

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
May 5, 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 Board of School Directors of the Pequea Valley School District convened virtually on Tuesday, May 5, 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, Gavin Scalyer, Ashley Rednak, Cathy Koenig, and Vicki Hoover, as well as numerous facilitators and community members via the virtual link.

School Board Policy #626 Update – John Bowden shared that a minor addition is needed for Board Policy #626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance: “PV staff paid by federal funds will continue to receive pay during unprecedented circumstances.” This will be included for a vote at the June 11, 2020 Board meeting.

Renegotiation of Transportation Contracts – Act 13 allows districts to negotiate bus contracts. This item will be included on the June 11, 2020, Board meeting agenda.

General Fund Budget – John Bowden walked through the budget and stated that there will be a few changes made before it goes to vote on June 11, 2020.

PVSD Brief Update – Erik Orndorff shared a few major highlights which included that the last learner day and virtual graduation for seniors will be May 28, 2020. He also spoke about end-of-year activity options for our seniors. Dr. Orndorff shared that ELL elementary learners will go back to their home school beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

Public Participation – Diane Bragg, Paradise, shared graduation concerns. Christy Fieldsa, Paradise, commented on taxes for next year.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports

- A. On a motion by Mr. Sage and a second by Mr. Riehl, the Board approved the following minutes, financial reports, and bills. (rc)
- March 12, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes
 - The Financial Reports for February 2020, as appearing on pages 11035-11035I of the Treasurer’s Supplement.
 - The February bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$4,347,213.63 and appearing on pages 11012-11026
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$62,670.57, and appearing on pages 11027-11028
 - Food Service, totaling \$30,929.03, and appearing on page 11029-11033
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$46,324.44, and appearing on page 11034
 - The Financial Reports for March 2020, as appearing on pages 11061-11061I of the Treasurer’s Supplement.
 - The March bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$1,843,682.42 and appearing on pages 11036-11049
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$15,808.25, and appearing on pages 11050-11051
 - Food Service, totaling \$48,514.27, and appearing on page 11052-11059
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$63,184.13, and appearing on page 11060

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

CHIEF OF FINANCE AND OPERATION’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

On a motion by Mr. Sage and a second by Mrs. Horst, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items A-D & H. (rc)

- A. Approval to allow the Lancaster County Treasurer to petition the Court to postpone the 2020 Upset Tax Sale.
- B. Approval of the Proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2020-2021.
- C. Approval of the following list of depositories:
- Fulton Bank, Penn Square, Lancaster, PA 17601
 - Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund, 500 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- D. Approval of a resolution to establish a compensation rate of \$.25 per collected bill for elected tax collectors.
- H. Special Education contracts with Eastern Lancaster County School District for the 2020–2021 school year:

- Full-time autistic support and transitional services to 11 students at a cost of \$40,850 per student.
- Full-time life skills and transition services to 13 students at a cost of \$21,425 per student.
- Full-time multiple disabilities support services to 2 students at a cost of \$43,562 per student.
- Full-time learning support services in the work-based learning program for 1 student at a cost of \$25,000 per student.

Supplemental services will be billed as follows: speech and language therapy services at \$85/hour, occupational therapy services at \$85/hour, physical therapy services at \$75.00/hour, job training and personal care assistant services at actual cost.

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

E. On a motion by Mr. Sage and a second by Mr. Hartmann, a motion was made to approve the following Capital Reserve items:

- Replacement of bleachers on Field #2 (old competition field) \$22,000
- Paradise & Salisbury Elementary STEM Furniture \$30,406
- Replacement of Salisbury's domestic hot water heater \$48,250

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, approval was given to amend letter E Capital Reserve items.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Hertzler, approval was given to approve the amended motion as follows:

- Replacement of bleachers on Field #2 (old competition field) \$10,000
- Paradise & Salisbury Elementary STEM Furniture \$30,406
- Replacement of Salisbury's domestic hot water heater \$48,250

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

F. On a motion by Mr. Malloy and a second by Mrs. Horst, approval was given to purchase laptops for Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and Core programs from Global Data Consultants in the amount of \$65,026.54.

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

G. On a motion by Mr. Sage and a second by Mr. Temple, approval was given for the purchase of the following technology needs:

- MacBook Air laptops for 5th / 9th graders, at a cost of \$199,800.
- MacBook Air laptops for elementary staff (four-year replacement cycle), at a cost of \$82,800.
- iPads for elementary staff and one grade level, at a cost of \$72,369.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

- A. Approval of the proposed 2020-2021 IU 13 Budget (Core Program of Services and IMS), totaling \$3,117,812.
- B. Nomination of Christian Brackbill to serve on the IU 13 Board for a three-year term ending June 2023.
- C. Approval of the Tax Collector Appointment Resolution.
- D. Model Graduation Resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.
- E. Personnel.

Change in Retirement Date:

Arlen Mummau, Secondary Principal, retirement date changed from May 29, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

Appointments:

Richard Esche, Principal, Paradise Elementary School, effective July 1, 2020. Salary: \$95,000.

Summer Technology Assistants: Effective June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021.

Team Leaders: (average 30 hours/week at \$12/hour)

Devon Clemmer

Megan Rogers

Full-Time Summer Employees: (average 30 hours/week at \$10/hour)

Sean Ammon
Nayelly Argueta
Victoria Argueta
Donavan Cochran
Hope Fisher
Hannah McGowan
Zach Otstot
Diana Palade
Evan Smith
Kiersten Winey

Extracurricular Appointments:

Kate Plank, PVIS Assistant Musical Director, \$1,500, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Board Treasurer

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Sage, Fred Hertzler was elected as Treasurer of Pequea Valley School Board for the period of June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021.

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

It was announced that there will not be a Board Meeting on May 14, 2020.

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary