

## PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

### Monthly Meeting

April 10, 2025

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, Rich Eby, Ashley Bottiglieri, Cathy Koenig, Dustin Russum, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Dan Sauder, Tamara Wanner, and Aiden Wanner.

**School Board Recognition** – Aiden Wanner was recognized for advancing to States in swimming.

**Participation by the Public** – Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented on the cost of Phase I of the new building.

#### Liaison Reports

- Athletics – Ben Ingles
- Budget and Finance – Steve Riehl
- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- Facilities and Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- IU 13 Board of Directors – Mike Fisher
- Music Department – Freida Huyard
- Superintendent Report – Erik Orndorff

#### Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the April 1, 2025, 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. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items A-E. (rc)

- A. The purchase of a used 2008 Ford F350 bucket truck from MVE group, at a cost of \$13,500.00.
- B. A three-year contract with Jani King of Philadelphia, Inc. to provide nightly and summer cleaning services for Paradise and Salisbury Elementary Schools, and Pequea Valley Secondary School at a monthly cost of \$51,500.74.
- C. The extension of the agreement with Substitute Teacher Service for a one-year term ending June 30, 2026, to provide substitute teachers and classroom aides.
- D. A contract with Gene Duncan to provide facilities and grounds review and mentoring on an as needed basis, at a cost of \$75.00 an hour.
- E. An agreement with River Rock Academy for five student slots at a total cost of \$175,750.00 over a ten-month period for the 2025-26 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. Hertzler and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items A-B. (rc)

- A. The proposed 2025-2026 IU 13 Budget (Core Program of Services and IMS) totaling \$3,544,766.
- B. Personnel.

#### Appointments:

*Nicolena Castaldi*, Grade 2 Learning Facilitator, Salisbury Elementary, effective August 5, 2025. Salary: \$68,100 (B, Step 5)

*Kelsey Rutt*, Grade 4 Learning Facilitator, Paradise Elementary, effective August 5, 2025. Salary: \$70,400 (B+24, Step 1)

*Jason McDonald*, Social Studies Learning Facilitator, High School, effective August 5, 2025. Salary: \$67,900 (B, Step 3)

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**Change in Position/Pay:**

*Dustin Russum*, Director of Facilities and Grounds, effective April 14, 2025. Salary: \$95,000 (Act 93 Agreement)

**STS Guest Teachers Working at Pequea Valley:**

| <b>Substitute</b>  | <b>Days Worked</b> | <b>Substitute</b>  | <b>Days Worked</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Alkubaisy, Zina    | 1                  | Lab, Joseph A      | 2                  |
| Bailey, Donna L    | 1                  | Lewis, Kathy M     | 6                  |
| Bednarz, Janine S  | 10                 | Linkey, Claudia N  | 95                 |
| Buchanan, Terry L  | 5                  | Loose, Kelly A     | 22                 |
| Cataldo, Rosaria   | 17                 | Lukes, Janet       | 10                 |
| Clough, Susan B    | 8                  | Reiffer, Joshua C  | 2                  |
| Denton Jr., Mark S | 5                  | Renshaw, Jaime P   | 2                  |
| Eberly, Nicholas A | 2                  | Shetterly, Grace   | 10                 |
| English, Isabel    | 1                  | Spencer, Amy       | 10                 |
| Good, Mary M       | 1                  | Stoner, Jacquelin  | 2                  |
| Hackel, Randall J  | 2                  | Styer, Diane K     | 2                  |
| Kliwer, Jonathan   | 55                 | Wesley, Benjamin M | 16                 |

**Extracurricular Resignation:**

*Rob King*, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, effective February 28, 2025

**Extracurricular Appointment:**

*Tara Doratt*, Assistant Softball Coach, \$1,700, effective March 3, 2025.

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 May 6, 2025, Committee meeting

- Building Update
- Preliminary General Fund Budget Update & Approval
- New Building Highlights
- Board Policy Updates – Second Reading
  - 803 School Calendar
  - 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
  - 805.1 Athletic Code of Conduct
  - 904 Bullying/Cyberbullying
  - 909 Municipal Government Relations

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Bryant Ferris  
President

John A. Bowden  
Secretary