

STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Legislative School Board Meeting
January 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Administration Board Room at 250 Reynders, Ave. Steelton PA 17113

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Micheal Wanner, President, Ms. Ashley Ward-McMullen, Vice President, Mr. Calvin Johnson, Treasurer, Mr. Casey Hamilton, Ms. Joyce Culpepper, Mr. Nicholas Conjar, Mr. Michael Pilsitz, Ms. Jenna Condran, and Ms. Christie Hamilton.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Willie Slade, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Michael Lewis, Solicitor, Mr. Harry Mathias, Chief Recovery Officer, and Ms. Lesli Elby, Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Micheal Wanner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss school business.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Act 1 2026-2027 Budget Presentation, Mr. Mathias

Discuss preliminary budget's estimated revenue, expenditures, proposed tax rate, and projected fund-balance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only)

No public comment.

6. FOLLOW UP

Nothing to report.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.a. November 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached November 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 7.a is carried by voice vote.

7.b. November 12, 2025 Legislative Meeting Minutes

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached November 12, 2025 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 7.b is carried by voice vote.

7.c. December 3, 2025 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached December 3, 2025 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 7.c is carried by voice vote.

7.d. December 17, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached December 17, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 7.a is carried by voice vote.

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 November 2025 Finance Reports which includes the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable/Estimated Expenditures Reports for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Athletic Fund, and the Student Activities Account.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Ward-McMullen, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 8.a.1 carried by voice vote.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached December 2025 Finance Reports which includes the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable/Estimated Expenditures Reports for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Athletic Fund, and the Student Activities Account.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Ward-McMullen, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 8.a.2 carried by voice vote.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Resolution for Ready to Learn Tax Equity Grant.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Ward-McMullen, the motion approved by roll call vote, with all nine members voting Aye.

Aye: Ms. Condran, Mr. Conjar, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilsitz, Ms. Ward-McMullen, and Mr. Wanner, item 8.a.3 was approved.

8.b. FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN REPORT

No report.

8.c. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached personnel reports.

On a motion by Ms. Culpepper, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the motion approved by roll call vote, with all nine members voting Aye.

Aye: Ms. Condran, Mr. Conjar, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilsitz, Ms. Ward-McMullen and Mr. Wanner, item 8.c was approved.

8.d. POLICY REPORT

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve Policy 004 Membership for adoption.

On a motion by Ms. Culpepper, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 8.d.1 carried by voice vote.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached policy for second reading:

Policy 815.1 Artificial Intelligence

On a motion by Ms. Culpepper seconded by Mr. Johnson all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 8.d.2 carried by voice vote.

8.e. PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the use of the High School Gym March 25, 2026 for Mid-Penn Roundball All Star Games from 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. with Mr. Gaffey the applicant..

On a motion by Mr. Conjar, second by Mr. Johnson, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 8.e.1 carried by voice vote.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the use of the High School Gym and Auxiliary Gym on March 28 and March 29, 2026 for PA/Maryland AAU Basketball Tournament from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Gaffey the applicant.

On a motion by Mr. Conjar, second by Mr. Johnson, all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 8.e.2 carried by voice vote.

8.f. PUPIL SERVICES REPORT ACTION ITEM

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with DataBank for technology services.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, second by Mr. Johnson the motion approved by roll call vote, with all nine members voting Aye.

Aye: Ms. Condran, Mr. Conjar, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilsitz, Ms. Ward-McMullen and Mr. Wanner, item 8.f.1 was approved.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with PASBO for business administrative services.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen second by Mr. Johnson the motion approved by roll call vote, with all nine members voting Aye.

Aye: Ms. Condran, Mr. Conjar, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilsitz, Ms. Ward-McMullen and Mr. Wanner, Aye item 8.f.2 was approved.

8.g. STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board review the fundraiser below for informational purposes only.

Club or Group/Advisor	Date	Type of Funding
Class of 2026/Ms. Schuyler	January 2026	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
2nd Grade/Ms. Guerrero	January 2026	Bundt Cake Sale
1st Grade/Ms. Loy	January 2026	R & K Sub Sale

8.h. TRANSPORTATION REPORT

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached agreement with Buckled for student transportation.

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton second by Mr. Johnson the motion approved by roll call vote, with all nine members voting Aye.

Aye: Ms. Condran, Mr. Conjar, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilsitz, Ms. Ward-McMullen and Mr. Wanner, item 8.h.1 was approved.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the following field trip, which is more than 50 miles.

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton second by Mr. Johnson all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve item 8.h.2 is carried voice vote.

Date	Class/Program & Teacher/Coach	Location
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1/22/2026 AP World History students/Mr. Witek Philadelphia Museum of Arts, Phila. PA

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board review the field trips, for informational purposes, which are less than 50 miles.

Date	Class/Program & Teacher/Coach	Location
1/23/2026	Seniors/Ms. Warner	Harrisburg University
2/25/2026	Elementary TSR class/Ms. Pugh	Doc's Skating Rink
3/3/2026	11th/12th grade/Ms. Warner	HACC Harrisburg campus
4/23/2026	Elementary ES class/Ms. Pugh	Paulus Farm Market, Mechanicsburg
5/12/2026	Student Council/Ms. Schaffer	Paulus Farm Market, Mechanicsburg

8.i. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the following donation:

Name	Fund	Amount/Other
Servant Keeper	Elementary School	\$1,000.00

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, second by Mr. Johnson the motion approved by roll call vote, with all nine members voting Aye.

Aye: Aye: Ms. Condran, Mr. Conjar, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilsitz, Ms. Ward-McMullen and Mr. Wanner, item 8.i.1 was approved.

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the following conferences:

Name	Conference	Date	Cost
Jessica Cree	PETE C Conference, Hershey Lodge	2/2/2026 - 2/4/2026	no cost
Ryan Lehigh	PETE C Conference, Hershey Lodge	2/2/2026 - 2/4/2026	no cost

On a motion by Ms. Culpepper second by Mr. Johnson all nine members present voted Aye. The motion to approve Items 8.i.2 carried by voice vote.

Steelton-Highspire School District Monthly Enrollment

Date	Elementary Brick & Mortar	Elementary CAOLA	Elementary Total	Jr/Sr HS Brick & Mortar	Jr/Sr HS CAOLA	Jr/Sr HS Total	Placed Students	Dauphin County Tech	District Total
9/1/2025	769	9	778	568	55	623	39	20	1460
10/1/2025	779	9	788	562	55	617	40	21	1466
11/1/2025	785	13	798	522	79	601	41	22	1462
12/1/2025	785	11	796	523	74	597	40	22	1455
1/1/2026	772	11	783	509	74	583	38	22	1426

8.j. SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the Employment Agreement between the Steelton-Highspire School District and Mr. Willie Slade, naming him as the Superintendent of the District, effective January 21, 2026.

On a motion by Ms. Ward-McMullen, seconded by Mr. Johnson the motion approved by roll call vote, with all nine members voting Aye.

Aye: Aye: Ms. Condran Mr. Conjar, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilsitz, Ms. Ward-McMullen and Mr. Wanner, item 8.j was approved.

8.k. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

9. BOARD ROUNDTABLE

No comments.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda and non-agenda items)

No public comment

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Ward-McMullen. all nine members present voted Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ms. Lesli Elby
Board Recording Secretary