

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
May 2, 2023

An Executive Session was held at 6:30 p.m. before the Committee Meeting to discuss a legal issue.

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Bryant Ferris in the District Office Board Room. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Rednak, Fred Kendall, Larry Levato, Seth Wentz, Tamara Wanner, Robert Laragione, Ellen Geisel, Dale Amspacher, as well as learners being recognized and their families.

School Board Recognition – The PVIS Esports team and manager Dale Amspacher were recognized.

Building Project Update – Fred Kendall of Abacus Construction Management, presented the monthly update on the progress of the new building. Seth Wentz and Larry Levato from Crabtree Rohrer Associates, gave a presentation on the process of change orders as well as an update on the change orders that are currently in the pipe line. Mr. Wentz explained a significant change order is needed because there was an omission in the bid documents where roof insulation needed to be R-30 not R-20 which was in the bid packet. The cost of that change order is \$426,300.

Preliminary General Fund Budget Update – John Bowden presented an update on the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. He stated that the proposed 2023-2024 General Fund Budget must be passed next week; however, the final budget will be adopted in June. There will continue to be updates until final adoption. The proposed final budget has a millage increase of 3.95%.

School Safety/School Resource Officer – Cathy Koenig presented on school safety and school resource officers. She stated that PV has applied for a grant to cover some of the cost of a school resource officer. The Board would like to explore the options of hiring or contracting a school resource officer.

School Board Policy Updates, 1st Reading – Rich Eby presented a first reading for the following School Board policies:

- 137 Homeschool Education Programs
- 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 137.2 Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
- 137.3 Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students

A second reading of these policies will be included on the June 6, 2023, Committee meeting agenda.

Public Participation – Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented on the school resource officer, the budget and expenses, the proposed millage increase, and the Esports team. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the home school policies that were presented and the school resource officer.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills

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

A. Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills

- April 13, 2023, Board Meeting
- The Financial Reports for March 2023, as appearing on pages 11999-11999J of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The March bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,311,782.43 and appearing on pages 11968-11985
 - Capital Reserve & Construction, totaling \$1,125,219.26, and appearing on pages 11986-11990
 - Food Service, totaling \$31,111.44, and appearing on page 11991-11997
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$60,035.42, and appearing on page 11998

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

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary