Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education

Pascack Valley High School – Pascack Valley Auditorium

Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m. AGENDA May 15, 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.

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 Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent

Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/

Dr. Kelly Blundy Board Secretary

Ms. Elizabeth Calderone Student Representatives
Mr. Pat Luisi Olivia Ge - PHHS

Mrs. Kristin Martin Isabella Velez - PVHS

Mr. James Stankus Ms. Debra Stephans Mr. Michael Weaver

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

Superintendent's Report: Sarah Bilotti

PVHS Monthly Report Student Representative, Isabella Velez PHHS Monthly Report Student Representative, Olivia Ge

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:

May 1, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 17, 2023	Executive Meeting	7:04 p.m.

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VI. PRESENTATION

Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights: Self-assessment Report 2021-2022- Dr. Sean Struncis, District Supervisor of Guidance

VII. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Pascack Pi-oneers - FIRST Robotics Team 1676

WHEREAS, the following students from Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools are the Pascack Pi-oneers – FIRST Robotics Team 1676 - the district's robotics team. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." The team won the following awards:

Mt. Olive FIRST Mid Atlantic District Event

- Excellence in Engineering Award
- Event FinalistWarren Hills FIRST Mid Atlantic District Event
- Engineering Inspiration Award
- Semi-Finalist

FIRST Mid Atlantic District Championship

- Engineering Inspiration Award
- Semi-Finalist
- Dean's List Finalist Eliza Krigsman

FIRST World Championship

- Engineering Inspiration Award Johnson Division
- Finalist Johnson Division

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Grant Bancroft PH	Dylan Barrett PH	Joshua Baskin PH
Leisha Bhosle PH	William Bramley PV	Yushin Cho PV
Jake DePaolo PV	Giulia DiSalvo PH	Sonny Drozd PV
Max Dryerman PH	Hugh Gorman PV	Julian Guggino PV
Benjamin Gulleyan PV	Colin Hill PH	William Hill PV
Karyn Hill PV	Suzanna Kalishman PH	Roderick Kennedy PV
Minche Kim PV	Eliza Krigsman PH	Ciara Leen PV
Grant Linardic PH	Alex Liptak PV	Estrella Luna PV
Suhani Mahale PH	Benjamin Miller PH	Evan Minneker PV
Tyler Minneker PV	Dylan Minneker PV	John Murno PV
Treshan Nilaweera PV	Triyana Nilaweera PV	Olivia Nixon PH
Ciaran O'Brien PV	Sean O'Neil PV	Aditya Pokala PH
Nathan Prins PV	Ming-Lang Qin PV	Thomas Rottinger PH
Emily Rottinger PH	Jessica Ruderman PV	Christina Samouhos PH
Thomas Samouhos PH	Gowri Santhosh Kumar Rekha PH	Jason Schwartz PH
Ryan Schwartz PH	Tyler Seferian PV	Kareena Shah PV
Matthew Sheehan PH	Aastha Shukla PH	Aryan Shukla PV
Gavin Sibley PH	Benjamin Smith PH	Danielle Stanchak PV
Ayan Swain PH	Adrian Testino PV	Aleksey Trust PV
Victor Urumov PH	Nathaniel Veit PV	Vincent Wang PV
Christine Yang PH	Justin Yoo PH	Raymond Yoo PV
Joohee Yoon PV	Derek Zheng PH	Kirill Zhukau PH
Coach Kevin Killian	Coach Lisa Ruggieri	Coach Jack Teadore

Coach James Whitfield	Mentor Stephan Bacica	Mentor David Banovic		
Mentor Barbara Bressler	Mentor Brian Buckley	Mentor Ellen Drennan		
Mentor Ryan Hall	Mentor Michael Herman	Mentor Eric Kasper		
Mentor Matthew Lantry	Mentor Steve Mertz	Mentor Kaushal Pandya		
Mentor D. J. Solleder	Mentor Alex Wolosiuk			

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

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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IX. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Items 1-2

1. School Self-Assessment Reports under the Anti-Bullying Act

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the 2021-2022 School Self-assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools.

2. Harassment, Intimidation or Bullving Executive Report

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, affirm the findings of the following Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying incidents: # 246703 PVH, and # 246709 PHH.

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X. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 2

1. Overnight Trip

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Hills Girls Lacrosse team members, coach Lindsay Walsh, and chaperones Cynthia Cook and Matthew Walsh to travel to Orlando, Florida for training from March 20-24, 2024.

2. Extra Speech Therapy Session

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve extra speech therapy cost for student ID # 812473 attending New Bridges (BCSS). As per the student's IEP. The student will receive an additional (1) half hour session a week, at the cost of \$65 per session, for the remainder of 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 1-6

1. New HIre

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following individuals to the positions indicated, upon receipt of official transcripts and all paperwork:

Name Positon Account Salary* Effective Date Number David Giraldo **PVHS Special** 11-213-100-\$82,275 MA 45 August **Education Teacher** 101-06-000 / Step 6. 28, 2023 with benefits, tenure track per PVREA contract Julia Abahazy **PHHS Science** 11-140-100-\$60,975 BA / August Teacher 101-07-110 Step 4 with 28, 2023 benefits, tenure track per PVREA contract

Michele Reale	PHHS Special Education Teacher	11=213-100- 101-07-000	\$85,775 MA / Step 10 with benefits, tenure track per PVREA contract	August 28, 2023
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^{*}Salary may be adjusted once the PVREA contract is settled.

2. Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following permanent substitute teacher in the area of special education at PHHS from August 28, 2023 - March 1, 2024:

Name	Salary*
Cassandra Leibfried	\$150 per day Pending CEAS certification, once obtained, compensation will be \$59,275 MA Step1 prorated, with health benefits

^{*}Salary may be adjusted once the PVREA contract is settled.

3. 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 Vicki Schultz, Pascack Valley Paraprofessional, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2023.

4. Additional Periods

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional assignments in the area of music from January 23 - February 17, 2023 (63 periods):

Name	Total Pay
Argine Safari	\$3,500

5. Instructional Assignment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional assignments in the area of physics and technology from May 4, 2023 until the end of the 2022-2023 school year (17 periods):

Name	Total Pay
William Koenig	\$944.44

6. 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 senior prom on June 8, 2023:

Marcia Forte	Vanessa Martinez
Nick Scerbo	Christopher Volk

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XII. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 9

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 May 15, 2023	\$2,272,424.97
Payroll as of May 15, 2023	\$1,763,684.91
Total	\$4,036,109.88

2. Secretary's and Treasurer's Financial Reports

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's unaudited 2022-23 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period March 2023.

3. Ratification of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification – Budgetary Line Item Status

RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that

as of March 2023 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2-11(c)4 that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education certifies that as of March 2023 after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial report, in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(b).4.

4. Approval of the Following Reports

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

a. Cafeteria Account	March 2023
b. e-Learning Account	March 2023
c. Capital Project Account	March 2023
d. Student Government Account – PH	March 2023
e. Student Government Account – PV	March 2023
f. Athletic Account – PH	March 2023
g. Athletic Account – PV	March 2023

5. Transfers

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve transfers for the month of March 2023.

6. Corrected - Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Hillsdale - SLEO III RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education concerning the hiring and placement of special police officer SLEO IIIs at Pascack Valley High School for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$56,270.40 per year per officer.

7. **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	Donation	Club or Group			
5/1/23	Wegmans	\$500	Asian Culture Club PH			

8. **Approve Student Accident Insurance - Bob McCloskey Insurance RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the district student accident insurance premium through Bob McCloskey Insurance from August 1, 2023 to August 1, 2024 in the amount of \$106,899.

9. Nursing Services to Non-Public Students - Catapult Learning

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, renew the service contract with Catapult Learning to provide non-public nursing services for the 2023-2024 school year. Such services shall be rendered pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 226 of the Laws of 1991, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education. Fees are determined by state allocation for non-public nursing services.

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XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Suspension Report - April

XIV. **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board Meeting previously scheduled for June 19th is rescheduled for June 20th at 7:30pm in PVHS.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments 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 and town of residence.

XVI. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet in the Media Center at Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Meeting.

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has been formed pursuant to applicable New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with the responsibility of performing all acts and doing all things, consistent with law and the rules of the State Board of Education, necessary for the lawful and proper conduct, equipment and maintenance of the public schools and public school property of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District; and

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:

Possible HIB: incident # 246803 PHH

If needed, the subject of executive session will be stated in the verbal motion

 The Board will not return to the Regular Board Meeting, will take no action, and will adjourn from executive session.
 OR

4. Official action may or may not be taken when the board reconvenes to Public Session

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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