

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting

November 13, 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, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Ben Ingles, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Steve Temple. Absent: Freida Huyard. Also, present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, John Bowden, Dan Sauder, Tamara Wanner, Claire Beiler, Keith Andrew, Bliss Strauss, and various learners that were recognized as well as their parents.

School Board Recognition – The Cross Country and Golf Teams and their coaches were recognized for their winning season.

Participation by the Public – None

Liaison Reports

- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- Facilities and Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann
- IU 13 Board of Directors – Mike Fisher
- Music – Freida Huyard
- Superintendent – Erik Orndorff

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mr. Fisher, the Board approved the November 6, 2025, Committee Meeting minutes, and the below Consent Agenda Items for the Chief of Finance and Operations and Superintendent recommendations.

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations:

- A. A resolution to certify that the District will remain within the Act 1 inflation index for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
- B. A transfer of 1.5 million dollars from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund.
- C. To partner with Octorara School District for a Girls' Wrestling Co-op program.

Superintendent Recommendations:

- A. The expulsion of Student A effective November 13, 2025, through June 2026 for insubordination; many disruptions to the learning environment, safety violations – physical contact with students and teachers, elopement.
- B. Personnel.

Change of Retirement Date:

Sandra Whiteside, Learning Support Learning Facilitator, PV Secondary School, from January 12, 2026 to January 16, 2026, in order to complete the first semester.

Childrearing Leave:

Emily Austin, after exhaustion of approved FMLA, approximately March 27, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year; return for the 2026-27 school year.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Katie Adams, Middle School Musical Choreographer, \$1000, effective for the 2025-26 school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Beginning January 2026, the School Board Meeting schedule will be as follows:

- Committee Meetings shall convene on the last Tuesday of each month.
- Regular Board Meetings shall convene on the first Thursday of each month.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Reorganization Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Ingles and a second by Mr. Riehl, December 2, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. is set for the Annual Board Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Riehl and Mr. Fisher will serve as the chairperson and member of the Nominating Committee.

B. Agenda Topics for December 2, 2025

- Building Update, Phase II
- Food Service Presentation
- Proposal for a Secondary "Aviation" Course
- Proposal for a Secondary "Intro to Auto Mechanic" Course

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

ADJOURNMENT

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary