

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting

February 5, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Bryant Ferris in the District Office Board Room. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, John Trovato, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Dustin Russum, Bob Hollinger, Michael Stitzer, Larry LeVato, Elysia Mikkelsen, Dan Sauder, and Ellen Geisel.

President Ferris announced an Executive Session was held on February 5, 2026 prior to the Board meeting.

Building Project Phase II – Mr. Bowden introduced Elysia Mikklesen, from Crabtree Rohrbaugh, to give an updated powerpoint for Phase II of the campus project. The Board asked questions regarding the dug outs and requested additional information.

Secondary Aviation Course – Dr. Eby introduced Michael Stitzer, PV Technology Education Learning Facilitator, who presented on the potential offering of a secondary aviation course.

2026-27 Secondary Curriculum Guide – Dr. Eby and Mr. Trovato presented the 2026-27 Secondary Curriculum Guide.

Safety Update and Discussion (PCCD Grant) – Cathy Koenig presented the discussion on the Safety Grant and upgrading the weapons detection system.

General Fund Budget – Mr. Bowden presented the preliminary 2026-27 General Fund Budget. Mr. Bowden explained that the Act 1 Index is 3.5% and the current budget would require a 4.49% increase. He also stated that he will continue to refine the budget over the next couple months.

Milk Options Breakfast and Lunch – Mr. Hollinger present the new allowable whole milk option at lunch.

Participation by the Public – None.

Liaison Reports

- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann
- Music – Freida Huyard

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Mr. Hertzler, the Board approved the January 8, 2026 Committee/Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

On a motion by Mr. Riehl and a second by Mr. Temple, the contract of Superintendent, Erik B. Orndorff, was renewed for three years, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mr. Fisher, the Board approved the below Consent Agenda Items A-M for the Chief of Finance and Operations and Superintendent Recommendations.

- A. To proceed to bid for Phase II of the construction project involving the partial demolition and renovation to the former High School and the demolition of the Intermediate School.
- B. An agreement with Octorara School District to give Pequea Valley students the opportunity to participate in its Career and Technical Programs where seats are available for the 2026-2027 school year, at a tuition rate equivalent to the tuition rate charged by the Chester County Intermediate Unit.
- C. CSIU as our eRate consultant agency for the 2026-2027 funding year, in the amount of \$7,000.

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- D. The Secondary Course Selection Guide for the 2026-2027 school year.
- E. Secondary Aviation Course
- F. The sale of out-of-warranty technology at the following prices for seniors and secondary staff members (plus tax).
Note – These sale prices are for graduating seniors and secondary staff that are up for refresh this spring/summer.

Secondary Staff Laptops:

- MacBook M1 256GB SSD (2020): \$246
- MacBook Pro 16in (2019): \$186
- MacBook Pro M1 13in 500GB SSD: \$234
- MacBook Pro M1 16in: \$438

Secondary Staff iPads:

- 9th Generation: \$105
- iPad Pro 12.9 5th Generation: \$243

Senior Laptops:

- MacBook M1 128GB SSD (2020): \$220

- G. To enter into an independent contract with the following pit orchestra participants, to be paid out of the High School Musical Student Activities account.
 - James Ackerman, \$560
 - Robert Corrao, \$560
 - Lexy Lassak, \$560
 - Annelise Lorentzen, \$560
 - Ray Lucera, \$400
 - Renee Mendenhall, \$640
 - Byron Mikesell, \$640
 - Matthew Miller, \$400
 - John Spade, \$560
- H. The purchase of three MaxHUB XBoard V7 Series 4K Flat Panel UHD displays, equipped with integrated cameras, microphones, and speakers, for use in PV Secondary Special Education IEP meetings, at a total cost of \$28,940. This purchase includes wall mounts, PC modules with 12th Generation Intel Core processors, and Logitech MK955 Signature Slim wireless keyboard and mouse combinations.
- I. To approve a 21-foot replacement equipment trailer from Burkholder Manufacturing, at a cost of \$12,195.
- J. The expulsion of Student A effective January 9, 2026 through January 2027 for possession of a nicotine and marijuana vape.
- K. To enter into a one-year contract with TalkingPoints, a parent communication tool, in the amount of \$5,005.
- L. The following financial reports, and bills as follows:
 - The Financial Reports for December 2025, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - The December bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,451,022.30.
 - Capital Reserve totaling \$54,457.70.
 - Construction Payments, totaling \$0.
 - Food Service, totaling \$49,682.97.

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M. Personnel.

Old Business

New Business

A. Agenda topics for February 24, 2026, Committee meeting

- 2026-2027 District Calendar

Adjournment

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary