

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
February 7, 2023

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by Vice-President Fred Hertzler at 7:02 p.m. Members present were Mike Fisher, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Bryant Ferris and Mike Hartmann were absent. Also present were Rich Eby, John Bowden, Cathy Koenig, Gavin Scalyer, John Trovato, Tamara Wanner, Ellen Geisel, and Christy Fieldsa.

Secondary 2023-2024 Course Selection Update – John Trovato presented the 2023-2024 Course Selection Guide. He highlighted the changes from the previous year. The guide will be included for a vote at the February 16, 2023, Board meeting.

Capital Reserve Item – Gavin Scalyer presented information to rebuild the boilers at Salisbury. The cost is approximately \$28,000, and will be included on the February 16, 2023 Board meeting agenda for approval.

Building Project Update – John Bowden shared an update on the building project. He also presented a potential change to the nurse's suite where the clinic was supposed to go. He stated the site demolition is 95% complete. The new building footprint is being preliminarily laid out, along with site and building utilities. The district received a notice of delay for the water/sewer pipes and completion is now expected in October.

Preliminary General Fund Budget – John Bowden gave a brief update on the status of the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. He stated that he is working on getting updated Assessed Values and is looking at areas to reduce costs. He also mentioned that an update will be given next month.

Employee Medical Concierge Program – John Bowden presented on the value of an employee medical concierge program. He explained to the Board that PVSD is self-funded for health insurances and how self-funding works. He then presented a proposal of a partnership with Penn Medicine Health Works to provide on-site/near-site practice to PV employees enrolled in the PV health plan. He stated that there are currently six sites around the county, with six more in the process of opening. These practices would serve PV employees for acute care and various other needs at a discounted cost, both to the employee and the district. John also stated that if the program is a success, he would like the Board to consider opening a site on the Middle/High School campus, possibly in the old high school, after the new building is finished. This could be a great way to generate some lease revenue for the district, as well as provide a convenience to our employees. John will be seeking approval for a two-year agreement at the February 16, 2023 Board meeting for a roll-out date of April 1, 2023.

School Board Policy Update #620, Fund Balance – John Bowden asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the second reading of Policy #620. He stated that this will be included on the February 16, 2023 agenda for approval.

2023-2024 School Calendar – Rich Eby presented the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. The calendar will be included on the February 16, 2023 Board meeting agenda for approval.

Graduation – Rich Eby and John Trovato addressed this year's graduation and locations. Due to the construction project, we will not be able to hold graduation on the PV campus.

Public Participation – Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the building project and the blasting and the new plans for the high school. Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented on the Employee Medical Concierge Program.

Chief of Finance and Operation's Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mr. Riehl, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items A-D. (rc)

- A. Updated School Board Policy, #916, Volunteers.
- B. For Michael Fisher to represent the Pequea Valley School Board on the IU 13 Board of Directors.
- C. Accepted IDEA-B grant funds from IU 13 in the amount of \$384,818.
 - \$237,038 direct pass-through
 - \$147,780 provided on the district's behalf
- D. Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills
 - January 12, 2023, Board Meeting
 - The Financial Reports for December 2022, as appearing on pages 11908-11908J of the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - The December bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,521,327.49 and appearing on pages 11879-11894
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$1,794,623.71, and appearing on pages 11895-11898
 - Food Service, totaling \$35,602.29, and appearing on page 11899-11906
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$49,026.47, and appearing on page 11907

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

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No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Fred Hertzler
Vice-President

John A. Bowden
Secretary