

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting

December 11, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Bryant Ferris in the District Office Board Room. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Fred Hertzler. Steve Riehl left at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Dustin Russum, John Trovato, Bob Hollinger, Dawn Twardowski, Larry LeVato, Elysia Mikkelsen, Jordan Hykes, Tom Lausch, Ellen Geisel, Duane Groff, Tammy Groff, Daniel Sauder, Marlin Huyard, and LNP Reporter.

Building Project Phase II – Elysia Mikkelsen and Larry LeVato provided an update on Phase II of the project and introduced representatives from B & B Communication, who presented the audio/visual plan for the Board room and meeting rooms. They also reviewed the proposed timeline, which includes releasing the project for bid at the end of January 2026.

Food Service Presentation – Bob Hollinger, Director of Food Service, provided an update on the food service program and the new Secondary School cafeteria. He outlined the current offerings at both the Secondary and Elementary Schools and shared sample items now available to PV learners.

PA Future Ready Index – Rich Eby presented the PA Future Ready Index and how PV performed. Dr. Eby also presented the First Choice Road Map, PA Core Mandate, and First Choice Program.

School Board Policy Final Reading – Cathy Koenig presented the final reading of Board Policy #226 regarding Searches. This policy will be included for approval on the January 8, 2026, Board meeting agenda.

Capital Reserve Budget - John Bowden and Dustin Russum present the final Capital Reserve budget for calendar year 2026. Mr. Bowden stated that two items of the Capital Reserve budget is being asked for approval later in the agenda in order to beat price increases. Mr. Bowden stated that approval of the budget does not indicate approval of each item in the budget. Each item must be voted upon for approval at future meetings.

Scanning of District Office Documents – John Bowden presented a proposal with File-X to scan and digitize all Special Ed, Guidance, and District Office documents in order to not have the need to move them to the new facility. The cost is approximately \$7,000 for Guidance records, \$7,500 for Special Ed records, and \$41,000 for all District Office records which includes payroll, human resources, construction documents etc. Mr. Bowden stated this will be included on the January 8, 2026 Board agenda for approval.

Participation by the Public – Tamara Wanner, Narvon, commented on increasing test scores.

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

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Mr. Temple, approval was given for the 2026 Capital Reserve Budget.

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Fisher, Hartmann, Huyard, Rohrer, Temple, Wanner; No: 0.

On a motion by Mrs. Huyard and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the below Consent Agenda Items for the Chief of Finance and Operations and Superintendent recommendations.

- A. An agreement with River Rock Academy for one student slot for student services at Lancaster Campus Private Licensed Academic Elementary Program at a per diem rate of \$248.00 a day, and to purchase transportation services at a per diem rate of \$81.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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- B. A purchase of a Ventrac Mower with aerator, and ball field groomer, from Power Pro equipment at a cost of \$61,190.80 to be paid out of Capital Reserve.
- C. A purchase of a 2025 Ram 2500 maintenance truck (gas), from Lancaster Country Motors at a cost of \$54,457.70 to be paid out of Capital Reserve.
- D. The following minutes, financial reports, and bill as follows:
 - November 13, 2025, Regular Meeting
 - The Financial Reports for October 2025, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - The October bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,105,357.57.
 - Capital Reserve totaling \$65,000.00.
 - Construction Payments, totaling \$624,138.56.
 - Food Service, totaling \$65,646.57.
- E. The expulsion of Student A effective November 21, 2025, through June 2026 for premeditated and implemented physical assault of another student.
- F. Approval of Board Policy
 - #226 Searches
- G. Personnel.

Retirements:

Todd Andrews, Special Education Learning Facilitator, PV Secondary School, 25 years at PV, effective the last contracted day of the 2025-26 school year, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Robert Corrao, Music Learning Facilitator, PV Secondary School, 18 years at PV, effective the last contracted day of the 2025-26 school year, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Taylor Croft, Social Studies Learning Facilitator, PV Secondary School, 23 years at PV, effective the last contracted day of the 2025-26 school year, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Alicia Trescavage, Music Learning Facilitator, Paradise and Salisbury Elementary Schools, 20 years at PV, effective the last contracted day of the 2025-26 school year, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Extracurricular Resignation:

Nathaniel Gehman, Junior High Wrestling Assistant, effective November 21, 2025.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Jovanni Candelario, Junior High Wrestling Assistant, \$1,500.00, effective November 21, 2025.

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Fisher, Hartmann, Huyard, Rohrer, Temple; No: Wanner.

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Old Business

New Business

A. Agenda topics for January 27, 2026, Committee meeting

- Construction Update, Phase II
- Proposal for a Secondary “Aviation” Course
- Proposal for a Secondary “Intro to Auto Mechanic’s” Course
- 2026-2027 Calendar
- 2025-2026 Lancaster County CTC Budget

Adjournment

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary