

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
May 15, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Fred Hertzler in the District Office Board Room. Members present were Michael Fisher, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Absent: Bryant Ferris, and Mike Hartmann. Also present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Dustin Russum, Derek Sweigart, Paula Diem, Lewis Ingles, Denise Byler, Dan Sauder, Tamara Wanner, and Reuben Stoltzfus.

School Board Recognition – High school choral learners were recognized for participating in the American Choral Directors Association Honors (ACDA), Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Chorus (PMEA), PMEA Regional V Chorus, and the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association County Chorus Festival (LLMEA). High school band learners were recognized for participating in the LLMEA All-County Honor Band Festival. Middle school band learners were recognized for participating in the LLMEA Middle All-County Honor Band Festival. PVHS Rock Band “Into the Mayhem” were also recognized.

Participation by the Public – Paula Diem, Gap, presented a Pennsylvania State Flag to the School District from Wreath’s Across America; the flag was flown over the Pennsylvania Capitol on November 11, 2024. Lewis Ingles, Gap, spoke on the uniqueness of Pequea Valley School District, how special the Administrators and Board are and how vested they are for the learners and taxpayers. Fred Hertzler, Gordonville, thanked the Administrators for all their hard work, as well as the facilitators and staff.

Liaison Reports

- Athletics – Ben Ingles
- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- Facilities and Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann
- Music Department – Freida Huyard
- Superintendent Report – Erik Orndorff

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Riehl and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the May 6, 2025, Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried: Voting yes: Fisher, Hertzler, Huyard, Ingles, Riehl, Rohrer, Temple; No: 0; Absent: Ferris, Hartmann.

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations:

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items A-K. (rc)

A. For the following list of depositories:

- Fulton Bank, Penn Square, Lancaster, PA 17601
- FNB, 4140 East State Street, Hermitage, PA 16148
- Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund, 500 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

B. A contract with IU 13 to provide navigation services for Pequea Valley learners and families, and professional development for Pequea Valley School District’s facilitators and administrators, not to exceed \$3,300.

C. An agreement with IU 13 approving membership in the Special Education Legal Consortium at a cost of \$1,141 for the term July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

D. An agreement with IU 13 approving membership in the Technology Legal Consortium at a total cost of \$18,480 (to be divided equally by participating districts) for the 2025-2026 school year.

E. A contract with IU 13 to provide Building Behavioral Health Climate Assessments for two of Pequea Valley School District buildings, at a cost of \$2,500 per building.

F. A one-year renewal of JAMF Pro licenses for all Apple devices at a cost of \$36,460.

G. A purchase from CDW-G at a cost of \$61,291.68.

H. A contract to renew a copier lease with Marco at a rate of \$5,495 per month for five years, includes all buildings.

I. A purchase with Trane for replacement heat pumps for Paradise Elementary at a cost of \$449,588.

J. A contract with Literati Book Fair to provide elementary book fairs for the fall and spring of 2025-26 school year.

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K. The following Instructional Software and Diagnostic Assessment programs for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Amplify mClass Intervention - \$7,700.00
- Amplify mClass DIBELS 8 with Dyslexia Screening - \$10,653.50
- Amplify Boost Reading - \$12,780.00
- Amplify Boost Math - \$19,702.00
- Branching Minds - \$9,500.00
- Edmentum (Study Island) PVS - \$2,591.25
- Explore Learning (Gizmos, Reflex, Frax) - \$11,934.02
- Get More Math - \$10,139.00
- Mystery Science - \$3,598.00
- IXL Learning - \$28,262.50
- Learning A-Z Science - \$250.00
- McGraw-Hill Achieve 3000 - \$28,073.00
- McGraw-Hill Actively Learn - \$1,730.00
- NWEA (MAP) - \$11,367.50
- Newsela - \$17,227.39
- Renaissance (STAR & Freckle) - \$13,090.90
- Vantage Learning (My Access) - \$3,321.25
- Vocabulary.com - \$3,500.00
- Xello - \$4,694.90

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

Superintendent's Recommendations:

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

A. A resolution appointing John Bowden, Chief of Finance and Operations, as tax collector for the 2025-2026 school year.

B. Approval of the following Board Policies:

- 803 School Calendar
- 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 805.1 Athletic Code of Conduct
- 904 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- 909 Municipal Government Relations

C. Personnel.

Resignations:

Joy Lewis, Nurse, Paradise and Salisbury Elementary Schools, effective August 13, 2025.

Josiah Moon, Technology Education Facilitator, PVHS, effective August 8, 2025.

Mitchell Swords, Elementary STEM Facilitator, Paradise and Salisbury Elementary, effective August 1, 2025.

Appointments:

Rianna Green, 7-12 Agriculture/Core Facilitator, PV Secondary School, effective August 5, 2025.

Salary: \$67,700 (B, Step 1) plus up to 10 additional days at per diem rate.

Michael Stitzer, 7-12 Technology Education Facilitator, PV Secondary School, effective August 5, 2025.

Salary: \$95,800 (M, Step 19)

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Jennifer Maffei, K-6 Autistic Support Facilitator, Paradise Elementary, effective August 5, 2025.
Salary: \$79,100 (M, Step 8)

TRIBE Appointments:

The following TRIBE appointments for the 2024-2025 school year at \$1,500 each:

- Douglas Masser
- Kathryn Stoltzfus
- Eric Wentzel
- Bliss Strauss

Technology Assistant Appointments: Effective June 4, 2025, through June 3, 2026.

Co-Team Leaders (average 30 hours/week):

- Grant Summers.....\$13.50/hour
- Kayleigh Schaefer.....\$13.50/hour

Summer Employees: (no more than 30 hours/week)

- Jaime Davis \$13.00/hour
- Tristan Droz..... \$11.00/hour
- Caleb Haines \$11.00/hour
- Cassidy Hanna..... \$13.00/hour (will also be a Pequea Valley intern for 2025-26 school year)
- Caedmon Marshall \$11.00/hour
- Brent Sassaman \$11.00/hour
- Charles Whiteman..... \$11.00/hour

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

Old Business - None

New Business

A. Election of Board Treasurer

On a motion by Mr. Ingles and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, Steve Riehl was elected Treasurer of the Pequea Valley School Board for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026.

B. Agenda topics for June 3, 2025, Committee meeting

- Building Project Update
- 2025-2026 General Fund Budget
- 2025-2026 Food Service Budget
- Act 44 Safety Report

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Fred Hertzler
Vice President

John A. Bowden
Secretary