

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026

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 Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann and Steve Temple. Also present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, Cathy Koenig, Dustin Russum, Ashley Bottiglieri, Allen Apgar, Ellen Geisel, Dan Sauder, and Marcella Peyre-Ferry.

President Ferris announced an Executive Session was held on February 24, 2026 prior to the Committee Meeting.

PSSA Test Online Tools – Allen Apgar has been providing professional development to K–8 learning facilitators. As part of this work, facilitators will guide learners through practice sessions to ensure they are familiar with the online testing platform and its available tools. Mr. Apgar also shared sample test questions and related resources to support preparation efforts.

School Board Policy, First Reading – Rich Eby presented the first reading of School Board Policy #827, Conflict of Interest. Updates to this policy were required to align with Title I regulations, no second reading is required. Policy #827 Conflict of Interest will be included for approval on the March 5, 2026, Board meeting agenda.

New School Board Policy, First Reading – Ashley Bottiglieri presented a draft proposal of a new policy developed in collaboration with PSBA and the District’s education technology counsel, Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams. The policy focuses on guidelines for use and learner privacy. A second reading is scheduled for the March 31, 2026 Committee Meeting.

2026-27 District Calendar – Rich Eby presented the 2026-27 district calendar for approval.

Safe2Say Something Procedures – Cathy Koenig presented School Board Policy #805, which outlines the Safe2Say Something procedures for approval.

Plan 339 Counseling Plan – Cathy Koenig presented an overview of the 339 Plan, emphasizing the new Academic and Career Standards. She provided supplementary resources linked within the presentation for reference. The plan is scheduled for submission to the State for approval.

Phase II HVAC Upgrades at Paradise Elementary - Dustin Russum reported that Phase I of the project was funded by Pequea Valley School District. He noted that Pennsylvania is offering an Act 34 grant covering 75% of the project cost, with the district responsible for the remaining 25%. The project includes the replacement of the final 22 units and associated controls, scheduled for the summer of 2027. No financial commitment is required at this time; the Board is being asked to approve a commitment to fund the district’s share. The total project cost is estimated at \$1.4 million, with Pequea Valley responsible for 25%.

Public Participation –Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the online PSSA frustrations.

Chief of Finance & Operation’s and Superintendent Recommendations:

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mr. Riehl, approval was given for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Compass Mark for two sessions with learners on the dangers of vaping, at a total cost of \$160.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mrs. Huyard, approval was given for the following personnel items:

Extracurricular Change in Pay:

Carl Langley, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, from \$2,600 to \$1,300, effective February 9, 2026.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Adam Burns, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, \$1,300, effective February 9, 2026.

Adam has contributed to the PV baseball program as a volunteer coach and will transition into a shared role as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach with Carl Langley.

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Hertzler, Huyard, Riehl, Rohrer, Wanner; No: 0

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On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mrs. Huyard, approval was given for the following minutes, financial reports, and bills as follows:

- February 5, 2026, regular meeting
- The Financial Reports for January 2026, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The January bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
- General Fund, totaling \$2,494,804.28.
- Capital Reserve totaling \$14,890.00.
- Construction Payments, totaling \$68,013.53.
- Food Service, totaling \$40,109.23.

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Hertzler, Huyard, Riehl, Rohrer, Wanner; No: 0

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

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary