

PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Committee Meeting Minutes
October 27, 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, Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Freida Huyard, Steve Riehl, Steve Temple, and Tamara Wanner. Absent: Casey Rohrer. Also present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, John Bowden, John Trovato, Bill Darras, Dustin Russum, Ashley Bottiglieri, Cathy Koenig, Fred Kendall, Ellen Geisel, Dan Sauder and LNP reporter.

Phase II Construction Update – Mr. Kendall provided an update on the progress of Phase II. He reported that approximately 95% of the demolition has been completed. He anticipates that foundation work will begin within the next two weeks. Roof work has also commenced, along with work in the Penn Medicine HealthWorks area.

General Fund Budget Update – Mr. Bowden presented an initial overview of the 2027-28 General Fund Budget. He explained that, due to the countywide reassessment, the Assessor's Office is currently processing appeals, which may delay the budget development process. If current projections remain stable, he anticipates that the District will remain within the Act 1 Index of 3.3%.

2027 Capital Reserve Budget – Mr. Bowden and Mr. Russum presented the preliminary 2027 Capital Reserve Budget. Mr. Bowden noted that this is the first draft and that, if approved in December, each individual project or expenditure included in the budget would still require Board approval.

Economies of Scale – Mr. Bowden and Mr. Russum presented an overview of the operational efficiencies of the new Pequea Valley Secondary School compared with the former high school and middle school buildings. Mr. Russum reported that the cost per square foot was \$1.49 in the former buildings, compared with \$1.28 at Pequea Valley Secondary School.

School Board Policy #907, School Visitors – Dr. Eby presented the first reading of School Board Policy #907, School Visitors. This policy will be added to the November 24, 2026 Committee Meeting agenda for a second reading.

Public Participation – None

Chief of Finance & Operation's and Superintendent Recommendations:

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

- A. Approval of Minutes, Financial reports, and Bills as follows:
- October 8, 2026, regular meeting
 - The Financial Reports for September 2026, as appearing on the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - The September bills, as appearing in the Treasurer's Supplement.
 - General Fund, totaling \$3,843,416.08
 - Capital Reserve totaling \$39,586.03
 - Construction Payments, totaling \$990,674.98
 - Food Service, totaling \$37,327.67

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

No further information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Bryant Ferris
President

John A. Bowden
Secretary