

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
May 7, 2024

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:01 p.m. 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, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Gavin Scalyer, John Trovato, Sheri McGowan, Rick Esche, Fred Kendall, Larry Levato, Seth Wentz, Jim Hocker, Lisa Eckert, Lisa VanArsdale, Julie Swanson, Bonnie Tennis, and Marcella Peyre Ferry.

School Board Recognition – Three retirees for the 2023-2024 school year were recognized for their service to Pequea Valley School District. Lisa VanArsdale, 30 years; Julie Swanson, 34 years; Bonnie Tennis, 35 years.

Building Project Update / Phase 2 – Fred Kendall gave an update on the progress of the secondary school, and shared that the project is 69% complete. Additionally, Seth Wentz and Larry Levato from Crabtree Rohrbach Associates, presented an update on Phase 2 of the campus construction.

Traffic Signal Update – Gavin Scalyer shared that PennDot has approved two traffic signals on Rt. 772. The signals will stay within the local municipality. The township and district will share costs. PVSD will purchase and install the signs and control signage day-to-day, year-to-year. The township will bill the district for maintenance and ownership. This will be included as a vote at the May 16, 2024, Board meeting.

Stadium Update – Gavin Scalyer shared that the original quote for the sound system upgrade did not have everything included. The new quote added wireless mics and additional speakers to reach visitor bleachers. This capital reserve item will be presented at the May 16 Board meeting for approval.

Before and/or After Childcare Options – Rich Eby and Lisa Eckert spoke about the PV Early Learning Programs and CAP. For CAP to fit at The Factory, the district would need to contribute \$750,000 for five rooms. The district would like to bring in Right at School, LLC, for before/after school services. This item will be included on the May 16 Board meeting agenda for approval.

FID Days for 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 – Rich Eby shared that the FID days will be on a three-year cycle for school years 2024-2025 through 2026-2027. The district will build in two snow days to be used before the FID days. This topic will be voted on at the May 16 Board meeting.

Literati Book Fair MOU – Rich Eby suggested replacing Books-a-Million with Literati in the Spring. We will still have input in what books are sold. This will be voted on at the May 16 Board meeting.

Board Policy Updates – John Trovato shared the changes needed to Board policies 122.1 – Extracurricular Code of Conduct; 123 – Interscholastic Athletics; and 123.1 – Athletic Code of Conduct. These policies only need one reading because of minor changes and will be voted on at the May 16 Board meeting.

Board Policy Review – Cathy Koenig presented Board policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying. There are no changes, the policy needs to be reviewed and approved every three years. It will be listed on the May 16 agenda for approval.

Preliminary General Fund Budget Update – John Bowden gave an update on the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget. He stated that the updated Assessment Values included the Urban Outfitter amount coming off the KOZ. The budget will be up for preliminary approval later in the meeting and has a tax increase of 3.32%.

Public Participation: None

Chief of Finance and Operation's Recommendations:

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

A. Approval of the Proposed General Fund Budget for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$46,001,448.

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

- April 11, 2024, Regular Meeting.
- The Financial Reports for March 2024, as appearing on pages 12346-12346I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The March bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,245,515.96, and appearing on pages 12320-12335
 - Capital Reserve, totaling \$10,000.00, and appearing on pages 12336-12337
 - Food Service, totaling \$29,965.48, and appearing on page 12338-12344
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$59,679.41, and appearing on page 12345

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

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary