

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2020

Due to the current disaster emergency declared by Governor Wolf by Proclamation dated March 16, 2020, and in consideration of the health and safety of the school community, a meeting of the Pequea Valley School District School Board convened on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Board members met in-person and the community had the choice of meeting via Zoom in a separate room or at home. The meeting was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Christian Brackbill, Mike Hartmann, Tim Malloy, Steve Riehl, Mike Sage, and Steve Temple. Fred Hertzler and Jane Horst were absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Ashley Rednak, Cathy Koenig, Elaine Kreiser, Dana Riehl, Jordan Sheaffer, Tracy Wettig, Sheila Brown, and Christy Fieldsa, as well as staff and community members via the virtual link.

School Board Recognition – Elaine Kreiser was recognized for serving 50 years as a PVSD bus driver.

Participation by the Public – Jesse Knaub, Gordonville, asked the Board to state who is talking when they speak during the meetings. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, objected to how the Board meetings are run.

Liaison Reports –

- Safety – Tim Malloy
- Technology & Curriculum – Steve Temple
- Athletics – Mike Sage
- IU 13 Board of Directors – Christian Brackbill
- Superintendent’s Report – Erik Orndorff

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Sage, the Board approved the September 1, 2020, Committee Meeting minutes.

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

Chief of Finance and Operation’s Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Sage and a second by Mr. Hartmann, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items A-C. (rc)

- A. Approval of a resolution extending the deadline for the payment of School District real estate taxes during the base period (payment without penalty) until December 31, 2020.
- B. Approval of a contract with Pennsylvania Counseling Services to provide student assistance services (SAP) for three days per week for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost of \$24,200.
- C. Approval of an agreement with Sunbelt Staffing for a Licensed Practical Nurse for the 2020-2021 school year for 37.5 hours/week, at a cost of \$65/hour.

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

Winner’s Circle Center

On a motion by Mr. Sage and a second by Mr. Riehl, approval was given to enter in to an agreement with Winner’s Circle Center, Inc. to provide the following services for a Pequea Valley learner for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost of \$175/day.

- Cognitive Behavior and Solution Focused Approach
- Individual Treatment Planning including Individual and Group Therapy
- Equine and Canine Assisted Therapies, Art Therapy, Play Therapy, Experiential and Expressive Therapies
- Psycho-Social Group Education
- Behavior Management / Incentives System
- Coordination with home school case management and support services
- Transition Planning

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

Superintendent’s Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mr. Sage, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items A-C. (rc)

- A. Approval of the bus driver list for 2020-2021.
- B. Approval of transportation schedules for 2020-2021.
- C. Personnel.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Agenda Topics for the September 29, 2020, Committee meeting

- Building Project Update
- General Fund Budget Update
- Capital Reserve Budget Update

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary

**Pequea Valley School District
Board of School Directors**

School Board Resolution to Extend the Base Period for Payment of 2020-2021 Real Estate Taxes

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected some Pequea Valley School District (“School District”) taxpayers which has resulted in lost earnings and impacted their ability to pay taxes;

WHEREAS, the Local Tax Collection Tax Law specifies the deadlines for the payments of District real estate taxes during the discount, base, and penalty periods.

WHEREAS, the School District’s Board of School Directors (“School Board”) adopted a resolution regarding the deadlines for the payment of District real estate taxes, in conformance with the law at that time, on September 10, 2020.

WHEREAS, after the adoption of the aforementioned resolution, the General Assembly adopted Act 75 of 2020, which authorized school boards to “extend the time period that qualifies taxpayers for a discount or waive a penalty for failure to make timely payment of any such taxes on real estate charged against them, or both.”


WHEREAS, in conformance with Act 75 of 2020, the School Board wishes to extend the time period of District real estate taxes during the base period in order to reduce the possibility of penalties being charged for late payments.

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended to modify the School Board’s previous adopted resolution concerning the payment of District real estate taxes for the 2020-2021 school year by extending the deadline for payments during the base period.

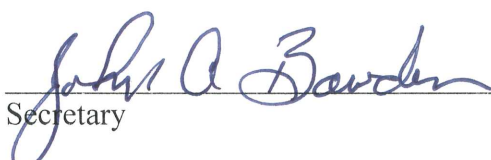
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors for the Pequea Valley School District (“School District”) as follows:

1. The deadline date for the payment of School District real estate taxes during the 2% discount period remains unchanged at August 31, 2020.
2. The deadline for the payment of School District real estate taxes during the base period (payment without penalty) is extended until December 31, 2020.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided via email and first-class U.S. Mail to each tax collector who collects District real estate taxes, and the School District’s Business Office shall work cooperatively with each tax collector to ensure District real estate taxes are collected in compliance with the terms of this Resolution.
4. The School District’s administration is authorized to send additional notices to District taxpayers owing real estate taxes explaining the provisions of this Resolution, as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Duly adopted on this 10th day of September 2020, by a majority vote of Board of School Directors of the Pequea Valley School District.



President



Secretary