

**PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**October 5, 2021**

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Christian Brackbill, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Jane Horst, Ben Ingles, Tim Malloy, and Steve Riehl. Steve Temple arrived at 7:49 p.m. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Rednak, Gavin Scalyer, Kelly Loder, Rick Esche, and Steve King. Community members included: Charlene Fisher, Courtney Adams, Micah Byler, Terry Martin, Tyler Woodring, Dennis and Jackie Donahue, Amanda and Noah Culp, Rob Fischer, Gloria Eby, Jesse Kanub, Chris and Megan Beiler, Elizabeth Good, Deb Smoker, Jenny Hough, Kim Stoltzfus, Adrienne Neff, Glenda Byler, Jonathan and Maria Fisher, Jason Jarvis, Christy Fieldsa, Ambur Gregorio, Kaitlyn Healy, Sadie Esh, Jason Myer, Jason and Amy Waters, Emanuel Stoltzfus, Ellen Geisel, Bobbi Morris, Robert Laragione, Lisa Myer, Tricia Singleton, Haydn Colburn, Gary Warmiak, Danielle Andrew, Freida Huyard, Dana Beiler, Lanita Smoker, and Shana Stoltzfus.

**Building Project Update** – John Bowden provided a brief update on the building project. He stated that the architects recently met with seven groups of staff to go over their classroom needs. Two more meetings are scheduled to review needs, and then meetings to go over these changes will begin at the end of the month.

**Safety Plan Progress** – Erik Orndorff presented on the progress of the safety plan and the masking requirements. He presented five categories of learners who are not wearing masks. Mr. Ingles suggested starting a committee consisting of Board members and parents to discuss the mask mandate. He suggested that once the seven-day average in Pennsylvania goes to the level prior to the mandate that the Board consider having masks be optional. Mr. Riehl agreed with Mr. Ingles.

**Facility Dog Update** – Cathy Koenig introduced Paradise Elementary School's facility dog, Houdini, and his handler, Kelly Loder. Paradise principal, Rick Esche, spoke about the success that the building has had having a facility dog at Paradise. Ms. Koenig is seeking funding for additional facility dogs for the other buildings.

**General Fund / Capital Reserve Budget Updates** – John Bowden gave a brief update on the timeframe for the approval of the General Fund Budget and presented a first-look at the 2022 Capital Reserve Budget.

**Land Acquisition** – Steve King presented a request to possibly purchase or lease some land from the district which is contingent to his current property. Mr. King presented five options to the Board.

**Public Participation** – The following people spoke regarding the health and safety plan/mask mandate: Charlene Fisher, Kinzers; Courtney Adams, Paradise; Jackie Donahue, Kinzers; Noah Culp; Rob Fischer, Narvon; Jesse Knaub, Paradise; Elizabeth Good, Gap; Deb Smoker, Paradise; Christy Fieldsa, Paradise; Ambur Gregorio, Gordonville; Kaitlyn Healy, Gap; Jason Myer, Gordonville; Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook; Bobbi Morris, Gap; Tricia Singleton, Gordonville; Danielle Andrew, Kinzers.

Steve Temple asked for a better way to run concession stands.

**Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills**

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

- September 16, 2021, Regular Meeting
- The Financial Reports for August 2021, as appearing on pages 11462-11462I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The August bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
  - General Fund, totaling \$2,485,012.02 and appearing on pages 11441-11455
  - Capital Reserve, totaling \$667,663.20, and appearing on pages 11456-11458
  - Food Service, totaling \$804.44, and appearing on page 11459-11460
  - Student Activity Report, totaling \$58,475.38, and appearing on page 11461

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

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris  
President

John A. Bowden  
Secretary