

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, John Trovato, Dustin Russum, Fred Kendall, Seth Wentz, Stephanie Kenway, Melanie Black, Dawn Twardowski, Tamara Wanner, Ellen Geisel, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Joyce Good, and PVSD retirees, Dawn Crossan, Vicki Hoover, Pam Goshert, Gabrielle Oberg, Eric Wentzel and their families.

School Board Recognition - Pequea Valley School District staff who are retiring in 2025 were recognized.

Construction Update – Fred Kendall presented the Secondary School construction update. Seth Wentz presented the timeline and design for Phase II of the construction project.

School Board Policy Second Reading – Cathy Koenig presented the second reading for the following School Board policies: These policies will be included for approval on the May 15, 2025, Board meeting agenda.

- 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 2025-26 preliminary General Fund budget. The budget has a deficit of \$270,220 and would need a 0.89% millage increase to balance. John explained that the preliminary budget must be passed no sooner than 30 days prior to final approval. He anticipates being able to have a 0% millage increase at that time.

Reauthorization of the Joint Authority – John Bowden presented the need to reauthorize the IU13 Joint Authority. The Joint Authority was created in 1980 for a fifty-year term, and allows IU13 to own, lease, and renovate properties. IU13 currently manages 16 properties including five owned buildings and eleven leased. Mr. Bowden recommended the Board approve reauthorization of the Joint Authority for a fifty-year term.

Special Meeting closing of PVHS and PVIS – A special meeting to close PVHS and PVIS, will be held Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00pm in the district office.

Heat Pump Replacement for Paradise Elementary – Dustin Russum presented to the Board a replacement of Paradise Elementary heat pumps. This purchase will be included for approval on the May 15, 2025, Board meeting agenda.

Transition to the PV Secondary School – John Trovato presented the transition plan for the Secondary School. Mr. Trovato spoke on FAQs for the merge of PVIS and PVHS, as well as issues with cell phones and vaping.

Public Participation – Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented on vaping and PV Secondary School change orders.

Chief of Finance & Operation's Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the following consent agenda items A-C (rc):

- A. The proposed General Fund Budget for 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$47,049,465.
- B. The resolution to extend the life of the Lancaster-Lebanon Joint Authority for the period ending May 1, 2075.

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C. The following minutes, financial reports, and bills.

- April 10, 2025, regular meeting
- The Financial Reports for March 2025, as appearing on pages 12677-12677I of the Treasurer's Supplement
- General Fund, totaling \$3,747,839.21 and appearing on pages 12650-12667
- Capital Reserve totaling \$0 and appearing on page 12668
- Construction Payments, totaling \$926,351.90, and appearing on page 12669
- Food Service, totaling \$36,019.13, and appearing on pages 12670-12676

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 8:43 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary