

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
August 4, 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 virtually for community members on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Christian Brackbill, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Jane Horst, Tim Malloy, Steve Riehl, Mike Sage, and Steve Temple. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Ashley Rednak, and Cathy Koenig, as well as numerous facilitators and community members via the virtual link.

Health & Safety Update – Cathy Koenig shared that there will be a decision tree put in place in case someone comes in contact or has COVID. The decision tree will help the district know the steps to take in this situation.

School Board Policy Updates – Cathy Koenig shared updates for Board Policies #204 Attendance and #222 Tobacco and Vaping Products. There was discussion about the 10-day letter, obtaining a doctor’s note if a learner is out of school three days or more, and redefining school absences. The Attendance policy will be included on the August 13, 2020, agenda as a discussion item and as a vote for approval. The Tobacco and Vaping policy will also be listed on the August 13, 2020, agenda for approval.

PIAA Plan Update – Updates to the Lancaster-Lebanon League include the possible delay of the start of varsity and junior varsity sports to September 4 and junior high sports to September 8. The plan also will address social distancing on the side-lines, a hydration plan, and no spectators.

PDE Flexible Instruction Day (FID) Program – Rich Eby shared how a flexible instruction day program will provide an alternate form of instruction in place of a day otherwise cancelled due to inclement weather or building emergency. The Board will vote on this item at the August 13, 2020, School Board meeting.

Charter School Reform – PSBA asked the district to consider a resolution on Charter School Reform. This will be included for a vote on the August 13, 2020, Board agenda.

Property Line –

On a motion by Mr. Riehl and a second by Mr. Sage, approval was given for Emmanuel King to grade a slope where his land and the districts meets.

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

Public Participation –

- Melanie Infantolino, Paradise: What is the excuse code if learners transfer from brick and mortar to online learning; IEP and one-on-one online learning; will the district reach out to all on-line parents who have learners with IEP’s.
- Christy Fieldsa, Paradise: Asked the cost of cyber school per child.
- Celeste Nazario, Paradise: What has changed to ensure the safe opening of school; How are we following up with parents who did not complete the on-line survey? How do teachers feel about school opening?
- Lisa Towber, Paradise: How many hours of learning for virtual kindergarten? Can on-line learners change back to brick and mortar after the first semester?
- Jessie Knaub, Leacock: Applauded the district’s efforts. Did not think that the virtual option was sold as well as cyber/charter schools – perhaps market a day as an on-line learner?

Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports

- A. On a motion by Mr. Sage and a second by Mr. Malloy, the Board approved the following minutes, financial reports, and bills. (rc)
- July 9, 2020, Special Meeting minutes
 - The Financial Reports for May 2020, as appearing on pages 11105-11105I of the Treasurer’s Supplement.
 - The May bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$1,696,637.46 and appearing on pages 11086-11098
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$0, and appearing on pages 11099
 - Food Service, totaling \$3,255.31, and appearing on page 11100-11103
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$59,890.29, and appearing on page 11104

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- The Financial Reports for June 2020, as appearing on pages 11124-11124I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The June bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,119,904.42 and appearing on pages 11106-11117
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$61,006.00, and appearing on pages 11118-11119
 - Food Service, totaling \$4,154.92, and appearing on page 11120-11122
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$60,148.87, and appearing on page 11123

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

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary