

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting
February 4, 2025

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 Casey Rohrer. Steve Temple was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Gavin Scalyer, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Fred Kendall, Seth Wentz, Ellen Geisel, Jeff and Kristy Barrett and Leo Klinovski.

Construction Update – John Bowden and Fred Kendall gave an update on the Pequea Valley Secondary School. Mr. Kendall shared that the project is 97% complete. Mr. Bowden stated there is approximately \$520,000 of Ag/STEM/Core equipment that needs to be purchased and will be presented for approval at the February 13, 2025, Board meeting. Seth Wentz presented two options for Phase II of the building project. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Wentz to proceed with option 1 which includes the indoor turf.

Secondary 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide – Dr. Eby presented the 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide. He stated that this will be included on the February 13, 2025, Board meeting agenda for approval.

2025-2026 School Calendar – Dr. Eby presented the 2025-2026 School Calendar. He stated that this is the eighth version of the calendar, and it has been discussed with the various stakeholders. Dr. Eby explained the calendar and the reasoning behind why this version works best for learning. After discussion, the Board would like to proceed with the eighth version as presented.

2025-2028 Comprehensive Plan – Dr. Eby presented the 2025-2028 Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the plan must be displayed for 30 days for public inspection and will be included on the March 13, 2025, Board meeting agendas.

Stadium LED Retrofit – Gavin Scalyer presented the Retrofit of the Stadium lighting. There were three proposals within \$15,482 of each other. It was recommended that the Board approve Musco at \$236,875, which is not the lowest, but is the most comprehensive and provides a better warranty.

Preliminary General Fund Budget – Mr. Bowden presented the preliminary General Fund Budget. At this point and time, the budget shows a \$440,946 deficit which would require a 1.46% millage increase. Mr. Bowden stated that if all continues as is he believes that with some minor cuts, it may be possible to balance the budget without a tax increase. He did note that we still don't know how the new building will perform and how much it will cost to run; therefore, there may be some increased cuts to the existing budget.

Public Participation – Jeff Barrett, Gap – “Dress Code” – Along with his son, Mr. Barrett shared his perspective on the current dress code as it pertained to what is appropriate and not appropriate to display on shirts. He stated he had a productive conversation with Dr. Orndorff, which provided needed clarification on the policy. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the lighting of the lower fields.

Chief of Finance & Operation's Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the following minutes, financial reports, and bills.

- January 16, 2025, regular meeting
- The Financial Reports for December 2024, as appearing on pages 12593-12593I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- General Fund, totaling \$3,275,353.97 and appearing on pages 12565-12579
- Construction Payments, totaling \$1,785,093.35, and appearing on pages 12580-12581
- Capital Reserve, totaling \$0,
- Food Service, totaling \$58,654.15, and appearing on page 12582-12592

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

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary