

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
June 12, 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, Fred Hertzler, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Absent: Freida Huyard. Also present were Rich Eby, John Bowden, Cathy Koenig, Dustin Russum, Dan Sauder, Marcella Peyre-Ferry.

Liaison Reports

- Athletics – Ben Ingles
- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- Grounds and Maintenance – Fred Hertzler
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the June 3, 2025, Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Hartmann, Hertzler, Ingles, Riehl, Temple; No: 0; Absent: Huyard.

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Riehl and a second by Mr. Fisher, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items A-T. (rc)

- A. The 2025-2026 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$47,230,192.
- B. The Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.
- C. The 2025 Annual Tax Levy Resolution for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.
- D. Transfer General Fund balances in excess of 8% to Capital Reserve.
GASB 54 requires that funds to be committed need Board approval by June 30. The actual amount committed can be established at a later date.
- E. For the Chief of Finance and Operations to make budgetary transfers as necessary for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- F. To offer voluntary student accident insurance plan (24-hour coverage) as presented by A-G Administrators, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year.
- G. A contract with Mazzitti & Sullivan to provide employee assistance services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at a cost of \$16.00 per employee per contract year.
- H. A Resolution opting out of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.
The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) requires that the financial requirements (deductibles, co-pays, etc.) and treatment limitations (number of visits or days of coverage) for mental health benefits and substance use disorders benefits covered in our plan document are not less than the medical/surgical financial requirements and treatment limitations. The law does allow for non-federal government plans to opt-out and/or be able to opt-out on the basis of the increased cost to the plan. The resolution states that the district will opt-out of this requirement.
- I. A resolution to enter into an agreement with Conestoga Valley School District to share transportation director services for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.
- J. The food service budget for the 2025-2026 school year, with expected revenues of \$1,015,363 and expenditures of \$890,155.
Adult Lunches – \$5.00; Milk - \$0.70
- K. A site license for the EdInsight Data Management System through OnHand Schools, Inc., at a cost of \$18,956.81 for the 2025-2026 school year.

- L. Approval of library purchases for PV Secondary, Paradise and Salisbury Elementary Schools.
- M. Approval of a contract with Pennsylvania Counseling Services to provide student assistance services (SAP) for three days per week for the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost of \$32,420.
- N. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Pequea Valley School District and Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County to provide Head Start/Thrive-to-Five services for children and families served, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at no cost to the district.
- O. A contract with Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 for the following services for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Special Education..... \$1,403,576.19
 - Occupational and Physical Therapy..... \$25,440.00
 - Job Training Services..... \$15,120.00
 - Paraprofessional/PCA Services..... \$291,600.00
- P. Special Education contracts with Eastern Lancaster County School District for the 2025–2026 school year:
 - Full-time autistic support and transitional services for 7 learners at a cost of \$50,365 per learner.
 - Full-time life skills and transition services for 9 learners at a cost of \$26,415 per learner.
 - Full-time multiple disabilities support services for 1 learner at a cost of \$53,705.
 - Learning support services for 1 learner at a cost of \$30,825.

Supplemental services will be billed as follows: speech and language therapy services at \$100/hour, occupational therapy services at \$100/hour, physical therapy services at \$100.00/hour, job training services at actual cost. Hourly wage for classroom assistant/personal care assistants, if needed, and hourly wage for personal care assistants at the number of hours a week, times the number of weeks in the school year plus 20 hours of training per year.
- Q. A contract with New Story Schools for two Pequea Valley learners to receive special education support during the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost of \$465/day, based on enrollment.
- R. An agreement with Union Community Care to provide mandated PA dental screenings at a rate of \$65/hour for the 2025-2026 school year.
- S. A commitment with Lancaster County Academy approving membership in the academy’s consortium for five seats as follows:
 - \$27,535 - 2025-2026 school year
 - \$28,635 - 2026-2027 school year
 - \$29,495 - 2027-2028 school year
- T. An agreement with Millersville University for social work students to participate in practicum experiences at Pequea Valley for five years beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Ingles, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items A-C. (rc)

- A. The expulsion of Student A for one school year, June 2025 through June 2026 for drug related incidents that took place at school during the 2024-2025 school year.
- B. Staff salary schedule for 2025-2026.
- C. Personnel.

Retirement:

Sandy Whiteside, Learning Support Learning Facilitator, 17.5 years at Pequea Valley, effective January 12, 2026.

Resignation:

Katie Fritz, School Psychologist, effective August 1, 2025.

Change in Status:

William Darras, from Dean of Students, PVIS, to Assistant Principal, Pequea Valley Secondary School, effective July 1, 2025.
Salary: \$95,600

Appointments:

Kaitlyn Cloutier, Elementary STEM Facilitator, effective August 5, 2025. Salary: \$67,700 (B, Step 1)
Anthony Messner, Maintenance Technician, \$40.00/hour, 8 hours/day, 40/hours/week, effective June 24, 2025.

Additional Pay/Hours:

Allen Apgar, not to exceed 35 hours at his per diem hourly rate to provide technology support for the 2025-2026 school year.
Daniel Holler, not to exceed 35 hours at his per diem hourly rate to provide technology support for the 2025-2026 school year.

Change in Effective Date:

Technology Assistants from June 4, 2025 to June 3, 2025.

- *Caleb Haines*
- *Cassidy Hanna*
- *Caedmon Marshall*
- *Charles Whiteman*

Tenure:

Kate Phillips, Learning Support Learning Facilitator, PVIS
Aaron Smith, Art Learning Facilitator, Paradise and Salisbury Elementary Schools

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Reminder of the July 8, 2025, Special Meeting to close PVHS and PVIS, 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Agenda topics for August 5, 2025, Committee meeting
- Construction Update Phase 1 and Phase 2
 - Concession Stand; Football and Soccer
 - Review of New Building and Cost

ADJOURNMENT

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary