

**PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**December 5, 2023**

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:04 p.m. following the Reorganization Meeting. Members present were Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Michael Fisher was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Derek Sweigart, Fred Kendall, Seth Wentz, Larry Levato, Ellen Geisel, Dan Sauder, Tamara Wanner, and Marcella Peyre Ferry.

**Building Project Update** – Fred Kendall presented an update on the existing building project which is on schedule. Seth Wentz from Crabtree Rohrbach and John Bowden presented an update on the potential phase 2 of the project. Seth Wentz reviewed the increase in cost due to inflation and presented options to reduce costs. John Bowden presented on the approximate \$18.8 million that the district has allocated for future construction with another \$3 million surplus expected on June 30, 2024. The Board directed John and Seth to continue down the design path.

**School Board Policy Second Readings** – Rich Eby reviewed a second reading of the following policies which will be presented on December 14, 2023, for approval:

- 105 Curriculum Revision
- 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
- 108 Adoption of Textbooks Revision
- 109 Resource Materials Revision
- 109.1 School Library Policy Implementation
- 119 Currents Events Revision

**2022-2023 PA Future Ready Index Report** – Rich Eby presented the 2022-2023 PA Future Ready Index Report.

**Public Participation:**

- Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook – commented on the planetarium in the new building, preschool program, math scores, and common core math.
- Tamara Wanner, Narvon – commented on her disappointment of low test scores, potential books in the elementary library and the library policy, the number of parents needed to remove a book from a building (on the policy), and the focus on sports in the new building and not on test scores.

**Chief of Finance and Operations Recommendations:**

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

A. Approval to participate in a track and field co-op with Lancaster Mennonite School, effective December 5, 2023.

B. Approval of the Employees' Health Care Cooperative (EHCC) by-law amendments.

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

- November 16, 2023, Regular Meeting
- The Financial Reports for October 2023, as appearing on pages 12202-12202I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The October bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
  - General Fund, totaling \$1,866,816.64 and appearing on pages 12172-12189
  - Capital Reserve & Construction Fund, totaling \$3,256,509.18, and appearing on pages 12190-12192
  - Food Service, totaling \$49,618.41 and appearing on page 12193-12200
  - Student Activity Report, totaling \$49,808.65, and appearing on page 12201

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

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Bryant Ferris  
President

John A. Bowden  
Secretary