

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
June 6, 2023

An Executive Session was held at 6:30 p.m. before the Committee Meeting to discuss a legal issue.

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Bryant Ferris in the District Office Board Room. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Freida Huyard was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Rednak, Gavin Scalyer, Fred Kendall, Rick Esche, Sheri McGowan, Tamara Wanner, Robert Laragione, Ellen Geisel, Christy Fieldsa, Dan Sauder, Kelsey Chamburlin, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, and PVSD retirees, Donna Bowman, Diane Hemperly, Elsie Martin, and Elisabeth Martin, and their families.

School Board Recognition – Pequea Valley School District staff who retired in 2023 were recognized.

Construction Fund Investment Opportunity – Scott Kramer from Raymond James Financial Services. Mr. Kramer presented an investment opportunity for the current construction bond funds. This opportunity will be included for approval at the June 15, 2023 Board meeting.

Building Project Update – Fred Kendall updated the Board on the progress of the construction project. He presented some photos of the construction site and the progress of the public water and sewer connection.

Preliminary General Fund Budget Update – John Bowden presented an update of the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. The budget had a 2.9% increase in total expenses and will incur a 3.79% increase in millage rate. This will be an increase of \$153 on the August assessed property. Mr. Bowden stated that this budget will be on the agenda for approval next week.

School Safety/School Resource Officer – Cathy Koenig began a conversation regarding a school safety officer. John Bowden presented on a concealed weapon detection system that could be installed in our buildings. The Board would like a demonstration of the concealed weapons detection system. Bryant Ferris suggested this be placed on the August Committee meeting agenda.

Food Service Update – Gavin Scalyer stated that the district food service budget will be brought for approval at the June 15 Board meeting. He believes the current school year will have a surplus of revenues over expenses.

Middle School ELA Revision – Rich Eby presented the ELA program at the middle school and explained the process to adopt district curriculum and how it aligns with the state standards. This will be included on the June 15 agenda for approval.

School Board Policy Updates, 2nd Reading – Rich Eby presented the second reading for the following School Board policies: These policies will be included for approval on the June 15, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

- 137 Homeschool Education Programs
- 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 137.2 Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
- 137.3 Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students

Public Participation – Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented on curricular items, tax increase, and the curricular plan. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the school resource officer, the transparency of the district and what is on the learner's computer. Dan Sauder, New Holland, commented on the concealed weapons detection system and the school resource officer.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Fisher, the Board approved the following minutes, financial reports, and bills. (rc)

A. Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills

- May 11, 2023, Board Meeting
- The Financial Reports for April 2023, as appearing on pages 12028-12028J of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The March bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$1,541,967.26 and appearing on pages 12000-12014
 - Capital Reserve & Construction, totaling \$1,124,453.45, and appearing on pages 12015-12018
 - Food Service, totaling \$32,807.36, and appearing on page 12019-12026
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$44,740.85, and appearing on page 12027

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Fisher, Hartmann, Hertzler, Ingles, Riehl, Rohrer, Temple; No: 0; Absent: Huyard

June 6, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes, continued ...

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary