PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
June 4, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Bryant Ferris in the District Office Board Room. Members present were Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, Dustin Russum, Bill Darras, Sheri McGowan, Derek Sweigart, Cathy Koenig, Ashley Bottiglieri, and Ellen Geisel.

An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter related to the upcoming Superintendent vacancy.

2024-2025 Audit Report – Carl Hogan from CLA (Clifton Larson Allen) presented the 2024-2025 Audit report.

Public Participation – Ellen Geisel, Honey Brook, commented on the school security guard. She inquired on when this position was voted on and the timeline for process.

Liaison Reports

- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mr. Temple, the Board approved the May 26, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations and Superintendent Recommendations:

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

A. The 2026-2027 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of $49,043,036.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Huyard and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items B-Z. (rc)

B. The Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

C. The 2026 Annual Tax Levy Resolution for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

D. The 2024-2025 Audit Report.

E. Commit General Fund balances in excess of 8% to Capital Projects.

GASB 54 requires that funds to be committed need Board approval by June 30. The actual amount committed can be established at a later date.

F. For the Chief of Finance and Operations to make budgetary transfers as necessary for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

G. To offer voluntary student accident insurance plan (24-hour coverage) as presented by A-G Administrators, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year.

H. A contract with Mazzitti & Sullivan to provide employee assistance services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year at a cost of $15.40 per employee per contract year, along with Swork-It services at a rate of $14.00 per employee per contract year with a one-time activation fee of $150.

I. A resolution opting out of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) requires that the financial requirements (deductibles, co-pays, etc.) and treatment limitations (number of visits or days of coverage) for mental health benefits and substance use disorders benefits covered in our plan document are not less than the medical/surgical financial requirements and treatment limitations. The law does allow for non-federal government plans to opt-out and/or be able to opt-out on the basis of the increased cost to the plan. The resolution states that the district will opt-out of this requirement.

J. A resolution to enter into an agreement with Conestoga Valley School District to share transportation director services for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

K. The food service budget for the 2026-2027 school year, with expected revenues of $1,042,266 and expenditures of $900,240. Adult Lunches – $5.10; Milk - $0.75

L. A site license for the EdInsight Data Management System through OnHand Schools, Inc., at a cost of $19,715.08 for the 2026-2027 school year.

M. Approval of Library purchases for PV Secondary School at a cost of $846.40, along with Paradise and Salisbury Elementary Schools, at a cost of $1,047.87.

N. A one-year renewal contract with IU 13 for Securly filtering services at a cost of $6,665.42.

O. A three-year contract with Finalsite for core web services (Year 1, $12,169; Year 2, $12,899; Year 3, $13,673).

P. A one-year contract with TalkingPoints for upgraded services (attendance module, translation module, and mass communication module) at a cost of $5,580.

Q. A one-year renewal contract for EdPuzzle at a cost of $10,319.

R. A one-year renewal contract for MagicSchool at a cost of $8,999.

S. A one-year renewal contract for Kami at a cost of $6,912.

T. A one-year contract with Educator AI at a cost of $9,225.

U. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Pequea Valley School District and Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County to provide Head Start/Thrive-to-Five services for children and families served, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at no cost to the district.

V. Memorandums of Understanding between PVSD and The Factory Ministries, July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for the following shared positions:

- Full-time Director of Early Learning, Family Outreach Advocate and programming, not to exceed $163,497 funded through the Ready to Learn grant.
- Adult Advocate, not to exceed $25,000, funded through Title I.

W. A contract with Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 for the following services for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Special Education…….$1,835,703.49
- Occupational and Physical Therapy…….$54,560.00
- Job Training Services……...$31,320.00
- Paraprofessional/PCA Services……....$278,100.00
- Speech and Language……...$46,506.00

X. Special Education contracts with Eastern Lancaster County School District for the 2026–2027 school year:

- Full-time autistic support and transitional services for 6 learners at a cost of $52,883 per learner.
- Full-time life skills and transition services for 5 learners at a cost of $27,736 per learner.
- Full-time multiple disabilities support services for 1 learner at a cost of $56,390.
- Learning support services for 1 learner at a cost of $32,366.

Supplemental services will be billed as follows: speech and language therapy services at $105/hour, occupational therapy services at $105/hour, physical therapy services at $95.00/hour, job training services at actual cost. Hourly wage for classroom assistant/personal care assistants, if needed, and hourly wage for personal care assistants at the number of hours a week, times the number of weeks in the school year plus 20 hours of training per year.

Y. Approval of a contract with Pennsylvania Counseling Services to provide student assistance services (SAP) for three days per week for the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $32,420.

Z. A contract with New Story Schools for one Pequea Valley learner to receive special education support during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $425/day, based on enrollment.

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

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

AA. The following Instructional Software and Diagnostic Assessment programs for the 2026-2027 school year.

• Amplify mClass Intervention	$7,700.00
• Amplify mClass DIBELS 8 with Dyslexia Screening	$12,453.50
• Amplify Boost Reading	$12,780.00
• Branching Minds	$6,300.00
• Edmentum (Study Island)	$2,591.25
• Explore Learning (Gizmos, Reflex, Frax - Elementary)	$13,131.00
• Explore Learning (Gizmos – Secondary)	$3,888.50
• Get More Math	$10,706.00
• Happy Numbers	$4,995.00
• IXL Learning	$34,175.00
• Learn By Doing	$900.00
• McGraw-Hill Achieve 3000	$25,840.00
• McGraw-Hill Actively Learn	$1,774.10
• Mystery Science	$1,799.00
• NWEA (MAP)	$21,550.00
• Vantage Learning (My Access)	$3,126.25
• Vocabulary.com	$3,500.00
• Xello	$4,640.90

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

On a motion by Mr. Reihl and a second by Mr. Hertzler, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Item AB. (rc)

AB. Maintenance and Capital Reserve Items to be paid from Capital Reserve.

- Card access upgrades and improvements at a cost of $82,147.
- Painting and pressure washing improvements at a cost of $15,250.
- Enclosed trailer for football equipment mobile storage at a cost of $14,155.
- Wash bay completion at a cost of $24,480.
- Gym floor covering PV Secondary at a cost of $30,596.
- CenoBots SP50 Vacuum Sweeper at a cost of $33,508.

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

On a motion by Mr. Reihl and a second by Mr. Hertzler, approval was given for the following Consent Agenda Items AC-AG. (rc)

AC. Board Policy #626 Federal Fiscal Compliance.

AD. Act 44 Report.

AE. A contract with STS, Inc. to provide teacher substitutes, instructional aides, and food service staff, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030.

AF. Staff salary schedule for 2026-2027, as presented (separate report).

AG. Personnel.

Resignation:

Jeanette Meck, Reading Specialist, PV Secondary School, effective August 17, 2026.

Extracurricular Resignation:

Kevin Zynn, Varsity Baseball Head Coach, effective May 26, 2026.

Adam Burns, Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach, effective May 27, 2026.

Justin Martin, Assistant Junior High Football Coach, effective May 11, 2026.

Colleen Wenger, Co-Coordinator Spring Fling, effective May 19, 2026.

Kate Phillips, Co-Coordinator Spring Fling, effective June 4, 2026.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Jeremiah Garber, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, $2,000, effective May 11, 2026.

Jeff O'Hara, Assistant Junior High Football Coach, $2,000, effective May 11, 2026.

Lewis Ingles, Assistant Junior High Football Coach, $2,500, effective May 11, 2026.

Deena Stoltzfus, Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer Head Coach, $1,500, effective May 28, 2026 (shared position).

Breanne Beiler, Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer Head Coach, $1,500, effective May 28, 2026 (shared position).

Additional Pay/Hours:

Daniel Holler, not to exceed 70 hours at per diem hourly rate to provide technology support for the 2026-2027 school year.

TRIBE Appointments:

The following TRIBE appointments for the 2026-2027 school year at $1,500 each:

- Douglas Masser
- Kathryn Stoltzfus
- Bliss Strauss

Tenure:

Jared Feister, PVV Learning Facilitator, PVS

Mitchell Gerig, Math Learning Facilitator, PVS

Holly Lerch, 6th Grade Learning Facilitator, Paradise Elementary

Anthony Wiggins, 4th Grade Learning Facilitator, Salisbury Elementary

Learning Facilitators are granted tenure following three years of successful teaching in PA.

Elementary Building Academic/Recess/Cafeteria/Assistants and School Nurse Assistant: $13/hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026, through the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

- Anneliese Watson
- Kennedy Haley
- Lauren Cazanave
- Kelsey Della Rova
- Kayleigh Schaefer
- Chloe Gray

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

An executive session was held after the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Old Business

New Business

A. Agenda topics for July 28, 2026, Committee meeting

- Construction Update, Phase II

Adjournment

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary