

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
September 2, 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, and Casey Rohrer. Steve Temple was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, John Trovato, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Dustin Russum, Lisa Eckert, Cheri Oswald, Joyce Good, Fred Kendall, Tamara Wanner, Ellen Geisel, and Reuben Stoltzfus.

Building Project Update –Fred Kendall gave an update on punch list items for the new building. Mr. Kendall addressed warrantee issues and landscaping. Mr. Bowden updated the Board on Phase II and requested volunteers to assist with the design of the new boardroom. Mr. Hertzler will serve as the Board’s representative in the design process. Mr. Bowden stated that they will provide options of boardroom layouts for Board approval.

School Board Policy Second Reading – Cathy Koenig presented the second reading for the following policy, which will be reviewed again at the October 7, 2025 Committee meeting.

- 226 Searches

Early Learning Transition – Rich Eby presented an update on the transition of the Early Learning Center from PVIS to The Factory. Lisa Eckert and Cheri Oswald from The Factory also presented additional information on the program.

Selling of the Tiny House – John Bowden presented to the Board the procedure for selling the tiny house that was built by the learners in the CORE program. Mr. Bowden stated that he is working with the solicitor to draft a full release for the sale which will provide no warranties and/or assurances, and it will be sold “as is”. Mr. Bowden suggested a price of \$25,000 or best offer. There are still some items remain to be completed, and the sale is anticipated to occur after the winter.

Public Participation –Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented how she was impressed with The Factory and the Early Learning Center. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, inquired about the nature of the CLEAR on-line safety software.

Chief of Finance & Operation’s Recommendations:

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

- A. To approve the purchase of Thomson Reuters CLEAR online safety software tool, at a cost of \$10,789.20 per year.
- B. Personnel

Extracurricular Appointment:

Michael Beals, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, \$2,200, effective August 18, 2025.

- C. The following minutes, financial reports, and bills as follows:
 - August 14, 2025, regular meeting
 - The Financial Reports for July 2025, as appearing on pages 12795-12795I of the Treasurer’s Supplement
 - The June bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement
 - General Fund, totaling \$1,663,681.30 and appearing on pages 12775-12789
 - Capital Reserve totaling \$89,918.00 and appearing on page 12790-12791
 - Construction Payments, totaling \$191,558.54, and appearing on page 12792
 - Food Service, totaling \$1,070.19, and appearing on pages 12793-12794

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Fisher, Hartmann, Hertzler, Huyard, Ingles, Riehl, Rohrer. No: 0; Absent: 1

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary