

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting December 14, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-President Fred Hertzler in the District Office Board Room. Members present were, Michael Fisher, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Freida Huyard arrived at 7:09 p.m. Bryant Ferris and Mike Hartmann were absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, John Bowden, Ashley Bottiglieri, Cathy Koenig, and Jason Myer.

Swearing in of New Board Member – Michael Fisher was sworn in for a four-year term on the Pequea Valley School Board.

Participation by the Public –None.

Liaison Reports

- Facilities & Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- LCCTC Joint Operating Committee – Steve Riehl
- Music Department – Freida Huyard
- Athletics – Ben Ingles
- Technology & Curriculum – Steve Temple
- First Choice Team – Mike Hartmann
- Superintendent’s Report – Erik Orndorff

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the December 5, 2023, Committee and Reorganization Meeting minutes.

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

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations:

Policy Tabled:

On a motion by Mr. Riehl and a second by Mr. Fisher, School Board Policy 109.1 – School Library Policy Implementation from letter D below was tabled. This policy will be included on the January 4, 2024 Committee Meeting agenda for further discussion.

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

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

- A. Budget transfers for Title grants and local projects.
- B. CSIU as our eRate consultant agency for the 2024-2025 funding year, in the amount of \$6,600.
- C. Capital Reserve Budget for 2024.
- D. Adoption of the following updated School Board Policies:
 - 105 Curriculum Revision
 - 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
 - 108 Adoption of Textbooks Revision
 - 109 Resource Materials Revision
 - 119 Currents Events Revision

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

Superintendent’s Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Item A. (rc)

- A. Personnel.

Retirement:

Julie Swanson, Elementary Music Learning Facilitator, 34 years at PV, effective the last day of the 2023-2024 school year, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Appointment:

Joshua Whitelaw, School Counselor, Salisbury Elementary School, effective January 3, 2024.
Salary: \$64,657, prorated (B+24, Step 1)

Elementary Building Academic/Recess/Cafeteria Assistants: \$13/hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week, effective as shown below through the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

- Kendyl Keen, effective December 5, 2023
- Carly Anderson, effective January 16, 2024

Childrearing Leave:

Valerie Loch, after exhaustion of approved FMLA; return will be the first day of the 2024-2025 school year.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Keith Andrew, Track & Field Coach, \$3,550, effective December 5, 2023.

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

Old Business

New Business

A. Agenda Topics for the January 4, 2024, Committee meeting:

- Construction Project
- Final Reading of Policy 109.1
- New Building Name

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Fred Hertzler
Vice-President

John A. Bowden
Secretary