

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Monthly Meeting

August 6, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:10 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, Rich Eby, John Bowden, John Trovato, Ashley Bottiglieri, Dustin Russum, Elysia Mikkelsen, Larry LeVato, Dan Sauder, Ellen Geisel, and Marcella Peyre-Ferry.

An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent-Elect's contract.

Phase II Construction Update – Elysia Mikkelsen from CRA presented a revised ramp system for the new turf and gymnasium area. The Board liked the design and directed CRA to obtain cost estimates and proceed with permitting.

Participation by the Public – Dan Sauder inquired about the flashing school zone sign.

Liaison Reports

- Curriculum and Instruction – Steve Temple
- Facilities and Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann
- IU 13 Board of Directors – Mike Fisher

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, the Board approved the July 28, 2026, Committee Meeting minutes.

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

Chief of Finance & Operations and Superintendent Recommendations:

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

- A. A Student Transportation Contract with BlueCap Service, Inc. to provide van transportation for students educated at various special education schools and alternate placements at a cost of \$59,500 for 180 days.
- B. An agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide nursing staffing on an as-needed basis when district staffing needs cannot otherwise be met, from June 17, 2026, through June 17, 2027.
- C. Approval of a contract with Angie Gornish to provide psychological services at a rate of \$90 per hour, on an as-needed basis during the 2026–2027 school year. Services will primarily be utilized during the first semester to provide coverage while a district school psychologist is on FMLA leave.
- D. Approval of two books for inclusion in the Grade 9 curriculum: *The Amazing Generation* by Tim Elmore and *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.
- E. Approval to purchase twelve replacement cafeteria tables for Salisbury Elementary from Biofit at a cost of \$31,009.
- F. A contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. to provide automation services district-wide from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$88,300.
- G. Approval for Allen Apgar, April Sutherland, and Leslie Rada to serve as mentors for new Learning Facilitators, with compensation not to exceed \$800 per mentor.
- H. Personnel.

Childrearing:

Valerie Loch, Learning Facilitator at Paradise Elementary, will begin Childrearing Leave, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, with a planned return for the 2027-2028 school year.

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TRIBE Appointments:

Correction - for the 2026-2027 school year, should any learning facilitator plan, prepare, implement, and attend an authentic learning experience (TRIBE, GAPP, FISH), the learning facilitator will be compensated per the rates below. The authentic learning experience must have a virtual component with an assessment and final.

- 1 learner - \$750
- 2 - 20 learners - \$2,000
- 21 – 40 learners - \$2,500
- 41 plus learners - \$3,000

Extracurricular Appointment:

Michael Lane, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, \$4,000, effective August 11, 2026.

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

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

- A. An agreement with Union Community Care, Smiles at School Preventive Dental Program providing dental services for K-12 students. Parents/Guardians are responsible for any dental services not covered by insurance and may apply for Union's sliding fee discount if eligible.
- B. An agreement with Right at School, LLC for before and after school elementary childcare services, school facilities license and building use at Paradise and Salisbury Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Superintendent Contract

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mrs. Rohrer, approval was given to appoint John Trovato to the position of Superintendent of Schools for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2027.

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

B. Agenda topics for August 25, 2026, Committee meeting

- Phase II Building Project Update
- Start of School Year Update
- Concession Stand and Financials

ADJOURNMENT

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary