

**PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**February 6, 2024**

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, and Steve Temple. Casey Rohrer was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, John Trovato, Gavin Scalyer, Fred Kendall, Ellen Geisel, Dan Sauder, and Marcella Peyre Ferry.

**An Executive Session** was held at 6:30 p.m. before the Committee meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

**Building Project Update** – Fred Kendall presented an update on the progress of the building project. He stated that the project is on schedule and progressing nicely. John Bowden gave a brief update on Phase 2 of the project and planning for the high school renovation. Amanda Howe and Ben Gardinier gave a presentation on the needs of the athletic department, specifically seeking an additional turf field. The Board would like multiple options for Phase 2.

**Secondary 2024-2025 Course Selection Update** – Rich Eby and John Trovato presented the 2024-2025 Course Selection Guide. This will be included for approval on the February 15, 2024 Board meeting agenda.

**Salisbury Playground** – Gavin Scalyer presented information and photos of the condition of the playgrounds at Salisbury.

**Preliminary General Fund Budget** – John Bowden presented the 2024-2025 Preliminary General Fund Budget. He explained that due to inflation, the cost of goods has increased significantly and therefore has increased the budget. He also asked the Board to consider taking a portion of the Urban Outfitters K02 tax dollars and borrowing additional funds in order to complete Phase 2 of the building project. This would enable the Board to still explain to taxpayers that no additional taxes are needed in order to complete the project.

**2024-2025 School Calendar** – Rich Eby presented two versions (versions 5 & 6) of the 2024-2025 calendar. Version 6 will be presented to the Board for approval at the February 15, 2024 Board meeting.

**Change/Eliminate June 4, 2024 Committee Meeting** – Dr. Orndorff asked the Board about changing the June 4, 2024 Committee Meeting to June 3, 2024. This will be a line item on the February 15, 2024 Board meeting agenda.

**Public Participation:** Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the school course selection guide and to please be mindful of the tax payers when considering some of the high-ticket items for the new school.

**Chief of Finance and Operations Recommendations:**

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

A. Approval of Pequea Valley Secondary School as the name of the new school building.

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

- January 11, 2024, Regular Meeting
- The Financial Reports for December 2023, as appearing on pages 12260-12260I of the Treasurer’s Supplement.
- The December bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement:
  - General Fund, totaling \$2,920,823.03 and appearing on pages 12233-12248
  - Capital Reserve, totaling \$51,684.00, and appearing on pages 12249-12250
  - Construction Fund, totaling \$7,657,907.93, and appearing on page 12251
  - Food Service, totaling \$41,451.17 and appearing on page 12252-12258
  - Student Activity Report, totaling \$45,760.98, and appearing on page 12259

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

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Bryant Ferris  
President

John A. Bowden  
Secretary