

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2025

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:01 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, Bill Darras, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Dustin Russum, Dave Smucker, Tamara Wanner, Ellen Geisel, Dan Sauder, Reuben Stoltzfus, Nora Hartmann, Elysia Mikkelsen, and Marcella Peyre-Ferry.

Learner Led Virtual Tour – Nora Hartmann, Student Council representative, provided a virtual tour of the Pequea Valley Secondary School. She presented several photographs showcasing the school facilities in use by learners.

School Board Policy – The third reading of School Board Policy #226, Searches, was tabled pending review by the solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Fisher, second by Mrs. Huyard, the Board voted to table Policy #226, Searches, indefinitely until the solicitor completes the review.

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

Building Project Update – John Bowden and Elysia Mikkelsen presented an update on Phase II of the construction project.

General Fund Budget Update – John Bowden presented the initial 2026-27 General Fund Budget.

Capital Reserve Budget Update – John Bowden and Dustin Russum presented the 2026-27 Capital Reserve Budget.

Clean and Green Tax Forgiveness – John Bowden presented a request for a rollback tax forgiveness under the clean and green program. The Board requested that the item be placed on the agenda for a vote at the October 16, 2025 Board Meeting.

Public Participation – Tamara Wanner, Narvon, inquired about a timeframe for the CLEAR on-line safety detection system. Dave Smucker, Gap, commented on the Clean and Green Tax Forgiveness. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on horses on the fields.

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 item A (rc):

A. The following minutes, financial reports, and bills as follows:

- September 11, 2025, regular meeting
- The Financial Reports for August 2025, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The August bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
- General Fund, totaling \$3,197,499.14.
- Capital Reserve totaling \$496,639.00.
- Construction Payments, totaling \$4,485,339.99.
- Food Service, totaling \$6,957.75.

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

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary