

**PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**November 7, 2023**

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Michael Fisher, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Mike Hartmann was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Rednak, Gavin Scalyer, John Trovato, Jamiel Smoker, Bill Darras, Fred Kendall, Seth Wentz, Mandy Howe, Cereena Stacy, Reagan Gates, Britain Barilla, Ellen Geisel, Robert Laragione, Laura Ressler, and Marcella Peyre Ferry.

**Manufacturing Week** – John Trovato introduced PVIS technology facilitators, Jamiel Smoker and Bill Darras, to showcase this year’s middle school Manufacturing Week. Three learners, Cereena Stacy, Reagan Gates, and Britain Barilla presented their experiences from that week.

**Building Project Update** – Fred Kendall presented an update on the new construction project. Seth Wentz from Crabtree Rohrbach presented an update on the next phase of the building project. The Board liked the direction John Bowden and Seth Wentz presented for the next phase of the project.

**Track Co-Op** – Amanda Howe presented an update on the option of a track co-op with Octorara Area School District. She shared that Octorara decided not to continue with the co-op; however, Lancaster Mennonite has reached out to possibly partner with Pequea Valley.

**Capital Reserve / General Fund Budget Updates** – Gavin Scalyer presented the 2024 Capital Reserve Budget. The next budget will be voted on at the December 14 Board meeting. John Bowden presented the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget. He stated that he doesn’t expect to go over the Index.

**Food Service – Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Option** – Gavin Scalyer shared the CEP option which will provide free lunches and breakfasts for all learners.

**Public Participation** –

- Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook – disappointed PV isn’t including the pre-school in the new construction discussion.
- Laura Ressler, New Holland – commented on the Track Co-Op and asked that PV doesn’t partner with LMH.

**Chief of Finance and Operations Recommendations:**

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items A-C. (rc)

- A. Approval of the sale of 5311 Lincoln Hwy, a property placed in the “Repository for Unsold Properties” in the amount of \$1,000.
- B. An Agreement with Cross Country Staffing, Inc. for temporary nurse staffing services, effective October 31, 2023, for one year, at the following rates:
- RN \$50/hour
  - LPN \$42/hour
  - CNA \$25/hour

C. Approval of Minutes, Financial Reports, and Bills as follows:

- October 12, 2023, Regular Meeting
- The Financial Reports for September 2023, as appearing on pages 12171-12171I of the Treasurer’s Supplement.
- The September bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement:
  - General Fund, totaling \$3,073,991.16 and appearing on pages 12143-12159
  - Capital Reserve & Construction Fund, totaling \$3,573,950.94, and appearing on pages 12160-12163
  - Food Service, totaling \$27,872.89 and appearing on page 12164-12169
  - Student Activity Report, totaling \$38,725.27, and appearing on page 12170

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Fisher, Hertzler, Huyard, Ingles, Riehl, Rohrer, Temple; No: 0; Absent: Hartmann; Abstain: 0

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Bryant Ferris  
President

John A. Bowden  
Secretary