

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
March 7, 2023

An Executive session was held before the Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:03 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, Seth Wentz, Gavin Scalyer, Morgan Hiestand, John Tovato, Ellen Geisel, Tamara Wanner, Christy Fieldsa, Robert Laragione, and Kimberly Ober.

Building Project Update – John Bowden introduced Fred Kendall of Abacus Construction Management. Mr. Kendall is our owner’s representative for the middle/high school construction project. He updated the Board on the progress of construction. John Bowden then introduced Seth Wentz of Crabtree Rohrbaugh Architects. Mr. Wentz walked the Board through the drawings and total site layout of the project.

Preliminary General Fund Budget – John Bowden presented an update on the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. He updated the budget with current assessed values and updated staffing needs and benefits associated with staffing. He stated that the Act 1 Index is 4.1% which still leaves a deficit of \$82,044. John also stated that this includes using Fund Balance of \$515,791. He will be updating and drilling down on the numbers and will report back next month.

Food Service Update – Gavin Scalyer and Morgan Hiestand gave an update on the Food Service Department. Gavin presented the financial portion of the presentation, and Morgan shared the new food options being offered to our learners.

Capital Reserve: Salisbury VAV Replacement Project – Gavin Scalyer updated the Board on the VAV replacements at Salisbury Elementary School, which is included in the Capital Reserve Budget. He would like to have this contract approved at the March 16, 2023 Board meeting.

Public Participation – Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented on the planetarium and fitness center. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, and Robert Laragione, Gordonville, commented on the planetarium.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills

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

- February 16, 2023, Board Meeting
- The Financial Reports for January 2023, as appearing on pages 11937-11937J of the Treasurer’s Supplement.
- The January bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$1,783,933.76 and appearing on pages 11909-11926
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$436,218.16, and appearing on pages 11927-11929
 - Food Service, totaling \$26,584.71, and appearing on page 11930-11935
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$48,724.66, and appearing on page 11936

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 8:26 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary