

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting

March 5, 2026

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 Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Michael Fisher, Steve Riehl, and Casey Rohrer. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Ashley Bottiglieri, Tammy Groff, and Marcella Peyre-Ferry.

President Ferris announced that Mrs. Tamara Wanner was participating in the meeting via phone.

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

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mrs. Huyard, the Board approved the February 24, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations and Superintendent Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the Pequea Valley District Calendar for the 2026-27 school year.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved School Board Policy #827 Conflict of Interest.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved School Board Policy #805 outlining the Safe2Say Something Procedure.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the Chapter 339 Counseling Plan.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hertzler and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the Public School Facility Improvement Grant Resolutions to upgrade HVAC in both Paradise and Salisbury Elementary, with Pequea Valley to pay 25% of the total cost.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the 2025-2026 IDEA-B grant funds from IU 13 in the amount of \$375,600.

- \$199,312 direct pass-through
- \$176,288 provided on the district's behalf

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

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On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved a contract with Literati Book Fair to provide an elementary book fair for spring of 2027, for both Paradise and Salisbury Elementary.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved a purchase from Apple, Inc. in the amount of \$367,663.50.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hertzler and a second by Mrs. Huyard, the Board approved the purchase and install replacement wireless access points at Paradise and Salisbury Elementary, by Dauphin DataCom, at a cost not to exceed \$81,921.72.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the following personnel.

Leave:

Stephanie Herr, English Learning Facilitator, PVS, compensated professional leave, one-half salary for 188 days for the 2026-27 school year, per Board Policy 338.1.

Childrearing Leave:

Jordan Carta, Learning Facilitator at Paradise Elementary, will begin unpaid leave following the exhaustion of approved FMLA, effective approximately September 4, 2026, for the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year, with a planned return for the 2027–2028 school year.

ESY (Extended School Year) Appointment:

Brianna Nelson, \$35/hour, up to 30 hours/week, effective June 22, 2026 through July 23, 2026.

Extracurricular Resignation:

Jason Graybill, Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, effective February 2, 2026.

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

Old Business

New Business

A. Agenda topics for March 31, 2026, Committee meeting

- 2026-27 General Fund Budget

Adjournment

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary