

**PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 3, 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, Steve Riehl, and Steve Temple. Ben Ingles and Casey Rohrer were absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Dustin Russum, Fred Kendall, Seth Wentz, Larry Levato, Dan Sauder, Tamara Wanner, Ellen Geisel, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Kaitlyn Healy, Kevin and Lori Winey, the learners being recognized and their parents.

**School Board Recognition** – The Boys’ Tennis Team and Jonah Zink, Track, were recognized for their accomplishments.

**Construction Update** – John Bowden and Fred Kendall gave an update on the construction of the new Secondary School. They anticipate substantial completion by the end of June. Seth Wentz reviewed the Phase II construction project and presented drawings, a schedule, as well as exterior massing.

**Preliminary General Fund Budget** – John Bowden presented the proposed final General Fund budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The budget, as presented, has a zero millage increase with expenditures increasing by 1.9%.

**Elementary/Secondary Library Purchases** – Rich Eby presented the proposed library book purchases for both Elementary and Secondary Schools.

**Paradise Elementary Building Automation Control Upgrade** – Dustin Russum presented the building automation control update to Paradise Elementary School. This is the last school to be updated so all schools will be on the same system.

**School Board Policy First Reading** – Cathy Koenig presented the first reading for the following School Board policy:

- 237 Electronic Devices

**Act 44 Safety Report** – Cathy Koenig reviewed the Act 44 Safety Report.

**Public Participation** – Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on cellphone usage and cyber bullying.

**Chief of Finance & Operation’s Recommendations:**

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Hertzler, the Board approved the following consent agenda items A-B (rc):

- A. Approval of Paradise Elementary Building Automation Control Upgrade at a cost of \$265,000.
- B. The following minutes, financial reports, and bills.
  - May 15, 2025, regular meeting
  - The Financial Reports for April 2025, as appearing on pages 12706-12706I of the Treasurer’s Supplement
  - General Fund, totaling \$1,990,954.73 and appearing on pages 12678-12694
  - Construction Payments, totaling \$2,127,258.40, and appearing on page 12695-12696
  - Capital Reserve totaling \$45,481.06 and appearing on page 12697
  - Food Service, totaling \$43,866.62, and appearing on pages 12698-12705

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Fisher, Hartmann, Hertzler, Huyard, Riehl, Temple. No: 0; Absent: 2

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bryant Ferris  
President

John A. Bowden  
Secretary