PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:07 p.m. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Steve Temple. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, John Trovato, William Darras, Dustin Russum, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, Taylor Croft, Christy Collins, Rob Corrao, Nate Bankert, Todd Andrews, Jamiel Smoker, Sandy Whiteside, Karen Hall, Kayley Gates, Ellen Geisel, Reuben Stoltzfus, Dan Sauder, and various TSA learners and their parents.

President Ferris announced an Executive Session was held on May 26, 2026 prior to the Committee Meeting for an Administration vacancy.

School Board Recognition – PV retirees were recognized, along with TSA learners for their accomplishments throughout the year.

Preliminary General Fund Budget Update – John Bowden presented the proposed 2026-27 General Fund Budget. The proposed budget would require a 3.4% millage increase. Mr. Bowden stated he hoped to be able to reduce it a bit more before next week's final approval.

Elementary/Secondary Library Purchases – Dr. Eby presented the Elementary and Secondary Library purchases. He explained the process the district uses to purchase books as well as the list of books. The list of proposed titles will be included on the June 4, 2026 agenda for approval.

Board Policy #626 Federal Fiscal Compliance – Dr. Eby presented the first reading of Board Policy #626. The policy was recommended being passed by the Federal Programs Audit Monitoring Team. A second reading will not be required; therefore the policy will be added to the June 4, 2026 agenda for approval.

Maintenance and Capital Reserve Items – Dustin Russum presented the below Capital Reserve items which will be included on the June 4, 2026 agenda for approval.

- Card access upgrades and improvements.
- Painting and pressure washing improvements.
- Enclosed trailer for football equipment mobile storage.
- Wash bay completion.
- Gym floor covering PV Secondary.
- CenoBots SP50 Vacuum Sweeper.

Act 44 Report – Cathy Koenig presented and distributed the Act 44 report as required by law. Cathy reviewed what was done over the year as well as the goals for next year.

Public Participation –Kayley Gates, Gap, gave an update on the Independent Athletes for Track and Field. Ms. Gates, a parent within the district, assists the 23 independent athletes who participated in track and field this season. The athletes performed exceptionally well, earning more than 50 medals collectively. Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the General Fund Budget, stating that every penny counts and the increase impacts everyone.

Chief of Finance & Operation's and Superintendent Recommendations:

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

A. Approval of Minutes, Financial reports, and Bills as follows:
   - May 7, 2026, regular meeting
   - The Financial Reports for April 2026, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
   - The April bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
   - General Fund, totaling $3,105,660.38.
   - Capital Reserve totaling $0.00.
   - Construction Payments, totaling $927,424.31.
   - Food Service, totaling $52,507.55.

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

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The Board honored Ellen Geisel on graduating from Liberty University and being a life-long learner.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary