

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
December 7, 2021

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Ferris at 7:08 p.m. Members present were Christian Brackbill, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Jane Horst, Ben Ingles, Tim Malloy, and Steve Riehl. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Freida Huyard, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Rednak, Gavin Scalyer, John Trovato, Teresa Laudo, Seth Wentz, Larry Lavato, Jim Hocker, Amy Shay, Doug Masser, Jamiel Smoker, Alicia Trescavage, Rob Joiner, Christy Fieldsa, Danielle Andrew, Mandee and Noah Culp, Jason Myer, Dennis and Jackie Donohue, Elizabeth Good, Dan Sauder, Rob Fischer, and Marcella Peyre Ferry.

AP Government Course Presentation – Rich Eby and Teresa Laudo presented information to add an Advanced Placement U.S. Government course. This will be included as a vote on the December 16, 2021, meeting agenda.

Building Update – Seth Wentz from Crabtree Rohrbach and Associates, gave an update on the new construction project. He initially went over the test boring that will be voted on tonight. He reviewed the various meetings that were held and with whom, and also presented the updated construction schedule. Jim Hocker from Derck and Edson, presented the land development schedule and addressed the easement request from Mr. Steve King. Mr. Wentz reviewed the phasing of the project and having three phases of the project. There will also be a preconstruction phase that will bring water and sewer service to the site. During the phasing of the projects, various areas will not be able to be used; for example, baseball, tennis, JV softball, etc. Mr. Wentz also provided a building overview.

Numerous teachers shared their thoughts about the new building with the Board. Amy Shay addressed the Board regarding the Science Department rooms. She mentioned that the furniture is all movable and flexible for room design. Doug Masser presented the Ag Science area. Jamiel Smoker spoke about the STEM, CORE, and Tech Ed departments. Alicia Trescavage spoke about Band, Choral, Music, and Performing Arts. Rob Joiner presented on the Physical Education/Health/Athletic program.

Mr. Wentz continued to show the second-floor education wing. John Trovato commented on the layout of the classrooms for both the middle and high school. Cathy Koenig presented on the Special Education Department classrooms. Mr. Wentz and Mr. Lavato presented on the budget and cost estimate of the project.

General Fund / Capital Reserve Budget Updates – John Bowden presented the first draft of the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget. The budget has a deficit of \$1,223,230. Mr. Bowden stated that the budget will continue to be refined. He also presented the Capital Reserve Budget which will be included as a vote on the December 16, 2021, agenda.

Mask Resolution – Steve Riehl read a mask resolution and asked for a vote at the next level. A revised version will be drafted and placed on the December 16, 2021, agenda.

Public Participation – Christy Fieldsa, Paradise, welcomed new School Board members.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills

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

- November 11, 2021, Regular Meeting
- The Financial Reports for October 2021, as appearing on pages 11523-11523I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The October bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,260,021.34 and appearing on pages 11492-11509
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$262,579.69, and appearing on pages 11510-11512
 - Food Service, totaling \$32,133.59, and appearing on page 11513-11521
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$58,616.00, and appearing on page 11522

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

Geothermal Test Boring

Mr. Brackbill made a motion for the approval of geothermal test boring in the amount of \$33,400.00 from Morrison Geothermal, Inc. The motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Bowden asked if that means to eliminate the geothermal as an alternate bid which the Board affirmed.

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary