Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education

Pascack Valley High School - Pascack Valley Cafeteria

Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session - 7:45 p.m.

AGENDA

March 13, 2023

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.

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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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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.

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph Blundo, President Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President Dr. Kelly Blundy Ms. Elizabeth Calderone Mr. Pat Luisi Mrs. Kristin Martin Mr. James Stankus Ms. Debra Stephans Mr. Michael Weaver Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Student Representatives: Olivia Ge - PHHS Isabella Velez - PVHS

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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Committee Reports	Finance and Facilities
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:

February 27, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
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VI. PRESENTATION English, Social Studies, Business. World Language Update

Barry Bachenheimer, Val Mattessich Joe Orlak, and Argine Safari

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

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Opening Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10-4-12) permits the exclusion of the public ("Executive Session") from a meeting of the Board in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that circumstances exist for such an Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found the action described below to be necessary and proper;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board on the date indicated above that:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on the Executive Session herein set forth.

2. The subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- 1. HIB Hearing HIB Report 241082 PHH
- 2. Possible HIB HIB Report 243100 PHH
- 3. Legal Matters

3. The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting in approximately 30 minutes.

4. Official action will be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

IX. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Items 1-3

1. Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Statement of Assurance for the 2023-2024 school year for the Comprehensive Equity Plan and will continue to fully implement the NJDOE approved 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan through the 2023-2024 school year.

2. HIB Reports

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve action taken pursuant to HIB Report # 242422 and HIB Report #241082.

3. BOE Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations – Second Reading and Adoption

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, adopt the following policies and regulations:

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy Reg Number
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION	<u>P 0143.2</u>
QUORUM	<u>P 0163</u>
BOARD OF EDUCATION WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY	<u>P 1511</u>
EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT	<u>P 2415</u>
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES	<u>P 3270</u>
CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY	<u>P 5513</u>
CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY	<u>R 5513</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUED STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS	<u>P 5517</u>
STUDENT JOURNALISM	<u>P 5722</u>
LESSON PLANS AND PLAN BOOKS	<u>R 3270</u>
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	<u>P 6660</u>

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X. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1-3

1. Overnight Trips

- **a. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley Regional High School students, and chaperones Cindy and John Reese to travel to Greece from June 25-July 3, 2024.
- **b. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley Regional High School students, and chaperones Cindy Reese and Al Cann to travel to Panama from June 16-21, 2023.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley Regional High School students, and chaperones Cindy and John Reese to travel to Galapagos Islands from February 17-25, 2024.
- **d. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Hills High School students, and chaperones Corin Gamgort, Vani Aponosian, and Paul Henry to travel to Orlando, Florida for the DECA National Competition from April 22-26, 2023.

2. Home Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve homebound instruction for student ID # 811647 provided by Silvergate Prep. Billing is \$55 per hour for a total of 10 hours per week. The start date is February 21, 2023 and will continue for a minimum of six weeks.

3. Out-of-district Placements

- a. **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# 812420, at Fusion Academy beginning February 28, 2023, through June 30, 2023, as per student's IEP. The prorated tuition cost for the 2022-2023 school year will be \$46,548.
- b. 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# 812473 at New Bridges beginning March 6, 2023, through June 27, 2023, as per student's IEP. The prorated tuition cost for the 2022-2023 school year will be \$30,739.50.

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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 1-11

1. Change of Position

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:

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Name	Position	Account Number	Salary	Effective Date
Florian Caco	From: PHHS Night Custodian To: PHHS Night Lead Custodian	NA	\$67,471 prorated, plus night crew, night lead, and black seal stipends, with benefits as per PVRSSA	On or about March 14, 2023
Jamie Taylor	From: District General Secretary for Internships (10 mos.) To: PVHS Main Office Executive Secretary (12 mos.)	11-000-240- 105-06-000	\$65,236 prorated, with longevity. Upon tenure (2 years) 5% annual stipend for office manager, with benefits as per PVRSSA	On or about September 1, 2023

2. Co-Curricular Appointment

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

Name	Position	School	Amount
Kelly Tengco	Assistant Musical Director	PHHS	\$1,760

3. Athletic Appointment

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

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
William Siegenthaler	PHHS Baseball	Assistant Coach	\$3,555 (50%) / 3
Steve Casamento	PHHS Baseball	Assistant Coach	From: \$7, 110 (100%) / 3 To: \$3,555 (50%) / 3

4. Resignation - Adjustment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, adjust the previously approved (February 27, 2023) resignation for William Lynn. Resignation adjusted to be effective as of June 30, 2023.

5. Leave (Modified)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following modified Federal/NJ family leave request:

Employee ID #	Position	Request modified from/to:
2190	PHHS Science Teacher	From: Total FMLA/NJFLA Leave Period Revised: February 13-17, 2023 and March 6-8, 2023 (8 days) To: Total FMLA/NJFLA Leave Period Revised: February 9-17, 2023, March 6-8, 2023, and April 11-14, 2023 (14 days)

6. Leave Replacement (Modified)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, modify the previously approved (February 6, 2023) effective date for the following individual as long-term leave replacement for employees #1950 and #1838:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Stephanie Abatayo	PVHS and PHHS School Social Worker, long-term leave replacement	\$54,775 BA Step 1, prorated with health benefits	From: March 23, 2023 - November 19, 2023 To: March 14, 2023 - November 19, 2023, with 1 retro day - March 13, 2023

7. Chaperones

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following chaperones for the Pascack Hills High School junior prom on March 17, 2023:

Marcia Forte	Vanessa Martinez
Brooke Schwartzman	Chris Volk

8. Home Instructor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Nicole Martino as a home instructor for the district for the 2022-2023 school year.

9. Substitutes

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

Name	Position	Туре
Jeff Ennis	Substitute Custodian	New
Isabella Bussanich	Substitute Teacher	New

10. 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 # 811656. as per student's IEP, for the 2022-2023 school year, starting February 28 - June 30, 2023:

Name	Subject	Hours per week
Deborah Ragone	English III	Two hours per week
Deborah Ragone	US History II	Two hours per week
Deborah Ragone	Financial Literacy	Two hours per week
Joseph Belger	PE/Driver's Ed.	Two hours per week

11. Region II - Independent Evaluator - Amendment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, amend the name of the previously approved (February 6, 2023) Speech Language Therapist from Ronnit Rich to Lets Schmooze LLC.

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XII. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 11

1. Approval of Bills

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

Budget Expenditures as of March 13, 2023	\$3,017,329.73
Payroll as of February 28, 2023	\$1,728,544.04
TOTAL	\$4,745,873.77

2. Approval of 2023-2024 Tentative Budget

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the tentative 2023-2024 school year budget as follows:

General Fund	\$ 62,663,024
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 771,682
Debt Service	\$ 2,059,800
Total	\$ 65,494,506

General Fund	\$ 54,333,549
Debt Service	\$ 2,059,800
Total	\$ 56,393,349

The amount to be raised by taxation is:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tentative 2023-2024 school year budget includes a Capital Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$1,678,300 for capital projects, and a Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$280,000 for required maintenance activities.

3. 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:

Danielle diQuintal	Jimena Ladino	Vanessa Martinez
Silma Panarello Siempira	Patricia Sularz	

4. Donation

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

Date	Donor	Amount	Club or Group
3/6/23	Orange & Rockland	\$10,000	Robotics Team

- 5. Transportation Joint Services and Agreements between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the South Bergen Jointure Commission RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education approve the Joint Transportation Services and Transportation Agreements between the South Bergen Jointure Commission (Host District), an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency located in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Joiner District) for the purpose of shared costs with other districts in transporting our district students to and from non-public schools and the Bergen County Vocational and Technical School campuses, including summer sessions, if applicable, in accordance with the N.J.S.A. Chapter 27:6A-10.1-3; Chapter 53, P.L.1997 beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- 6. Transportation Joint Services and Agreements between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the Northwest Bergen Council – Region I RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education approve the Joint

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Transportation Services and Transportation Agreements between the Northwest Bergen Council-Region I (Host District), an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency located in Mahwah, N.J., and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Joiner District) for the purpose of shared costs with other districts in transporting our district students to and from non-public schools and the Bergen County Vocational and Technical School campuses, including summer sessions, if applicable, in accordance with the N.J.S.A. Chapter 27:6A-10.1-3; Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

7. Grant - Climate Awareness

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State FY2023 budget includes a \$4.5 million allocation to support climate awareness for New Jersey Schools, in the form of education grants to schools;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education accepts the grant allocation to the District of \$6,600 and authorizes the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Assistant Business Administrator, or Business Administrator to complete the grant application and ensure the funds are appropriately used

8. Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)

WHEREAS the District is required, by the New Jersey Department of Education, to participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the school year 2023-2024,

WHEREAS the District is required to notify the Board of Education of the District's participation in SEMI,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District hereby notifies the Board of Education that it will participate in SEMI as required by the New Jersey Department of Education and budget the required amount of \$16,019.

- 9. Special Education Transportation Region II Contract Transfer RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education Transfer special education transportation BID contract 094 from Rinaldi Transport to Valley Transportation, LLC for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 10. Submission of Projects to the State Department of Education RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the following projects to the State Department of Education to be funded as Other Capital Projects:

Toilet room renovations (D-wing) at Pascack Hills High School

D-wing roof replacement at Pascack Hills High School Toilet room renovations (Math wing) at Pascack Valley High School Jumpseat installation at Pascack Valley High School

11. Amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan to add the Toilet room renovations (Math wing) and Jumpseat installation at Pascack Valley High School and the Toilet room renovations (D-wing) at Pascack Hills High School, all to be funded as Other Capital Projects.

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XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Suspensions: February 2023

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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