mr. Neal

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only)

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1. Others (3 minutes)

6. WORK SESSION ITEMS

Reports are all listed individually.

6.a. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS: Mr. Slade

1). True Colors

2). New facility Request Form

3. Special Education Audit will begin 1/12/2026

4). Updated enrollment report given in two weeks

5. Act 47 update: students w/6 or more absences will not be admitted to cyber school

6. Business Manager position will be posted

6.b. FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN OVERSIGHT: Mr. Mathias

A vote for Act 1 will take place in February. Kirk Richardson is new interim Business Manager, Mr. Jeff Amerman will continue offsite, and Mike Lamb from Wessell, is performing accounting services. This team will train the new Business Manager upon his/her hire.

6.c. BUDGET/FINANCE/BUILDING AND GROUNDS OVERSIGHT

Mr. Mathias will present the Act 1 2026-2027 preliminary Budget numbers for all categories except salaries and benefits. All administrators were present and prepared to present their budgetary request. They were responsible for their areas for the current year and long term. 44% Of the budget was presented. Next was the Business office report/expenses, utilities, tuition reimbursement (college credits for teaching staff), cyber charter tuition (students), charter tuition (brick and mortar), other tuition (special education), and substitute teachers. Finally, the Superintendent report/expenses include grant expenses. In two weeks, we will view the remaining 56% of the projected budget.

6.d. CENTRAL OFFICE OVERSIGHT: N/A

6.e. HR/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT: N/A

6.f. DISCIPLINE: N/A

6.g. ATHLETICS: N/A

6.h. NEGOTIATIONS: N/A

6.i. SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Wanner

Mr. Wanner met with Mr. Sullivan, the new President of Roller Foundation. Mr. Sullivan will provide updates to the Board concerning the stadium improvement project and is looking for individual financial support from board members.

Mr. Wanner is looking to do a Board retreat this year.

6.j. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney M. Lewis

Best plan is to submit an update at the Legislative meeting, due to his firm's bills. He believes it will be more accurate.

7. BOARD ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Hamilton reported that South 7th & Marshall streets are seeing a lot of students cutting through residents' property.

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9. ADJOURNMENT Motion by: Mr. Wanner Second by: Mr. Wanner Time: 7:44pm

Respectfully Submitted

Lesli L. Elby



Recording Board Secretary
