PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
May 7, 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 Michael Fisher, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Mike Hartmann. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Dustin Russum, John Trovato, Bill Darras, Larry LeVato, Elysia Mikkelsen, Fred Kendall, Ellen Geisel, Reuben Stoltzfus and various learners that were recognized as well as their parents.

School Board Recognition – High school choral learners were recognized for participating in the American Choral Directors Association Honors (ACDA), Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Chorus (PMEA), PMEA Regional V Chorus, and the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association County Chorus Festival (LLMEA). High school band learners were recognized for participating in the LLMEA All-County Honor Band Festival. Middle school band learners were recognized for participating in the LLMEA Middle All-County Honor Band Festival.

Phase II Construction Update – John Bowden introduced Elysia Mikkelsen and Larry LeVato of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates to present and review the bids for Phase II of the campus construction project. The Board will consider and vote on the bids later in this meeting.

Public Participation – None

Liaison Reports

- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- Facilities and Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann
- Music – Freida Huyard

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Riehl and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the April 28, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations and Superintendent Recommendations:

Election of Board Treasurer

On a motion by Mrs. Huyard and a second by Mr. Temple, Steve Riehl was elected Treasurer of the Pequea Valley School Board for the period of June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

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

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

A. For the following list of depositories:
    - Fulton Bank, Penn Square, Lancaster, PA 17601
    - FNB, 4140 East State Street, Hermitage, PA 16148
    - Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund, 500 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

B. An agreement with IU 13 approving membership in the Special Education Legal Consortium at a cost of $1,141 for the term July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

C. An agreement with IU 13 approving membership in the Technology Legal Consortium at a total cost of $18,480 (to be divided equally by participating districts) for the 2026-2027 school year.

D. An agreement with River Rock Academy for five student slots at a total cost of $183,150 over a ten-month period for the 2026-2027 school year.

E. The resolution appointing John Bowden, Chief of Finance and Operations, as tax collector for the 2026-2027 school year.

F. A contract with Brightbill Transportation Inc. to provide student transportation services beginning July 1, 2026 ending June 30, 2036.

G. An agreement with Nolt's Floor Covering to replace the following floors at Salisbury Elementary.

- Music Room $9,010.40
- Main Office $12,623.98
- Conference Room $2,593.19
- Guidance Office $2,480.87
- Gymnasium/Cafeteria $57,189.18

H. To approve a four-year contract with ESCO security to provide two CWD Dual Lane and one CWD Single Lane detection system for Pequea Valley Secondary School at an annual cost of $160,470, of which $125,827 will be paid from the PCCD Grant.

I. Personnel.

Appointment:

Briana Shyver, Elementary Music Learning Facilitator, Paradise and Salisbury Elementary, effective August 11, 2026.
Salary: $71,972 (B, Step 1)

Julie Hillard, 7-12 Learning Support Learning Facilitator, PV Secondary School, effective August 11, 2026.
Salary: $71,972 (B, Step 1)

Extracurricular Change in Position/Pay:

Andrew Tibbins, Assistant Varsity Football Coach to Head Varsity Football Coach, $7,000, effective May 11, 2026.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Gavin DuBree, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, $4,000, effective May 11, 2026.

Luis Hostetter, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, $2,000, effective May 11, 2026.

Peter Gabriel Jackson, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Offense Coordinator, $4,000, effective May 11, 2026.

Josh Jarvis, Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach, $1,500, effective March 2, 2026.

Technology Assistant Appointments: Effective June 2, 2026, through June 3, 2027.

Co-Team Leaders: (average 30 hours/week)

- Grant Summers $14.50/hour
- Kayleigh Schaefer $14.50/hour

Summer Employees: (no more than 30 hours/week)

- Cassidy Hanna $14.00/hour
- Tristan Droz $12.50/hour
- Brett Sassaman $12.50/hour
- Cedrych Martin $11.25/hour
- Daniel Anita $11.00/hour
- Matthew Back $11.00/hour

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

On a motion by Mr. Hertzler and a second by Mr. Riehl, the Board approved the apparent low bids received for the construction of the new Pequea Valley District Administration Office and Fitness Center and accept alternate adds and deducts as outlined:

> **eciConstruction** as General Contractor for the D.A.O. and Fitness Center Construction project in the base bid amount of $17,642,700.00
> Alternates to be accepted include:
> GC-1 Unclassified Construction (ADD)
> GC-2 Existing Classroom Use (DED)
> The total General Contractor value after alternates is **$17,861,400.00**
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> **North Bay Mechanical LLC** as HVAC Contractor for the D.A.O. and Fitness Center Construction project in the base bid amount of $3,730,000.00
> Alternates to be accepted include:
> HC-1 Existing Classroom Use (DED)
> The total HVAC Contractor value after alternates is **$3,728,500.00**
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> **Jay R. Reynolds** as Plumbing Contractor for the D.A.O. and Fitness Center Construction project in the base bid amount of $1,538,700.00
> Alternates to be accepted include:
> PC-2 Existing Classroom Use (DED)
> The total Plumbing Contractor value after alternates is **$1,537,700.00**
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> **Boro Construction** as Electrical Contractor for the D.A.O. and Fitness Center Construction project in the base bid amount of $4,438,000.00
> Alternates to be accepted include:
> EC-1 Unclassified Construction (ADD)
> EC-3 Existing Classroom Use (DED)
> The total Electrical Contractor value after alternates is **$4,480,000.00**

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

Old Business

New Business

A. Agenda topics for May 26, 2026, Committee meeting

- Construction Update, Phase II
- General Fund Budget
- 2025-2026 Audit Report

Adjournment

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary