

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting

January 8, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Bryant Ferris in the District Office Board Room. Members present were Michael Fisher, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Casey Rohrer, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Mike Hartmann and Steve Riehl. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Dustin Russum, Larry LeVato, Elysia Mikkelsen, Ellen Geisel, Marcella Peyre Ferry, Karli Stoltzfus, Adeline Pacella, Susan Pacella, and William McGinley.

President Ferris announced an Executive Session was held on January 8, 2026 prior to the Board meeting.

Building Project Phase II – Mr. Bowden introduced Elysia Mikklesen, who presented an update on Phase II of the construction project. The Board requested the addition of an alternate to provide lighting for both the baseball and softball fields and to relocate the baseball field scoreboard to the third-base line. The total projected cost of the project is estimated at \$32 million. With \$37 million available for the project, the use of the full amount would still leave an estimated \$2.1 million remaining in fund balance.

Participation by the Public – Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the Search Policy.

Liaison Reports

- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- Student Council – Karli Stoltzfus and Adeline Pacella

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the December 11, 2025 Committee/Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and the December 11, 2025 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

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

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

- A. An agreement with File-X to digitalize all Special Education, Guidance, and District Office documents, at a cost of \$7,500.00 for Special Education, \$6,840.00 for Guidance, and \$40,805.00 for the District Office.
- B. A contract with Herren Talks to host a presentation by Chris Herren, former NBA player, at PV Secondary School focused on addiction and sobriety, at a total cost of \$14,000.00. Of this amount, \$12,000.00 will be funded through the PCCD grant, with the remaining \$2,000.00 funded by the District.
- C. The 2026-2027 Lancaster County CTC Budget.
- D. Financial Reports and Presentation of Bills for November 2025.
- E. A Memorandum of Understanding with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology to provide high school seniors the opportunity to enroll in off-campus courses, effective October 5, 2025.

On a motion by Mrs. Huyard, and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board agreed to table the Consent Agenda item F listed below and to place it on the Tuesday, January 27, 2026 Committee Meeting Agenda for consideration and approval.

- F. The expulsion of Student A effective January 9, 2026 through January 2027 for possession of a nicotine and marijuana vape.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hertzler and a second by Mr. Fisher, the Board approved the below Consent Agenda Item G.

- G. Board Policy #226, Searches.

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

January 8, 2026, meeting minutes continued...

Old Business

New Business

- A. Agenda topics for January 27, 2026, Committee meeting
- General Fund Update
 - Construction Update, Phase II
 - Proposal for a Secondary “Aviation” Course
 - 2026-2027 Course Selection Guide
 - 2026-2027 Calendar

Adjournment

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary