

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
October 8, 2026

An Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. before the Board Meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Casey Rohrer, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Steve Temple. Also present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, John Bowden, John Trovato, William Darras, Sheri McGowan, Rick Esche, Dustin Russum, Cathy Koenig, Dan Sauder, Ellen Geisel and learners that were recognized and their parent/guardians.

School Board Recognition – Learners from Paradise and Salisbury Elementary were recognized for demonstrating outstanding citizenship. Their positive character and contributions to their school were also acknowledged by Senator Scott Martin.

PCCD Safety Grant – Mrs. Koenig presented several school safety initiatives that the District is seeking to fund through the 2026-2027 PCCD Grant. Proposed purchases include ZeroEyes software, Critical Response Mapping, school safety to-go bags, and weapons-detection bag scanners. These resources would strengthen the District's ability to promote a safe, prepared, and supportive learning environment for learners and staff.

Participation by the Public – Dan Sauder, New Holland, commented on the security measures of the district and appreciate all the district does for learner safety.

Liaison Reports

- Athletics – Steve Temple
- Curriculum and Instruction – Tamara Wanner
- Facilities and Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann
- IU 13 Board of Directors – Mike Fisher
- Music – Freida Huyard

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mrs. Rohrer and a second by Mr. Hertzler, the Board approved the September 29, 2026, Committee Meeting minutes.

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

Chief of Finance & Operations and Superintendent Recommendations:

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

- A. A contract with New Story Schools for one Pequea Valley learner to receive special education support during the 2026-27 school year, at a cost of \$485/day, based on enrollment.
- B. To approve Pequea Valley learners who have a valid learner ID free admission into home regular season sporting events. All learners sixth grade and below must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- C. A purchase from GDC IT for replacement laptops in the amount of \$8,377.90.

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D. Personnel.

Retirement:

Dr. Richard D. F. Eby, after 23.5 years of service at Pequea Valley, 14.5 as Assistant Superintendent, retiring effective July 2, 2027.

Extracurricular Appointment:

Ileanexsys Cruz, Fall Fest Coordinator (formally Spring Fling), effective October 8, 2026.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Riehl commented on the importance of keyboarding instruction in the classroom. He shared that his daughter, who attends Millersville University, is the only student in her class who is able to type proficiently, a skill he credits to her education at Pequea Valley.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Agenda topics for October 27, 2026, Committee meeting

- Phase II Building Project Update
- 2027 Capital Reserve Budget
- Economies of Scale on the PV Secondary School

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary