

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025

Public Hearing – A public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering public comment on the proposed closings of Pequea Valley Intermediate School and Pequea Valley High School. No public comments were made, and the regular Committee meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:09 p.m. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Also present were John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, John Trovato, Fred Kendall, Ellen Geisel, Tamara Wanner, and Dan Sauder.

Construction Update – Fred Kendall presented the update on the building project which is 99% complete, and he also presented several pictures of the project. John Bowden reviewed the financing of the project and stated that the project is currently under budget and has approximately five million dollars left on what was borrowed.

Purchase of Used Bucket Truck – John Bowden presented a used bucket truck the district would like to purchase. The Board gave approval to place on the Board agenda on April 10, 2025, for approval.

IU 13 Budget 2025-2026 – Mike Fisher presented the IU 13 2025-26 budget. This budget will be included on the April 10, 2025, Board meeting agenda for approval.

School Board Policy First Reading – Cathy Koenig presented five Board policies that are recommended by PSBA to be updated. The second reading of these policies will be reviewed on May 6, 2025.

- 803 School Calendar
- 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- 909 Municipal Government Relations

Preliminary General Fund Budget – John Bowden presented the preliminary 2025-26 General Fund budget. He stated that he anticipates a 0% millage rate with no tax increase for residents.

Public Participation – Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on an open house for the new building; Dan Sauder, New Holland, commented on the new school and the project update.

Chief of Finance & Operation's Recommendations:

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

- March 13, 2025, regular meeting
- The Financial Reports for February 2025, as appearing on pages 12649-12649I of the Treasurer's Supplement.
- General Fund, totaling \$2,162,376.38 and appearing on pages 12623-12639
- Capital Reserve totaling \$0 and appearing on page 12640
- Construction Payments, totaling \$926,351.90, and appearing on page 12641
- Food Service, totaling \$33,515.69, and appearing on pages 12642-12648

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

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary