

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2026

The monthly Committee meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:00 p.m. Members present were, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Michael Fisher, Casey Rohrer. Also present were John Bowden, Rich Eby, John Trovato, Dustin Russum, Elysia Mikkelsen, Seth Wentz, Ellen Geisel, Dan Sauder, and Marcella Peyre Ferry.

Phase II Construction Update – Elysia Mikkelsen presented an update on the Phase II construction project. She reported that the electrical engineer omitted lightning protection from the plans, requiring a change order. She also noted that Code Administrators took approximately 60 days to complete their review of the project specifications. As part of that review, they determined the project is considered new construction and therefore requires an accessible ramp at the vestibule entrance, which will also require a change order. The Board selected Option 2 for the wheelchair lift and directed that it be refined and presented at the August 6, 2026, Board meeting for further consideration. The Board also decided not to incorporate branding into the project.

School Security Guard Update – John Bowden presented an update on the district's plan to hire a school security guard. He reported that the district received nine applications, seven of which were from candidates with security or law enforcement backgrounds. Mr. Bowden stated that the next steps are to conduct interviews and then bring to the Board for approval.

Professional Development – New Facilitator Induction Agenda/Convocation – Dr. Rich Eby presented the agenda for the New Learning Facilitators Induction as well as invited all Board members to attend the August 18, 2026 convocation beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Secondary School Auditorium.

Grade 9 ELA Curriculum – The Amazing Generation/Unbroken – Dr. Rich Eby presented two books to be added to the ELA Curriculum; both books will be taught by Tara Reed.

Replacement of Salisbury Elementary Cafeteria Tables - Dustin Russum presented the need to replace the cafeteria tables. He explained that the district is seeking to purchase 18 replacement tables, with the intent of matching the style and design of the tables currently in use at Paradise Elementary School.

Siemens Service Contract Renewal – Dustin Russum presented the Siemens Service contract. The service contract is essential to keeping the backbone of facilities working.

Public Participation – Ellen Giesel, Honey Brook, thanked everyone for the security guard discussion.

Chief of Finance & Operation's and Superintendent Recommendations:

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

- A. A Memorandum of Understanding between PVSD and Millersville University to provide high school learners the opportunity to enroll in off-campus courses, effective for five years beginning March 13, 2026.
- B. A service agreement with Strawbridge Studios, Inc as follows for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - Pequea Valley Secondary School – Photographs for Fall Individual, Seniors, Prom, and Commencement.
 - Paradise Elementary – Fall Individual Photos
 - Salisbury Elementary – Fall Individual Photos and Yearbook
- C. Approval of Minutes, Financial reports, and Bills as follows:
 - June 4, 2026, regular meeting
 - The Financial Reports for May 2026, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - The May bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - General Fund, totaling \$5,824,153.22.
 - Capital Reserve totaling \$0.00.
 - Construction Payments, totaling \$86,969.53.
 - Food Service, totaling \$49,271.00.

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- The Financial Reports for June 2026, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
- The June bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,182,254.62.
 - Capital Reserve totaling \$0.00.
 - Construction Payments, totaling \$96,543.83.
 - Food Service, totaling \$34,035.05.

Motion carried: Voting yes: Ferris, Hertzler, Huyard, Riehl, Temple, Wanner; No: 0; Abstain: 1 (Hartmann). Absent: Fisher, Rohrer

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary