

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
March 13, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:02 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, and Steve Temple. Casey Rohrer was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, Ashley Bottiglieri, Jennifer Gilman, Marcella Peyreferry, and the Girls' Basketball team who were recognized and their parents.

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

School Board Recognition - The Girls' Basketball team were recognized for their winning season as section champions, first in program history.

Participation by the Public – None

Liaison Reports

- IU 13 Board of Directors – Mike Fisher
- First Choice Team – Mike Hartmann
- Music Department – Freida Huyard
- Curriculum & Instruction – Steve Temple

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Mr. Hartmann, the Board approved the March 4, 2025, Committee Meeting minutes.

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

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations:

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

- A. A contract with Martin CFS to provide moving services for the Pequea Valley Secondary School in the amount of \$63,494.00.
- B. A contract with Branching Minds to provide a software platform to house data to support all learners in district enrollment, Tiers 1, 2, 3 and learners with IEPs, 504 Plans, and enrichment needs, at a cost of \$9,500.00.
- C. A purchase from Apple, Inc. in the amount of \$345,155.80.

This purchase is part of our scheduled replacement cycle through the Tech budget and includes laptops for 5th and 9th grades, three grade levels of iPads, and Apple TVs for Pequea Valley Secondary School that are part of our normal refresh cycle.

- D. The following change orders for the construction project:

General Contractor – Lobar, Inc.

- Monthly General Conditions – October 16, 2024 – March 31, 2025, at a cost of \$261,286.47
- Additional topsoil behind retaining wall at the cost of \$26,891.19

Plumbing Contractor - Jay R Reynolds

- Monthly General Conditions – October 16, 2024 – March 31, 2025, at a cost of \$90,327.20
- Provide custom control panel, sensors, and pressure switches for propane system at a cost of \$42,188.00

HVAC Contractor - Matchline Mechanical

- Monthly General Conditions – October 16, 2024 – March 31, 2025, at a cost of \$131,521.13

Electrical Contractor - Boro

- Monthly General Conditions – January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025, at a cost of \$143,804.40
- Cafeteria speaker and TV revisions at a cost of \$10,360.58
- Auditorium Sound System Changes at a cost of \$63,582.93
- IDF Rack Changes at a cost of \$7,837.14

Total Change Orders \$777,799.04

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

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Superintendent's Recommendations:

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

- A. Approval of the 2025-2028 Pennsylvania Department of Education Comprehensive Plan.
- B. Personnel.

Appointment:

Jonathan Kliewer, Math Facilitator, High School, effective March 17, 2025. Prorated salary: \$66,647 (B+24, Step 1)

Change in Position/Pay:

Dawn Twardowski, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent, \$33.70/hour, 8 hours/day, 40 hours/week, effective March 17, 2025.

Extracurricular Appointments:

Kate Phillips, Girls' Varsity Soccer Head Coach, \$4,750, effective March 3, 2025.

Jason Graybill, Boys' Assistant Tennis Coach, \$1,500, effective March 3, 2025.

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

Old Business - None

New Business

- A. Agenda Topics for April 1, 2025, Committee meeting.
 - Hearing on school closure (prior to regular meeting)
 - Building Update
 - Preliminary General Fund Budget Update
 - Board Policy Updates
 - IU 13 Budget 2024-25

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary