

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:02 p.m. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, Steve Temple and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Fred Hertzler. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, John Trovato, William Darras, Dustin Russum, and Ellen Geisel.

President Ferris announced an Executive Session was held on April 28, 2026 prior to the Committee Meeting for an Administration vacancy.

Preliminary General Fund Budget Update – John Bowden presented the 2026-27 proposed final General Fund Budget. The budget assumes a 3.5% increase, however, Mr. Bowden stated he would like the final budget to be less than 3.5%. The proposed final budget will be voted on later in the meeting.

Phase II Update – John Bowden stated that plumbing bids are due this Thursday, and all Phase II bids will be presented to the Board and included on the May 7, 2026 agenda for approval.

2025-2026 School Tax Forgiveness – John Bowden presented a request to forgive taxes to Kinzers Mennonite Church Parcel numbers 490-55030 and 490-71567. Mr. Bowden stated that a mistake was made in the filing of the transfer of the properties between churches and that is why it was removed from the tax-free rolls.

Salisbury Elementary Floor Repairs – Dustin Russum presented floor replacement options for the Salisbury gymnasium, offices, and music rooms. He also provided material samples for review. This item will be included on the May 7, 2026 Regular Meeting agenda for approval.

The Brave Medal – Rich Eby, John Trovato, and Bill Darras presented the rationale of a graduation medal the learners can wear at graduation. The proposal would go into effect the 2026-27 school year, therefore learners wearing the medal will be the Class of 2028.

Public Participation – Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the Braves Medal.

Chief of Finance & Operation's and Superintendent Recommendations:

On a motion by Mrs. Huyard and a second by Mr. Fisher, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Item A (rc):

- A. To approve 2025-2026 Tax Forgiveness for Lanchester LMC (formally Kinzer Mennonite Church) Parcel numbers 490-55030 and 490-71567.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items A-D (rc):

- A. To purchase the aviation course curriculum from Real Sim Gear, utilizing Clark Foundation Funds, at a cost of \$70,083.83.
- B. To approve the preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2026-2027 school year.
- C. Personnel

Resignation:

Mike Choi, Learning Support Learning Facilitator, effective June 3, 2026

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D. Approval of Minutes, Financial reports, and Bills as follows:

- April 9, 2026, regular meeting
- The Financial Reports for March 2026, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The March bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
- General Fund, totaling \$3,762,187.67.
- Capital Reserve totaling \$28,400.00.
- Construction Payments, totaling \$4,417.50.
- Food Service, totaling \$48,923.60.

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

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary