

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Pascack Valley High School Auditorium**

Meeting Regulations

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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.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Gini Varghese, President

Present: Mrs. Gini Varghese, President
Mr. Joseph Blundo, Vice President
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone
Mrs. Stephanie Huang
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, Madeline Gibbs- PVHS

Absent: Mr. Pat Luisi

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Varghese led all those present in a salute to the flag.

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 July 21, 2023.

IV. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON March 18, 2024 at 7:04 p.m.

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Session.

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:

New Jersey All-State Wind Ensemble

WHEREAS Eddie Grcic, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, placed second in the state of New Jersey on tuba. He has been selected to perform with the New Jersey All-State Wind Ensemble.

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

STEM School of Excellence Awards

WHEREAS Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School have been awarded the 2023-2024 ITEEA STEM School of Excellence Award. This is a very prestigious award given out by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association that recognizes outstanding schools for their commitment to providing a robust integrative experience in STEM.

This special designation was created to celebrate those schools whose teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders are providing a meaningful STEM education experience for students and to inspire others to learn effective best practices and instructional strategies to enhance their own programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize our teachers, administrators, and all other stakeholders for their outstanding achievement.

First Team All Bergen County

WHEREAS the following students were selected to the First Team All Bergen County:

Celina Bussanich - PV	1st Team All County Girls Basketball - Scored 1,000 career points.
Haydn Hopper - PH	1st Team All County Girls Bowling
Patrick Kurtz - PV	1st Team All County Indoor Track
Jessica Malocha - PV	1st Team All County Swimming
Benjamin Mandler - PH	1st Team All County Pole Vault
Tyler Rothstein - PH	1st Team All County Ice Hockey

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.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Auditorium Project - Gianforcaro Architects

Ms. Bilotti gave a summary of the history of the project. The project restarted in May 2022 with the stakeholders to determine what needed to be done. She indicated that the ceiling in the Hills auditorium will need asbestos abatement. She mentioned renovating/updating ceiling, floors,

seats, lighting system, and sound, as lights and sound/mics are rented. She commented that there are a number of students who work in the performing arts and theater and go on to college and beyond. Ms. Bilotti said that the space will be conducive for staff and administrators to hook into the audio/visual for instructional purposes. She mentioned that there were multiple failed bids and went into negotiations for a lower cost. She indicated that Gianforcaro Architects presented the scope and how best to move forward since the stakeholders were not completely on board at the Facilities Committee meeting on February 26 before the board meeting that night. She said on February 29 there was another meeting with the stakeholders, administrators, architect, and sound and lighting engineer to discuss all the needs. The proposal was finalized.

Matthew Gianforcaro went over the scope of the project. He mentioned the asbestos abatement at Hills for the reason to start at Hills. He said the general contractor will remove the seats to allow for the abatement. The general contractor will construct a new sound and lighting booth at the audience level. There will be new epoxy under the seats, carpeting, aisle lighting, clouded ceiling, house lighting, hardwood floor by back of the stage, front of stage panels, hoist beam to bring up equipment, projector, projector screen, and world class theatrical sound and lighting package. He commented that asbestos abatement is to start on July 15 and take about a month and an anticipated mid February completion date for the project.

Mr. Weaver thanked the performing arts directors in working with the architects by providing feedback to ensure that the directors and students get what they need by creating a state of the art facility that they deserve. He commented that the cost of the project had increased by \$50,000 since the last report the Board received.

Matthew Gianforcaro responded that typically the general contractor is required to provide a performance bond in case something goes wrong or they go under. Usually the electrical contractor is a subcontractor of the general contractor. However, since the project was split between the two a performance bond was required by both parties. This was recommended by the board attorney. He was asked about mics by Mr. Weaver and he indicated that there are 10 headset mics and two wireless mics. He indicated that asbestos abatement is a separate cost.

Mr. Weaver asked if there could be a delay with the project if the asbestos bid comes in too high.

Mr. Usami said that he does not see that happening.

Mr. Weaver asked if it did happen and the abatement needs to be done with students out of the building, would the project get pushed back a year.

Mr. Usami said he does not foresee that.

Anthony Gianforcaro commented that the abatement can be done as occupied or unoccupied.

More monitoring is required for occupied abatement. He mentioned that when the project was being pushed back, there was talk about going with an occupied abatement. He indicated that he does not see a delay of a significant time.

Ms. Stephans asked what happens with the musical next year.

Ms. Bilotti said according to the timeline, the project will be done in February and the performance is in March. There are other musicals that take place after the high school musical. If there is an issue then an adjustment would need to be made.

Mr. Blundo asked if there is anything in the fall.

Mr. Wieland and Ms. Bilotti said the fall play.

IX. 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.

Mr. Tim Wieland, principal of Pascack Hills High School and a resident/parent of River Vale. He indicated that the stakeholders have been trying to figure out what to do. He mentioned that the seniors will not have the fall play in the new auditorium, but will be the first to perform in the new auditorium in the spring. They understand that this needs to be done at some point and alternatives need to take place. He commented that he has been at Hills for 12 years and there have been sound and lighting problems. He commended the department for their efforts to put on a production as they rent lights each year. He mentioned that the auditorium is used quite a bit for concerts and instruction. Jennifer Mandler of Woodcliff Lake, a parent of a student in the theater program. She is happy to hear about the improvements. Her daughter will be a senior next year, so there is some disappointment about having a half year with the program. She commented that she would like to see improvement in the academic area of the program. She mentioned that there could be more in the curriculum for the theater and arts such as having more representation in the staff.

X. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Items 1-2

1. Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying 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:

- a. HIB # 261071 (attached)
- b. HIB # 261549 (attached)
- c. HIB # 259744 (attached)

2. BOE Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations – First Reading

First reading of the following Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education bylaws, policies, and regulations:

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy/ Regulation Number
Educational Equity Policies/Affirmative Action (M) (Revised)	P 1140
Comprehensive Equity Plan (M) (Revised)	P 1523
Equal Employment Opportunities (M) (Revised)	P 1530
Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure (M) (Revised)	R 1530
Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices (M) (Revised)	P 1550
Curriculum Content (M) (Revised)	R 2200
Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)	P 2260
Equity in School and Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure (M) (Revised)	R 2260
Guidance Counseling (M) (Revised)	P 2411

Code of Ethics (Revised)	P 3211
Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students (M) (Revised)	P 3283
Honoring Student Achievement (Revised)	R 5440
Sportsmanship (Revised)	P 5570
Equitable Educational Opportunity (M) (Revised)	P 5750
Secret Societies (Revised)	P 5841
Equal Access of Student Organizations (Revised)	P 5842
Vandalism (Revised)	P 7610
Vandalism (Revised)	R 7610
Notification of Juvenile Offender Case Disposition (Revised)	P 9323
Bilingual Education (M) (Revised)	P 2423
Bilingual Education (M) (Revised)	R 2423
Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised)	P 2431.4
Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised)	R 2431.4
Equity in Educational Programs and Services (Abolish - Policy guides 1523 and 2260 address all of the requirements outlined in Policy 5755)	P 5755

Moved by: Stephans

Seconded by: Stankus

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Weaver abstained to item #1 and #2 policy and regulation 2431.4.

XI. **EDUCATION**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 3

1. **Overnight Trip**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Hills High School DECA

members, and chaperones, Corin Gamgort, Paul Henry, Steve Papa, and Vanessa Martinez to complete at the International DECA Competition (attached) at Anaheim, California from April 26 - May 1, 2024.

2. **Park Academy 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# 814104, seventh grade from Hillsdale Public School District, to Park Academy for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 the out-of-district placement for student ID# 814098 as per student’s IEP, to Cranford Achievement Program starting 2/1/2024 through 6/19/2024. The prorated tuition cost for 2023-2024 school year is \$32,249.49. Additionally, there is a prorated 1:1 aide cost of \$12,848.29.

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the out-of-district placement for student ID# 812475 as per student’s IEP, to Cranford Public Schools starting 2/27/2024 through 6/19/2024. The prorated tuition cost for 2023-2024 school year is \$26,224.86.

Moved by:

Martin ▾

Seconded by:

Stankus ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

XII. **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 1-18

1. **New Hire**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following individual to the position indicated:

Name	Position	Account Number	Salary	Effective Date
Deven Deppert	Paraprofessional	11-213-100-106-07-000	\$38,819 (prorated) with benefits, per PVRSSA contract	On or about April 15, 2024

2. **Extended Leave Replacement**

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

Name	Position	Stipend	Effective Date
Argine Safari For employee ID # 1830	Acting District Supervisor of Instruction for the World Language, FACS, Music, and ELL Departments	\$9,336*	July 1, 2024- January 2, 2025

* Stipend may be adjusted once the PVRSA contract is finalized.

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 (attached) of Christina Jasper, Region II BCBA, effective April 19, 2024.

4. **Leave of Absence**

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
2349	PVHS Main Office Executive Secretary	Total Leave Period: September 9, 2024 - February 5, 2025 Using 25 sick days FMLA: November 1, 2024 - February 5, 2025 Leave of Absence: None

5. **Leave of Absence - Revised**

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
1323	PVHS Math Teacher	Total Leave Period: November 13, 2023 - April 17, 2024 Using 28 sick days FMLA: January 2, 2023 - March 25, 2024 Leave of Absence: From: March 26 - April 14, 2024 To: March 26 - April 17, 2024

6. **Substitute Teacher**

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 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position	Type
Inez Armendi	Classroom Substitute Teacher	New
Nina Miller	Classroom Substitute Teacher	New
Mony Saume	Classroom Substitute Teacher	New

7. **Classroom Observer**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Brielle Padovan, a student in the Teacher Education Program at Montclair State University, to observe Pascack Hills English Teacher Edward Sandt's classes during the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

8. **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 PVHS junior prom on March 27, 2024:

Chris Nilsen	Dorely Leal-Drago	Pam Schwartz
Luciano Cofrancesco	Connor Quinlan	

9. **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 for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position	School	Amount
Jonathan Melchiorre	Fall Drama Assistant Director - Co-advisor	PVHS	\$1,760
Thomas Lupfer	Fall Drama Assistant Director - Co-advisor	PVHS	\$1,760

Tina Rauscher	Newspaper - Change from Advisor to Co-advisor	PVHS	From: \$5,255 To: \$3,560.79
Diana Galka	Newspaper - Co-Advisor	PVHS	\$1,694.21
Meghan Magnus	Tri-M Music Honor Society	PVHS	\$1, 530
Nick Bernard	Spring Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	From: 1,760 To: \$3,520
Gayle Fuentes	Spring Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	From: 1,760 To: \$3,520
Merielle Lupfer	Spring Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	From: 1,760 To: \$3,520
Kelsey McGrail	Spring Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	From: 1,760 To: \$3,520

10. Co-curricular Resignation

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

Name	Activity	Position
Jonathan Melchiorre	PVHS Spring Musical	Assistant Director

11. Athletic Appointments

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 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Jared Coffey	PHHS Baseball	Assistant Coach	\$3,555 (50% split)/step 3
Abigail Triglia	PHHS Girls Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$6,155/step 1

12. Athletic Appointments

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 2024-2025 school year:

Kristian Diore	PHHS Volleyball	Assistant Coach	\$7,338/step 3
Michael McCourt	PVHS Football	Assistant Coach	\$6,323.25 (75% split)/step 3
Jonathan Moran	PVHS Football	Assistant Coach	\$2,107.75 (25% split)/ step 3

13. Home Instruction

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID# 811513, per student's IEP, from March 18 - June 13, 2024.

Instructure	Subject	Hours per week
Nicole Olshalsky	PE/Health 12	2
Vani Apanosian	World Literature Basic - Educere	1
Heather O'Campo	College Prep. Math Basic - Educere	1

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID# 811577. The student will receive 4 hours of instruction per week from March 4 - April 8, 2024.

Instructure	Subject	Hours per week
Brett Conrad	Sports and Literature	2
Heather O'Campo	Statistics 1	2

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID# 812309. The student will receive 2 hours of home instruction per week in the subject of Honors English III from Brett Conrad from March 8 - April 8, 2024.

14. Additional Periods

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the adjustment to the November 20, 2023 board approved additional sixth period assignment for the following teacher during the 2023-2024 school year, for student ID# 811515 as per student's IEP:

Name	Subject	Additional Period	Stipend
Amy Maniscalco	English IV: World Literature and Culture	3 times per week From: 11/6/2023 to 6/13/2024 To: 11/6/2023 to 1/12/2024 (9 weeks)	From: \$6,393.75 To: \$1,856.25

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional sixth period assignments for the following teachers during the 2023-2024 school year, for student ID# 812710 as per student's IEP:

Name	Subject	Additional Period	Stipend
Natalie Macke	Chemistry in the Community	March 11 to June 13, 2024 (12 weeks and 4 days)	\$3,560
Eric Ganz	US History I	March 11 to June 13, 2024 (12 weeks and 4 days)	\$3,560

15. Additional Period - Adjustment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following adjustment to the February 26, 2024 board approved additional sixth period class for the 2023-2024 school year, for student ID# 813630 who requires Tier III intervention instruction:

Name	Subject	Time Frame	Total Pay
Cassandra Leibfried	Geometry	February 6 - June 13, 2024 (16 weeks and 8 days)	From: \$4,935 To: \$4,920

16. BCBA - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Kathleen Rothenbucher, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, for Region II during the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Rothenbucher's hourly rate is \$90.

17. Overnight Trip Chaperone

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a change in chaperone for the February 5, 2024 board approved overnight trip to Taiwan from May 17 - 25, 2024. Dorely Leal-Drago will replace Liam O'Neill as chaperone.

18. Athletic Appointment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following athletic appointment for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Kristian Diore	PHHS Spring Track	Assistant Coach	\$3,077.50 (50%)/Step 1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes a Capital Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$1,593,252 for capital projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes a Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$380,000 for required maintenance activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes an Emergency Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$250,000 to offset some of healthcare increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes an allowable healthcare adjustment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7f-39(e) in the amount of \$256,253 to offset healthcare costs.

3. **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 2023-24 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period January 2024.

4. **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 January 2024 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 January 2024 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.

5. **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	January 2024
b. e-Learning Account	January 2024
c. Capital Project Account	January 2024
d. Student Government Account – PH	January 2024
e. Student Government Account – PV	January 2024
f. Athletic Account – PH	January 2024
g. Athletic Account – PV	January 2024

6. 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 January 2024.

7. Travel Pre-Authorizations

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the pre-authorization travel expenses for professional development or school trips (attached):

Name	Professional Development or School Trip
Sarah Bilotti	League of Innovative Schools 2024 Convening
Megan Graziano	League of Innovative Schools 2024 Convening
Megan Graziano	2024 AERA Annual Meeting Presenting a self-study paper. The study is the application of social-network mapping, a strategic approach designed to cultivate support and enhance engagement for the science action-research project.
Alyssa Merritt	North Jersey Math Institute
Argine Safari	US Alumni of Teacher Exchange Programs Conference
Yas Usami	2024 NJASBO Annual Conference

- 8. 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, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

9. Maximum Travel Expenditure Amount

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12. In each pre-budget year, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by state and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum amount for the pre-budget year 2023-2024 as \$180,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has expended \$53,642 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School Board of Education hereby establish the maximum travel expenditure amount in the 2024-2025 tentative budget as \$127,527.

10. Donations

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

Date	Donor	Donation	Club or Group
2/28/24	Haig Service (the robot vacuum co in the library)	\$1,000	Pi-oneers
3/1/24	Peter & Marge Trapp	\$50	William & Maura Ellis Scholarship
3/5/24	Susan & Jim Given	\$75	William & Maura Ellis Scholarship
3/6/24	Orange & Rockland Electric Company	\$5,000	Pi-oneers
3/12/24	Shoprite Supermarket	\$5,000	Robotics Team
3/12/24	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc (American Online Giving Foundation)	\$971	Robotics Team

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 for the Grandstand Erosion Repair and Drainage at Pascack Hills High School.

12. Participation Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing of Demand Response Services Through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System

The PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION in the county of BERGEN agrees to participate with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) in seeking bids on a cooperative basis for the purchase of Demand Response Services.

The PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION agrees to provide the Commission with the correct address/meter/account information for each location in their District.

The PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION agrees not to solicit bids or quotes or to enter into a contract that would jeopardize the award of a contract for Cooperative Purchasing of Demand Response Services by the Commission.

The PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION agrees to abide by the award of contract made by the Commission if the Commission determines that the bidder is qualified.

The PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION will not withdraw from the cooperative without providing at least 30 days advance notice of their intent before the next preparation of bid specifications or contract extensions.

The Commission will prepare bid specifications, evaluate bids submitted and award a contract for the purchase of Demand Response Services. The Commission will also monitor the performance of the vendor during the course of the contract.

In lieu of the participation fee, the Commission will receive a commission equal to 15% of the overall Demand Response Revenues secured from the successful bidder for the services rendered by the Commission, including preparation of specifications, transmittal of bid specifications, bid evaluation and contract documents.

The PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION hereby authorizes the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to act as the direct agent for the purpose of executing a purchase agreement for Demand Response Services.

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the participation agreement for cooperative purchasing of Demand Response Services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System 65MCESCCPS, contract # 23/24-16 for the period of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2027.

13. Shared Services Agreement - Student Internship Program with Park Ridge Board of Education

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement - Student Internship Program between the Park Ridge Board of Education (Member District) and Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Host LEA). The Host LEA shall bill the Member District a fixed yearly sum in the amount of \$29,967.00 for up to ten (10) students participating in the program for the 2024-2025 school year. This sum includes a \$10,000 administration fee. Also, each additional student beyond ten (10) participating in the program will be at the rate of \$2,050.00.

14. Shared Services Agreement - Student Internship Program with Emerson Board of Education

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement - Student Internship Program between the Emerson Board of Education (Member District) and Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Host LEA). The Host LEA shall bill the Member District a fixed yearly sum in the amount of \$29,967.00 for up to ten (10) students participating in the program for the 2024-2025 school year. This sum includes a \$10,000 administration fee. Also, each additional student beyond ten (10) participating in the program will be at the rate of \$2,050.00.

15. **State of New Jersey Competitive Teacher Climate & Culture Grant**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the application for the State of New Jersey Competitive Teacher Climate and Culture grant in the amount of \$124,874 for use for summer professional development for certificated staff.

16. **Pascack Hills High School – 1st Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for School Bus Riders for the 2023-2024 School Year**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27-11.2), and at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill:

For Pascack Hills High School, 225 West Grand Ave Montvale, NJ 07645.

The first of two annual drills for bus riders for the 2023-2024 school year was conducted on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. – 2:53 p.m.

Evacuation Drill was held at Pascack Hills adjacent to the gym.

Route Numbers: No Specific routes, all routes and all students participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill.

Ms. Christine Pollinger and Mr. Derek Piccini Assistant Principals of Pascack Hills High School conducted the Emergency Evacuation Drill.

17. **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 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$59,280.00 per year per officer.

18. **Award Contract to In-Line AGM, Inc for the Cafeteria Area Window Replacement Project at PVHS**

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Cafeteria Area Window Replacement Project at Pascack Valley High School (“Project”);

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024 the Board received six bids for the Project;

WHEREAS, In-Line AGM, Inc. (“In-Line”) submitted the lowest base bid in the amount of \$335,000 and \$25,000 for Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$25,000 for a total bid of \$360,000;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by In-Line is materially responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to In-Line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to In-Line for a total contract sum of \$360,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon In-Line furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

19. Award Contract to KDP Developers, Inc. for the Grandstand Erosion Repair at PHHS

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Grandstand Erosion Repair at Pascack Hills High School Project (“Project”);

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024 the Board received three bids for the Project;

WHEREAS, KDP Developers, Inc.(“KDP”) submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$744,000.00;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by KDP is materially responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to KDP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to KDP for a total contract sum of \$744,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

20. Royalty Agreement with Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the royalty agreement of 10% net sales with Ohiopyle Prints, Inc Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania to distribute licensed school logo apparel and accessories to local retailers.

21. Award Contract to Cablevision Lightpath LLC for Internet Connectivity & Data Transmission

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Internet connectivity and data

transmission with Lightpath through the E-rate bidding process, awarding a contract to Cablevision Lightpath LLC, SPIN number 143013604 in the amount of \$7,883.90 per month covering a period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

22. **Award Contract to Cablevision Lightpath LLC for the Enterprise Phone Service**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Enterprise Phone Service (local and long distance circuits) with Lightpath New Jersey Pricing Cooperative ESCNJ 23/24-10, awarding a contract to Cablevision Lightpath LLC in the amount of \$1,190.00 per month covering a period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

23. **Award Contract to Northeast Roof Maintenance, Inc. for the Lecture Hall Roof Replacement Project at PVHS**

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Lecture Hall Roof Replacement Project at Pascack Valley High School (“Project”);

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024 the Board received four bids for the Project;

WHEREAS, Northeast Roof Maintenance, Inc. (“Northeast”) submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$555,000;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Northeast is materially responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to Northeast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Northeast for a total contract sum of \$555,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon Northeast furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

24. **Award Contract to Arco Construction, Inc. for the C-Wing Roof Replacement Project at PHHS**

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the C-Wing Roof Replacement Project at Pascack Hills High School (“Project”);

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024 the Board received six bids for the Project;

WHEREAS, Arco Construction, Inc. (“Arco”) submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$489,000.00;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Arco is materially responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to Arco.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Arco for a total contract sum of \$489,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon Arco furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

25. Award Contract to Arco Construction, Inc. for the D-Wing Roof Replacement Project at PHHS

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the D Wing Roof Replacement Project at Pascack Hills High School (“Project”) which is eligible for a ROD Grant under DOE Project No. 3960-040-23-R501 and SDA Project No. 3960-040-23-G5PQ;

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024 the Board received six bids for the Project;

WHEREAS, Arco Construction, Inc. (“Arco”) submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$499,000;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Arco is materially responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to Arco.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Arco for a total contract sum of \$499,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon Arco furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board

Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

26. Award Contract to BGD Contracting, LLC for the General Construction Work for the Auditorium Renovations at Pascack Hills High School and Generations Services, Inc. for the Electrical Work for the Project.

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("Board") advertised for bids for the Auditorium Renovations at Pascack Hills High School ("Project");

WHEREAS, the Board twice rejected the bids for the Project which exceeded the cost estimate and budget for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Architect to negotiate contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c);

WHEREAS, all bidders who submitted bids on the second occasion were advised of the Board's intention to negotiate and were afforded a reasonable opportunity to do so;

WHEREAS, negotiations were conducted with all interested contractors;

WHEREAS, to enable the Board to negotiate a contract amount within the cost estimate and budget, the Board divided the Project into general construction work and electrical work and proposed the following alternates for the Project: Alternate #1 (Deduct Lighting Items); Alternate #2 (Deduct Sound Items); Alternate #3 (Garment Carousel); Alternate #4 (Hoist Beam); Alternate #5 (Seats); Alternate #6 (Sound Diffusers); and Alternate #7 (Shelving Carousel);

WHEREAS, BGD Contracting, LLC ("BGD") submitted the lowest negotiated price offered by a responsible contractor for the general construction work for the Project in the amount of \$786,000 for the base bid and \$17,000 for Alternate #4 (Hoist Beam), for a total contract amount of \$803,000, which negotiated price is lower than the lowest requested combined bid submitted on the second occasion by a responsible bidder and is a reasonable price for such services;

WHEREAS, Generations Services, Inc. ("Generations") submitted the lowest negotiated price offered by a responsible contractor for the electrical work for the Project in the amount of \$1,033,424.55 for the base bid and \$6,120.00 for Alternate #4 (Hoist Beam), for a total contract amount of \$1,039,544.55, which negotiated price is lower than the lowest rejected combined bid submitted on the second occasion by a responsible bidder and is a reasonable price for such services;

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the general construction work for the Project to BGD; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the electrical work for the Project to Generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The contract for the general construction work for the Project is hereby awarded to BGD in the amount of \$803,000;
2. The contract for the electrical work for the Project is hereby awarded to Generations in the amount of \$1,039,544.55;
3. This award is expressly conditioned upon the Contractors furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreements with BGD and Generations consistent with this Resolution, the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project, the revisions to the Specifications, and the negotiated terms of the proposals submitted by BGD and Generations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the agreements and any other documents necessary to affect the terms of this Resolution.

27. Speech and Language Specialist - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Ingrid Gsellmeier, a Speech and Language Specialist, for Region II during the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Gsellmeier’s hourly rates are \$77 per hour for individual sessions, and \$87 per hour for group sessions.

28. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Quotes

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232427 to Stellar School Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232427	Benway School	219	40	219	15,768.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232428 to Lenoir’s Transport during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232428	Chapel Hill Academy	285	55	285.00	22,230.00

29. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Parent Contract

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract to The Parent for route #KS2324 for the 2023-24 school year.

Route #	Route	Per Diem	Annual Cost
KS2324	SBJC, Maywood	50	3,800.00

Moved by: Martin ▾

Seconded by: Calderone ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Suspension Report (attached)

Mr. Weaver mentioned in the past there was an outside organization that did not pay for facility use since there was an agreement, but it could not be found. He wants to make sure that the schools are following policy on how facility use is granted. He indicated that a town organization received a calendar that showed that the calendar was full at one school with an outside organization. He wants to make sure that town based organizations have the first opportunity to reserve time. Mr. Weaver commented that he would like to see a report on how much outside organizations use our facilities and how much they've paid.. Mr. Weaver is thrilled to hear that the district is investing in swimming and ice hockey to reduce the out-of-pocket costs to parents. He referenced an October 17 email about concessions at Valley and the inequity between the two schools. He requested that they could receive what costs are being passed on to parents for all extra curricular activities. He indicated that he requested this and was informed by Ms. Bilotti that the information would be provided in November at a facilities meeting. He asked for the information again in February on two occasions. He commented that organizations are fundraising and wondered if some do it better than others. The report may show what inequalities exist among groups and see if possibly be addressed financially by the district. He mentioned that it was disappointing that the follow up was not done, but it would be appreciated. Mr. Weaver thanked administration for the presentation about the locker room. He commented that it was an incomplete presentation since it only mentioned the locker room. He indicated that Mr. Blundo had mentioned in the past that the locker room would need to be part of a larger referendum that would address needs at both schools. He indicated that there were plans for several options, but they only received two. One for renovating the existing space and an addition above the wrestling room and the second was renovating the existing space with a separate field house. He said what is troubling is that no additional planning was needed. He said that it originally started as a starting point and more planning is needed. He indicated that when he asked about room usage, it was meant to view it in a larger scope, not just the girls locker room. The last room usage report provided by Dr. Fishbein indicated that there were 13-15 unused rooms per period. Mr. Blundo agreed with Mr. Weaver that it was a starting point and that it could potentially be part of a larger referendum to address many needs. He mentioned that a referendum would be possible in 2028 based on what Mr. Usami or his predecessor indicated. He commented that the property adjacent to Hills may provide other options for the locker room project. Mr. Weaver asked if they could start planning with each committee . He said there is a curricula aspect, so looking to see needs in 6-8 years is critical. He mentioned the long range facility plan has the media center and other big ticket items. He commented that this may not be funded

through the budget, especially the way things are trending. Need to make sure needs are met equally. He said a timeline working backwards would be helpful to ensure efficient use of time. Mr. Blundo commented that enrollment has been declining, but some of the sending districts are seeing an increase. He indicated that it would be important to see where enrollment will be in 10 years. He added that there is a lot of new housing going up in all the towns.

Mr. Stankus indicated that it would be quite a task to get fundraising information from all clubs. He commented that the fundraising his clubs do are based on many variables. He said there are some things that he fundraises and then there are replacements for wear and tear. He indicated that at any given moment he may need to fundraise to replace items. He said a general estimate may be best that can be provided.

Mr. Weaver said the purpose is to see how much parents need to pay out-of-pocket and what is raised to offset the cost.

Mc Calderone indicated that soccer parents fundraise and it depends on the degree of parental involvement. She mentioned an end of year dinner and the financial determination is what kind of dinner and awards/trophies.

Mrs. Martin mentioned that she has heard about inequities for field use. She said the towns should get the fields before outside organizations.

Ms. Calderone said they give priority to the resident organizations. She oversaw that for six years.

Mr. Weaver asked if there is a timeline for the Valley auditorium and anticipated budget.

Mr. Usami indicated that there would need to be a discussion with Mr. Donahue and the architect regarding the timeline in light of what happened at Hills. He mentioned that there is \$1.3 million allocated for Valley, but there will be increased costs for sound and lighting. However, there is no asbestos abatement needed. He added that it may be prudent to cancel the auditorium project to free up capital reserve and have it in the budget for 2025-2026 at a better projected amount. The project would begin July 2025. This would need to be discussed with Mr. Donahue, the architect and Mr. Puccio.

Ms. Bilotti commented that there is a tiered system for facility use with school based groups and then town based groups receiving priority. She indicated the calendars go through the athletic directors and then to facilities with Mr. Donahue and the principals. She asked if there is a group that is having difficulty then they can contact the athletic directors or her or Mr. Usami. Ms. Bilotti mentioned that fundraising for athletics is more accurate than the clubs. She indicated that fundraising has variables among the groups depending on their goals. She commented that they have a report for athletics that the athletic directors will present at a Finance Committee meeting which has not occurred yet since they are still fine tuning the data. Ms. Bilotti commented that the Facilities Committee moved to allocate extra funds towards the locker room project in the hopes of funding it through capital reserve. Realistically, the project should be built into a larger referendum.

Mr. Weaver said he was confused. He thought this was being brought to the full board since only he and Mr. Blundo were the only ones at the December 2022 meeting. He asked how much is reserved for the project.

Ms. Bilotti commented that the reserves are only being used for necessary repairs and renovations.

Mr. Usami indicated that there were purchases of property in Montvale and the milestones house. He mentioned that he and Ms. Kirk are going through the calculations to see what it is in the reserves.

Mr. Weaver commented that realistically the project will not be funded through the budgeting process.

Mr. Usami agreed. He said it would need to be part of a larger referendum. He said it was evident when Solutions Architect presented at the previous meeting. He commented that a referendum would need to include things with educational value. He agreed with Mr. Weaver and Mr. Blundo when they mentioned in the past that the locker room needs to be part of a larger referendum. He mentioned that the administration has been meeting to discuss projects in the internal long range facility plan and other needs 5-8 years from now. It is critical to that for a future referendum.

Mr. Blundo mentioned that he was a committee member comprised of athletic directors, assistant principals and the board members to discuss athletic teams and clubs. He said they discussed topics such as how to fund clubs or athletic teams. He indicated that they decided to disband the committee. He suggested resurrecting the committee. He commented that field usage could be discussed.

Mr. Stankus said he was on the committee as well. He indicated that it was valuable and he thought it stopped during Covid. He mentioned that it could be more expansive with equity, plays and Robotics. He said it was a window to see what students were doing outside of the classroom. Mr. Blundo indicated that they had regularly scheduled meetings even if there was nothing urgent. It was a dialogue among the group and conversation generated ideas organically.

Ms. Stephans gave a shout out to the Robotics Team. She said it was an awesome “Reveal” night. She mentioned it was a great job by the students, staff and anyone involved.

Mrs. Varghese agreed. She thought it was the first time it was done that way and it was nicely done.

XV. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Calderone has been in touch with Brooke Schwartzman of the Environmental Club about the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir clean up in April or May. She said they’re looking for students to help clean up the debris by the train station near the border of Woodcliff Lake and Hillsdale. Students could receive community service hours. The town is working with Veolia, the water company.

She mentioned that Veolia also provides tours of their facility which may be of interest to the club. Ms. Calderone asked about how school taxes work with the surrounding towns. She indicated that Woodcliff Lake had another assessment and it went up quite a bit as it did last year.

Mr. Usami indicated that they have nothing to do with it. The state is in charge of it. He mentioned that he had a conversation with a councilman a couple of years ago about it. He said to him that the state provides a percent allocation for the four towns. He commented that it’s a state formula using home valuation, home sales and other factors. He indicated that he steered the councilman to a state department to start.

Mr. Blundo added that it’s a state law and it defines the funding formula. He mentioned that valuation is a factor and enrollment is another. He indicated that he is aware of two ways to change it based on his experience. He said one is to get the state law (funding formula) changed. The other is by way of a vote where each of the four towns must agree to change the local agreement. He said it attempted about 10 years ago and it failed in two of the four towns. He reiterated that the Board has no authority over this issue.

Ms. Bilotti commented that the school’s tax levy increase is set at 2% with some exceptions such as increased healthcare costs. The district’s tax levy increase will be 2.47%. She indicated that the tax amount is unchanged, only the allocation among the four towns may differ. She said that a reassessment does not mean the taxes increase above what has been set. She recommended going to the townships and state officials. She added that a question may be how a more frequent reassessment policy affects their taxes.

XVI. **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.
None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Martin to adjourn the public meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Calderone seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Martin

Seconded by: Calderone

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Respectfully,



Yas Usami
Business Administrator/Board Secretary