

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
June 3, 2024

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, and Steve Temple. Ben Ingles and Casey Rohrer were absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Gavin Scalyer, Jared Erb, Matthew Rogers, Matthew Cockrum, Ben VanCouvering, Dana Hanchin, Cheryl Love, Fred Kendall, Christy Fieldsa, Randy, Ellen, and Amy Geisel, Shawn Fryberger, and Heather and George Garner.

School Board Recognition – Shawn Fryberger and George Garner presented on the steps they took to write and publish a book.

Building Project Update – Fred Kendall updated the Board on the progress of the new building. Mr. Kendall and John Bowden addressed a change order for temperature conditioning of the building for the summer months. This change order will be included on the June 13, 2024, agenda for approval.

General Fund Budget Update – John Bowden presented the final General Fund Budget for 2024-2025. The budget has a 2.9% millage increase and will be included for a vote on June 13, 2024.

PA Trout in the Classroom – Learning Facilitators, Matt Rogers and Matt Cockrum presented a plan to bring *PA Trout in the Classroom*, a program for 5th grade learners which is fully funded by Donegal Trout Unlimited.

HDC Housing – Adam Nagle from The Factory Ministries and Rich Eby presented potential affordable housing information to the Board. Dana Hanchin from HDC explained what HDC does and how to bring affordable housing to Paradise. Ben VanCouvering addressed an issue with water and how it would affect the school, The Factory, and new housing.

Pre-Apprenticeship Presentation – Jared Erb presented information on a pre-apprenticeship program for the district. He asked the Board to allow three programs, Manufacturers' Association Technology (MAT), Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC), so that learners can become certified in certain areas and to add it to next year's curriculum guide. This item will be included for a vote on the June 13, 2024, Board meeting agenda.

Elementary Library Purchases – Rich Eby presented the list for elementary library purchases which follow the approved Board Policy. This item will be included for a vote on the June 13, 2024, Board meeting.

Yearly Safety Report – Cathy Koenig presented the Annual Safety Report to the Board.

School-Based Counseling – Cathy Koenig gave an update on CSG School-Based Counseling. CSG is unable to provide counseling services and are looking for a replacement. Restore Counseling is an option to provide the service for the 2024-2025 school year and will be included for a vote on the June 13, 2024, Board meeting agenda.

Salisbury Lighting Project – Gavin Scalyer presented information regarding a PPL program to change the lights at Salisbury Elementary School to a more energy-efficient lighting system.

Traffic Signal Update – Gavin Scalyer gave an update on the installation of the school traffic signal. Easements have been approved by the district and municipality and just need the approval of two property owners.

Public Participation: Christy Fieldsa, Paradise, commented on the water in Paradise.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports/Bills

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mr. Hartmann, the Board approved the following minutes, financial reports, and bills (rc)

- May 16, 2024, Regular Meeting.
- The Financial Reports for April 2024, as appearing on pages 12373-12373I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The April bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement:
 - General Fund, totaling \$2,218,867.25, and appearing on pages 12347-12362
 - Construction Fund, totaling \$10,515,387.79, and appearing on pages 12363-12364
 - Food Service, totaling \$35,839.40, and appearing on page 12365-12371
 - Student Activity Report, totaling \$53,324.96, and appearing on page 12372

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

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No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary