Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education

Pascack Valley High School – Pascack Valley Cafeteria

Executive Session - 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA November 21, 2022

Meeting Regulations

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education members, district administration, and staff will treat parents/guardians and other members of the public with respect and expect the same consideration in return. The district is committed to maintaining orderly processes for keeping school and district events free from disruption. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings, including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard, if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the President unless the majority of the Board present and voting, rule otherwise.

During this regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to make comments. In order for a citizen to make a comment, they must be physically present at the meeting. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments regarding agenda items are invited. The second opportunity will occur just prior to adjournment, when residents may address general comments to the Board.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and town of residence. Comments shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to sit down.

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph Blundo, President Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President

Dr. Kelly Blundy Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent Mr. Pat Luisi Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/

Mrs. Kristin Martin Board Secretary

The Vision of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District:

To create a culture of innovation, inquiry, and individuality that promotes achievement and choice by cultivating the skills needed to complete and collaborate as ethical and responsible global citizens.

Ms. Tammy Molinelli Student Representatives
Mr. James Stankus Olivia Ge - PHHS
Ms. Debra Stephans Isabella Velez - PVHS

Mr. Michael Weaver

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON November 21, 2022

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III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing copies of said notice to The Record, filing copies of said notice with the municipal clerks of Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale, and Woodcliff Lake, and publishing said notice in The Record on August 15, 2022.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Sarah Bilotti

Student Reports: Olivia Ge – Pascack Hills High School

Isabella Velez – Pascack Valley High School

V. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education minutes:

November 7, 2022	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
November 7, 2022	Executive Meeting	7:43 p.m.

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VI. STUDENT RECOGNITION

2022 All-National Mixed Choir

WHEREAS, Riley Haworth, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, has been selected as a member of the 2022 All-National Mixed Choir. Riley received the invitation to audition because she is a member of the 2022-2023 All-State Mixed Choir. The audition process was virtual and involved singing scales, required solo, and optional sole. Riley did very well in all aspects of this intense process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Riley for her outstanding achievement.

2022-2023 Bergen County Choir

WHEREAS, the following students from Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools have been accepted to the 2022-2023 Bergen County Choir:

Reina Aliko – PH	Gabrielle Brayman – PV	Caitlin Buckley – PH
Nicole Choi – PV	Alexander DeBiasio – PV	Hadyn Hopper – PH
Matthew Kovacs – PV	Zachary Ligasan – PH	Kareena Shah – PV
Ariel Sharon – PH		

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend these students for their outstanding achievement.

Governor's School of New Jersey Program in Engineering and Technology

WHEREAS, Kareena Shah, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, was nominated for the Governor's School of New Jersey Program in Engineering & Technology held this past summer at Rutgers University. The Governor's School of New Jersey is an intensive residential summer program that brings together some of New Jersey's most talented and motivated high school students. Kareena, along with her teammates, developed a novel project to realize widespread access to effective drone delivery systems. Her work led her research paper to be published in the MIT IEEE Xplore Digital Library.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Kareena for her outstanding achievement.

2022 Fritz Jonach Upstander Award

WHEREAS, Kareena Shah, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, is the recipient of the 2022 Fritz Jonach Upstander Award. Fritz Jonach, a dedicated humanitarian, teacher, and coach from Millburn High School was an active member of the Kean University Diversity Council. Kareena's dedication to the Asian Cultures Club and efforts in promoting social justice and equity at PV are outstanding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Kareena for her outstanding achievement.

National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) All-American Team for Diving

WHEREAS, Veronica Fyfe, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, has been selected to the NISCA All-American Diving Team. This is the first time in Pascack Valley High School history that we have a student that made the All-American Diving Team.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Veronica for her outstanding achievement.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to three minutes, according to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education policy number 0167. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in and state their name, town of residence, and which agenda item(s) they are referencing.

VIII. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 - 1. Legal Matters
 - 2. HIB Hearing
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IX. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Item 1

1. HIB Reports

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve action taken pursuant to HIB Reports #236108, #235923, #235762, #235758, and #235424.

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X. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 4

1. Services Provided by Bergen County Special Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional speech therapy services for the 2022-2023 school year from Bergen County Special Services for student ID# 813010 as per student's IEP:

Service	Dates	Frequency	Cost/Session	Total
Speech	9/1/22-6/30/23	1 x week for 38 weeks	\$65	\$2,470

2. Out-of-district Placement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an out-of-district placement for student ID# 811109 as per student's IEP to BOCES - Rockland Career & Tech., shared time program starting September 6, 2022 for the 2022-2023 year for the total cost of \$13,447.12.

3. New Tuition Student

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve new student ID# 811371, from Hasbrouck Heights to Park @ PVR with a start date of August 31, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

4. New Tuition Student Attending Park Academy - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve new student ID# 813118, eighth grade from Montvale School District to Park Academy for the 2022-2023 school year.

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XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the superintendent, after considering the recommendation of her administrative staff which included consideration of experience, credentials, and references for the following candidates for employment in the school district, has determined that the appointment of these individuals is appropriate and in the best interest of the school district,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, appoint the following individuals to the positions indicated, as provided by the budget, in accord with terms of the employment specified:

Note: Appointment of new personnel to the district is provisional subject to:

- 1. Authorization from the State Department regarding a criminal background check and/or authorization from the Bergen County Superintendent's Office for emergent hiring; and
- 2. A medical examination including satisfactory results of the Mantoux tuberculin skin test; and
- 3. Valid certification appropriate for his/her employment or assignment in New Jersey; and
- 4. Disclosure and review of applicants' employment history within the statutory time period.

Consent Agenda for Items 1- 9

1. Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Erica Schwartz, Spanish Teacher for Pascack ValleyHigh School, effective December 23, 2022.

2. Home Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID# 811658 as per student's IEP starting October 31, 2022 for 5 weeks.

Teacher	Subject	Hours Per Week
Heather OCampo	Algebra II	2
Deborah Ragone	English III	2
Deborah Ragone	US History II	2
George Scillia	Conceptual Physics	2
Melissa Velez	PE 11 / Health 11	2

3. Substitute Teachers

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following substitutes for the district for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	Туре
Brett Cotton	Classroom Teacher Substitute	New
Bryan Hacken	Classroom Teacher Substitute	Renewal

4. Volunteers

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following volunteers:

Name	School	Activity	
Joe Acuna	PVHS	Indoor Track	
Brett Cotton	PVHS	Boys Basketball	
William Schwartz	PVHS	Wrestling	

5. Co-curricular Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following co-curricular appointments:

Advisor	Position	School	Amount
Teresa DelGuidice	French Honor Society	PVHS	\$765
Deena Mahmoud	Camp Rasberry	PVHS	\$1,530
Luisa Sanchez	Camp Rasberry	PVHS	\$1,530
Julianne Downes	Camp Rasberry	PHHS	\$1,530
Paul Hildrum	Academic Decathlon	PHHS	\$1,325
Christopher Volk	Academic Decathlon	PHHS	From \$2,640 To \$1,325

Corin Gamgort	Yearbook	PHHS	From \$2,736.67 To \$4,105
Allison Schultz	Yearbook	PHHS	From \$2,736.67 To \$4,105

6. Co-curricular Appointments - Resignations

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Alexa Petzold as the PHHS Yearbook Co-Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year.

7. ABA Behavior Consultant - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Lisa McKay as an ABA Behavior Consultant for Region II at an hourly rate of \$58 for the 2022-2023 school year.

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Caitlin O'Brien as an ABA Behavior Consultant for Region II at an hourly rate of \$50 for the 2022-2023 school year.

8. Independent Speech Therapist - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Sydney Lima as a Speech Therapist at the rate of \$450 per evaluation, \$87 for group sessions, and \$77 per hour for individual sessions and attendance at meetings for the 2022-2023 school year.

9. Physicians - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Joseph Holahan, MD to provide Pediatric Development Evaluations at a rate of \$450 per evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year.

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XII. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 4

1. Approval of Bills

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bills as follows:

Budget Expenditures as of November 21, 2022	\$2,860,719.61
Payroll as of November 15, 2022	\$1,703,551.49
Total	\$4,564,271.10

2. Travel Pre-Authorizations

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve travel expense pre-authorizations for the following:

David Bucco	David Frangiosa	Ivica Kanova	Jimena Ladino
Natalie Macke	Kevin Moran	Elise Naramore	Adham Shawkat

3. Amendment to the District's 403(b) Retirement Plan

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the amendment to the district's 403(b) Retirement Plan regarding hardship distributions and eligibility requirements for part-time employees.

4. Revised Dual Enrollment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the revised dual enrollment agreement course selection and credits offered by Bergen Community College for the 2022-2023 academic year.

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XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. **NEW BUSINESS**

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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