

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting

February 15, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:00 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, Dan Sauder, Tamara Wanner, as well as learners being recognized and their parents.

School Board Recognition – Horace Mann Insurance calendar cover design contest winners, Mia Emaikwu (Grade 6 at Paradise Elementary) and Siani Ramirez (Grade 4 at Salisbury Elementary), were recognized.

Participation by the Public – None.

Liaison Reports

- IU13 Report – Michael Fisher
- Athletics – Ben Ingles
- Music – Freida Huyard
- Student Council
- Superintendent’s Report – Erik Orndorff

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the February 6, 2024, Committee Meeting minutes.

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

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations:

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

- Acceptance of a \$7,500 from the PA Farm Bill Agriculture & Youth Grant.
- An amendment to extend the contract with Jani-King through the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year with no increase.
- Change of the June 4, 2024 Committee Meeting to June 3, 2024.
- Approved a contract with Pennsylvania Counseling Services to provide student assistance services (SAP) for four days per week for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$38,480.
- Approved an agreement with Benevolent Healthcare Staffing, LLC to provide supplemental school nursing services at \$82 per hour, as needed.
- Approved an agreement with Celerity for the relocation of our existing fiber line at PVHS to a new location (Fitness Center MDF) in order to mitigate potential outages during the upcoming renovation phase, at a cost of \$34,475.
- Approved an agreement with SapphireK12 to setup the new Pequea Valley Secondary School building in our student information system (SIS) at a cost of \$10,000. These services include, but are not limited to: training sessions, building Report Writer reports/exports, creating the new building, discussing the plan for State Reporting Adjustments, executing scheduling and the rollover (merging courses, deleting courses, adding courses), new report card / report card layout, new transcript, new grade scale and honor rolls, etc.
- Accepted IDEA-B grant funds from IU 13 in the amount of \$415,586.
 - \$255,117 direct pass-through
 - \$160,469 provided on the district’s behalf
- Approved the painting of playground playsets at Salisbury Elementary School at a cost of \$15,500.
- Approved a contract with Hines Lawn Service to provide mowing and landscaping services to the district campuses at \$55 per man hour and \$550 per mow at Paradise Elementary School and \$600 per mow at Salisbury Elementary School, effective February 12, 2024.
- Approved the contribution of \$2,000 to the Pequea Valley Library for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Superintendent’s Recommendations:

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

- The Pequea Valley School District Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.
- The Course Selection Guide for the 2024-2025 school year.

C. Personnel

Leave:

Lisa Heim, 8th Grade ELA Learning Facilitator, PVIS, compensated professional leave, one-half salary for 188 days for the 2024-2025 school year, per Board Policy 338.1.

Resignation:

Annika Hofstetter, Elementary Building Academic/Recess/Cafeteria Assistant, effective January 10, 2024.

Appointments:

Mariah Kauffman, Elementary Building Academic/Recess/Cafeteria Assistant, \$13/hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week, effective January 26, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Brianna Nelson, Learning Support Facilitator, Paradise Elementary School, effective August 13, 2024.

Salary: \$64,897 (B, Step 2)

Changes in Pay/ Status:

Carly Anderson, Elementary Building Academic/Recess/Cafeteria Assistant, effective date changed to January 3, 2024, instead of January 16, 2024 as previously approved on December 14, 2023.

Karen Clark, Food Service Team Leader, PVHS, from \$24.50/hour to \$25.50/hour to keep up with costs of local support staff wages, effective January 28, 2024.

Peyton Henshaw, Elementary Building Academic/Recess/Cafeteria Assistant, from approximately 5-10 hours per week to not to exceed 25 hours per week.

Sandy Yost, Food Service Team Leader, PVIS, from \$25.31/hour to \$26.31/hour to keep up with costs of local support staff wages, effective January 28, 2024.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Lela Fredricks, Boys' Head Tennis Coach, \$2,500, effective February 8, 2024.

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

Old Business - None

New Business

A. Agenda Topics for the March 5, 2024, Committee meeting:

- Building Update
- Preliminary General Budget Update
- PV's Approach to AI

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary