

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
In the Pascack Hills High School Media Center**

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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 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Gini Varghese, President

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

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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of Office: Administered to newly elected Board Members by Mr. Yas Usami, Board Secretary:

Michael Weaver - Montvale

IV. 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:

December 18, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
January 4, 2024	Reorganization & Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.

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"/>	x	<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"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Blundo, Mr. Luisi and Mr. Weaver abstained to the January 4 minutes.

Ms. Stephans abstained to the December 18 minutes.

V. **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. Denis Rosenberg of Woodcliff Lake commented that they moved from Fair Lawn where his son was the president at the middle school. He is now vice president of his class at Pascack Hills. He mentioned his son and some of his classmates would like to start a Jewish Student Union Club in the high school. He stated the importance of such a club at the high school due to the significant rise in anti-semitism. He indicated the importance of uniting Jewish students as well as educating others about the Jewish values, culture and tradition. He emphasized the importance of having such a club. Mr. Rosenberg indicated that Ms. Lutz has coordinated the club with the support of the principal. He added that about 70 students showed up at a meeting to gauge interest. Mr. Rosenberg thanked the Board.

Mr. Blundo asked if Pascack Valley had a similar club.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that Valley has the Interfaith Union Club that has incorporated students who are interested in Jewish culture, values and traditions.

Mr. Weaver mentioned that he told the student that he would do great things at Pascack Hills and he has already done so with the start of the club. He thanked the student and his parents for coming tonight.

VI. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1-3

1. **2024-2025 School Calendar**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the 2024-2025 school calendar (attached).

2. **Custodial Holiday Calendar 2024-2025**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the 2024-2025 custodian holiday calendar (attached).

3. **Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the 2023-2024 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the police of Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale, and Woodcliff Lake.

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"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Weaver abstained to Item 1.

Mr. Weaver asked what will be done by us and surrounding districts on Juneteenth 2025 since he thought that the federal holiday will be observed on Monday which is not June 19th and graduation is on the following day. He asked if the district’s decision making considered what the K-8 sending districts and other surrounding districts plan to do on that Monday.

Ms. Bilotti said that the sending districts are not closing on that Monday and she is not aware of what any of the surrounding districts will do. She commented that if she receives any other information or receives a directive then the district can adjust.

VII. **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 Valley Regional High School students, and chaperones Yi Ping Yao, Liam O’Neill, and parent volunteer Stephanie Huang to travel to Taiwan (attached) from May 17 - 25, 2024.

2. **Out of District Placement**

- 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# 812475, as per student’s IEP, at Four Winds Hospital starting December 20, 2023 to December 29, 2023. The tutorial service was six hours at \$64.00 an hour for a total of \$384.00.

- 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# 813118, as per student’s IEP, at Fusion Academy starting January 22, 2024 to June 30, 2024. The tuition cost will be \$31,878.00.
- c. **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# 812079, as per student’s IEP, at Windsor Prep. for the 2023-2024 school year starting January 17, 2024 with a prorated tuition of \$32,061.15.

3. Homebound Instruction

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve hospital tutoring for student ID# 812475, as per student’s IEP, provided by Learnwell while the student attends Fusion Academy. The tutorial service is for 2.66 hours per day at \$59.00 per hour.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve homebound instruction for student ID# 811577, as per student’s IEP, who has been placed at Gen Psych. Educational services will be provided by Silvergate Prep.. Billing is \$55.00 an hour for a total of 10 hours per week. The start date is January 12, 2024 with an anticipated end date of 30-60 days.

Moved by:

Martin ▾

Seconded by:

Stephans ▾

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"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Luisi asked when the Taiwan trip is taking place (May 17-25). He asked the extent of due diligence regarding security.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that they are working with a travel company and have a report from the State Department that there are no concerns at this time. If anything changes then they can adjust. She mentioned that most of the trips are not directly tied to the curriculum, however this trip is tied to the curriculum. She added that the two teachers have gone to Taiwan multiple times and it’s not the first time they are taking students.

Mrs. Huang commented that she is meeting with the two teachers. One of the teachers cannot make it and they need someone who can speak Chinese to help with the 18 students who are going on the trip.

VIII. 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 1-23

1. Resignations

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Susan Bolella, Part-Time Secretary to the Pascack Hills Athletic Director, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2024.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Patricia Corkery, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2024.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Eva Merk, Director of Special Services, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2024.

2. Leave of Absence - Revision

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
1451	PHHS Special Education Teacher	From: Total Leave Period: March 8, 2024 - June 13, 2024 Using 27 sick days FMLA: April 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 Leave of Absence:

		None To: Total Leave Period: February 22, 2024 - June 13, 2024 Using 38 sick days FMLA: April 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 Leave of Absence: None
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3. Leave Replacement

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Lois Jasper to serve as leave replacement at the \$500 per diem rate for employee ID# 1451, PHHS Special Education Teacher, from February 22, 2024 to June 13, 2024.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the per diem rate of \$230.32 for the previously board approved, December 18, 2023, leave replacement for the Library Assistant at PVHS, Kelly Weckstein, while employee ID# 1471 is on leave from on or about January 15-May 31, 2024.

4. Mentor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Tara Flannery, District Supervisor of Special Services, to mentor Melissa Velez, PVHS Physical Education/Health Teacher, for the NJExcell Supervisor Internship from January through May 2024.

5. Student Teacher Assignment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Mr. Terence O'Loughlin, student at Dominican University, to student teach at Pascack Valley High School, with Mary Doherty, Math Teacher, during the Spring 2024 semester.

6. Professional Development

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional pay for a district paraprofessional who will attend a job coach training series in March 2024.

Name	Dates/Hours	Hourly Rate
Joanne Aschenbrand	March 6 and 13, 2024, for 2 hours total	At her hourly rate

7. Substitute Custodian Rate

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a new substitute custodian rate of pay of \$25 per hour.

8. **Substitute**

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

Name	Position	Type
Matthew Bruno	Custodial Substitute	New
Robert Maggiulli	Classroom Substitute	New
Joyce Platt	Substitute Nurse	New

9. **Co-curricular Appointment - 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 Kelly Tengco as the PHHS Spring Musical Assistant Director for the 2023-2024 school year.

10. **Co-curricular Appointments**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following probationary clubs at Pascack Hills High School. Probationary period will be for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. The advisors will be unpaid

Advisor	Club
Heather Lutz	Jewish Student Union
TBD	Muslim Student Union

- b. **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 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Activity	Position	School	Amount
Nick Bernard	Spring Musical Assistant Director	Co-Advisor	PVHS	Revision From: \$1,750 To: \$1,760
Ryan Dore	Spring Musical Assistant Director	Co-Advisor	PHHS	\$1,760
Allison Andresini	Fall Drama Assistant Director/ Technical Director (set/stage crew/ sound-lights)	Co-Advisor	PHHS	\$1,760
Kelly Tengco	Fall Drama Assistant Director	Co-Advisor	PHHS	\$1,760

11. Additional Periods

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following extension of additional assignments while employment ID#1905 is on extended leave from February 6, 2024, to February 9, 2024.

Name	Subject	Total Pay
Kenneth Sarajian	US History 1	\$210*
Joseph Orlak	AP Economics	\$275
Joseph Orlak	Financial Literature	\$210*

* 1 week (\$275) minus 1 day (\$65) (previously board-approved day) = \$210

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional sixth period assignments to the following teachers to cover the time between employee ID# 2389's retirement date and the start of new teacher's hire date.

Name	Subject	School	Timeframe	Total Pay
Caitlin Murphy	Algebra II w Trig.	PVHS	2/1/2024-3/4/2024 4 weeks and 3 days	\$1,295
William VanKersen	Study Skills	PVHS	2/1/2024-3/4/2024 4 weeks and 3 days	\$1,295
Dayna Lane	Geometry	PVHS	2/1/2024-3/4/2024 4 weeks and 3 days	\$1,295
Lauren Bacsik	Geometry	PVHS	2/1/2024-3/4/2024 4 weeks and 3 days	\$1,295

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional sixth period assignments to the following teachers to cover while employee ID# 1561 is on leave:

Name	Subject	School	Timeframe	Total Pay
Brett Conrad	AP Language & Composition	PVHS	March 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 (12 weeks)	\$3,300
Valerie Mattessich	AP Language & Composition	PVHS	March 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 (12 weeks)	\$3,300
Valerie Mattessich	AP Language & Composition	PVHS	March 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 (12 weeks)	\$3,300

Valerie Mattessich	AP Language & Composition	PVHS	March 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 (12 weeks)	\$3,300
Diana Galka	21st Century Media & Journalism CP/Honors	PVHS	March 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 (12 weeks)	\$3,300

12. Additional period - Adjustment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an adjustment to the following additional assignment that was board approved on December 18, 2023 while employee ID#1905 is on leave.

Name	Subject	Total Pay
Connor Quinlan	Financial Literacy From January 12-February 5, 2024 (3 weeks and 1 day) To: January 12-26, 2024 (2 weeks)	From: \$890 To: \$550

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# 812309. The student is to receive 10 hours of home instruction per week.

Home Instructor	Subject	Hours per week	Timeframe
Ken Sarajian	US History II	2 Hours	January 2, 2024- February 27, 2024
Kevin Kibala	Conceptual Physics	2 Hours	January 2, 2024- February 27, 2024
Heather Ocampo	Algebra II w Trig.	2 Hours	January 2, 2024- February 27, 2024
Dorely Leal-Drago	Spanish III	2 Hours	January 2, 2024- February 27, 2024
Laura McSpirit	English	2 Hours	January 2, 2024- February 27, 2024

- 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# 811915. The student is to receive 2 hours of home instruction per week.

Home Instructor	Subject	Hours per week	Timeframe
Russ Grier	Honors Forensics	1 hour	January 8, 2024 -

			February 9, 2024
Dan Phillips	Honors Language Myth & Culture	1 hour	January 8, 2024 - February 9, 2024

14. Chaperones

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Leah Jerome to chaperone the Valentine Talent Night Event on February 8, 2024.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve chaperones to attend the Bergen County Choir and Bergen County Band events at the rate of \$80 for two hours and additional time will be prorated.

Name	Event	School	Date	Timeframe
Meghan Magnus	Region Choir Rehearsal	PVHS	January 31, 2024	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Craig Yaremko	Jr. Region Band Audition	PVHS	February 10, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Meghan Magnus	Tri M Induction Ceremony	PVHS	February 15, 2024	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meghan Magnus	All State Choir Rehearsal	PVHS	February 17, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ryan Dore	All State Orchestra Auditions	PHHS	March 16, 2024	7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Margarita Elkin	All State Choir Rehearsal and Concert	PHHS	February 24, 2024	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Margarita Elkin	Region Choir Rehearsal	PHHS	From BOE approved date: January 31, 2024 To rescheduled date: January 29, 2024	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

15. 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
Kaitlin Higgins	PHHS Bowling	Assistant Coach	\$5,520/Step 2

Ken Del Santo	PVHS Boys Tennis	Head Coach	\$7,525 / Step 3
Madeline Dalie	PVHS Girls Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$7,110/Step 3
Michael Sherman	PVHS Boys Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$3,290 (½ stipend) / Step 2
Maggie Ely	PVHS Softball	Assistant Coach	\$7,110/Step 3

16. Athletic Appointment - Adjustment

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

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Evan Lampert	PHHS Unified Bowling Team	Head Coach	From: \$5,220/Step 2 To: \$5,520/Step 2

17. Athletic Resignations

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Jerry Mercandante, PHHS Assistant Softball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Dan Phillips PVHS Boys Head Tennis Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Ken Del Santo PVHS Boys Assistant Tennis Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Ken will become the Boys Head Tennis Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

18. Volunteers

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

Name	School	Activity
Roderick Kennedy	District	Pascack Pi-oneers / Robotics
Alexander Wolosiuk	District	Pascack Pi-oneers / Robotics
Dan Phillips	PVHS	Boys Tennis

19. Supplemental Instruction

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve extended

supplemental instruction for student ID# 813596. On November 20, 2023 Robert Salgado was board approved to provide extended instruction for Tier III Math until February 5, 2024. The recommendation is to extend the instruction once more with an end date of June 7, 2024. Instruction will continue five days a week at \$55 per session.

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction for students, as per students' IEPs, from January 29, 2024 - June 13, 2024 at the hourly rate of \$55.

Student ID#	Subject	Instructor	Frequency
812457	Algebra II	Tracy Ralph	2 hours per week
812425	Algebra II	Tracy Ralph	2 hours per week

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve extended supplemental instruction for student ID# 811661, as per student's IEP, from February 1 - June 13, 2024.

Name	Subject	Frequency
Amy Maniscalco	English IV	2 hours/week
Al Coleman	PE/Health	1 hour/week
Stephanie DiGiacopo	Ceramics	1 hour/week
Heather Ocampo	Statistics 1	2 hours/week

20. 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# 813118, as per student IEP, starting December 12, 2023 - June 13, 2024.

Name	Subject	Frequency
James Whitfield	Biology	2 hours/week
Deborah Ragone	English I	2 hours/week
Deborah Ragone	World History	2 hours/week
Robert Salgado	Algebra 1	2 hours/week
Lorrie Sandhage	PE/Health 9	2 hours/week

- 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# 811515, as per student’s IEP, starting January 15, 2024 - August 30, 2024.

Name	Subject	Frequency
Danielle deQuintal	Graphic Design 1	2 hours/week
Stephanie DiGiacopo	Ceramics & Sculpture 1	2 hours/week
Laura McSpirit	English IV	2 hours/week
Agostina Trass	Spanish I	2 hours/week
Heather Ocampo	Algebra II - <i>via Educere Education</i>	1 hour/week (1/15/24-6/30/24)

- 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# 813110, as per student’s IEP, starting January 11 - June 13, 2024.

Name	Subject	Frequency
Laura McSpirit	English I	2 hours/week
Laura McSpirit	Driver’s Education	2 hours/week

21. ABA Instructional Assistants - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following ABA instructional Assistant at the respective hourly rate for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name	Hourly Rate
Heather Liguori	\$25
Ashly Schovic	\$25

22. Salary Adjustment - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an annual salary adjustment and two stipends per the Region II budget for the Region II Related Services Coordinator.

Name	Salary	Annual Stipends
Robyn Blumberg	\$89,557 plus longevity	\$2,747 Region II Support \$2,747 Park Academy Support

23. Classroom Observer

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Esmerelda Espinosa, student at Ramapo College, to observe at the Park Academy Middle School. Esmerelda will be working with Mary Petrovici for the second semester during the 2023-2024 school year.

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

6. **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
Dana Amato	NJAHPERD Annual Conference
Sarah Bilotti	AASA National Conference on Education
David Bucco	NJSIAA State Tournament
Irene Cassa	Purchasing
Katherine Donahue	Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Crown Awards Ceremony
Robert Donahue	NJBGA 2024 Expo
Maggie Ely	University Campus Visits
Danielle Garretson	Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Crown Awards Ceremony
Mike Goldstein	NJSIAA State Tournament
Stephanie Huang	New Board Member Orientation - Mandated Training - Governance 1

Amy Lombardo	NJAHPERD Annual Conference
Kevin Moran	NJSIAA State Tournament
Matthew Morone	Transforming your Classroom School with AI
Elise Naramore	NSTA Conference Presenting with KidWind regarding offshore wind energy as related to the partnership that has begun with PVRHSD.
Steven Papa	DAANJ Conference Presenting a policy on spectator behavior and conduct at athletic events to the Director of Athletics community.
Amdi Ramani	NJBGA 2024 Expo
Joseph Spafford	DAANJ Conference

7. Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services - Joint Agreement Between Region II and Non-Member District

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and the Non-Member District, Leonia Public Schools for Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

8. 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
1/30/24	Nu Products Seasoning Co.	\$2,000	PH Robotics Team

9. Equipment Disposal

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the disposal, donation, sale or recycling of the following equipment:

Item
Step Bumper - fits a 2021 Ford F-350 pickup truck
Tailgate - fits a 2021 Ford F-350 pickup truck
System One ladder rack with rear window guard. All of the mounting hardware is included.

Broken laminating machine at PVHS, tag #0967
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10. Approve Use of Funds

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following teachers as instructors for the Math Center or Writing Center, at the rate of \$51 per hour, to be funded from the ESSER III Grant.

Math Center		
Bucco, Lauren	Caminiti, Kimberly	Gaeta, Michelle
Goodman, Janet	Hawkins, Patricia	Henry, Paul
Killian, Kevin	Kirkby, Kevin	Leibfried, Cassandra
Postman, Ryan	Runge, Lindsay	Schwartzman, Brooke
Uhl, Jay	Vargo, Kate	Bacsik, Lauren
Corasaniti, Dana	DelSanto, Kenneth	Doherty, Mary
Egan, Elizabeth	Giraldo, David	Hinrichsen, Maria
Koch, Brian	Lane, Dayna	Lynch, Will
Murphy, Caitlin	Ricca, Nancy	Rivera, Katlyn
Rossi-Oosting, Christina	Schwartzman, Charleen	Silberstein, Roni
Writing Center		
Marootian, Jamie	Lutz, Heather	Donahue, Katherine
Bucco, Dave	Rossi, Virena	Marchiano-Rauscher, Tina
Phillips, Daniel	Recine, Tracy	Overgaard, Kate

11. FKA Architects Proposal - 63 Patterson St, Hillsdale, NJ

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the proposal submitted by FKA Architects, Oakland, New Jersey for architectural and engineering services in the amount of \$26,000.00 plus reimbursables for the Milestones Program Renovation at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

12. A-Tech Concrete Co, Inc. Change Order 001

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Change Order 01 submitted by A-Tech Concrete Co., Inc for the Exterior Stair Replacement and Site Work at Pascack Hills High School. This change order is a decrease in the amount of \$20,000 for the unused amount in allowance from the original contract of \$278,750; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this change order has been reviewed and approved by Edwards Engineering Group.

13. Teo Technologies, Inc. - Change Order 002

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Change Order 002 submitted by Teo Technologies, Inc. for the HVAC Upgrades at Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools. This change order is a decrease in the amount of \$16,065.19 for the unused amount in allowance from the original contract of \$1,080,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the change order decrease is in the amount of \$6,065.19 from the original contract for Pascack Valley High School of \$428,650; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the change order decrease is in the amount of \$10,000 from the original contract for Pascack Hills High School of \$651,350; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this change order has been reviewed and approved by KSI Consulting Engineers.

14. Capital Reserve Withdrawal - 201 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$7,269.72 for fees related to the purchase of property at 201 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey.

15. Special Education Extraordinary Aid for FY 2022-2023

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has received Special Education Extraordinary Aid for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$979,191; and

WHEREAS, \$979,191 was not appropriated during FY 2022-2023; and

WHEREAS, \$375,934 was budgeted in FY 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(d)6 that allows a district board of education to appropriate surplus generated from any Federal and/or State revenue excluded from the excess surplus calculation in the pre-budget year in accordance with the annual audit program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the transfer of \$603,257 of Other State Aid Revenue to the district's General Fund account, and appropriate to the following:

\$140,000 to 11-000-100-566-05-000 Tuition Special Education – In State Private
\$50,000 to 11-000-217-320-06-000 Purchase Ed. Extraordinary Services ABA Valley
\$50,000 to 11-000-217-320-07-000 Purchase Ed Extraordinary Service ABA Hills
\$220,000 to 11-000-230-331-01-000 Legal Service
\$43,257 to 11-000-270-515-05-000 Transportation Contracted Services – Jointure Special Education
\$100,000 to 11-190-100-500-13-000 Technology Plan District

16. Increase Legal Services Maximum Expenditure Amount for the 2023-2024 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, increase the legal services maximum expenditure amount for the 2023-2024 school year from \$150,000 to \$370,000.

17. Award Contract to Kane Communications, LLC

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the awarding of a contract to Kane Communications, LLC, Trenton, New Jersey through the EDS Bid # 12186, IP Integration and Services Contract in the amount of \$115,211.87 for video surveillance upgrades and to have \$94,964.00 funded by the remainder of the School Security Grant.

18. Approval Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement for School Facilities Project – Pascack Hills D-Wing Roof Replacement

WHEREAS, based on prior New Jersey Department of Education approvals, by letter dated January 19, 2024, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (“NJSDA”) has offered an Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Section 15 Grant (“the Grant”) to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“the Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Grant is for certain funding of a School Facilities Project at Pascack Hills High School, including the replacement of the D-Wing Roof; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received all necessary New Jersey Department of Education (“DOE”) approvals, including approval by letter dated December 3, 2023 of the “Final Eligible Cost” (“FEC Letter”) for the School Facilities Project; and

WHEREAS, the FEC Letter establishes a maximum dollar amount of eligible costs, meaning that if the local share of the costs of the School Facilities Project is less than the dollar amount stated in the DOE’s FEC Letter or if the total cost to complete said Project is less than the total amount in the FEC Letter, the Grant amount shall be decreased proportionally; and

WHEREAS, if there are additional costs for the School Facilities Project resulting in an amount greater than the total FEC amount, said additional costs will be funded through the Board’s local share of the cost for said project; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive NJSDA funding, the Board must authorize the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board is hereby authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for SDA Project # 3960-040-23-G5PQ, Grant # G5-6810, DOE Project # 3960-040-23-R501, Total Project Cost \$888,808, Grant Amount \$355,523.20, for NJSDA funding of its School Facilities Project at Pascack Hills High School.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Delegation of Authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project.

19. Approval Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement for School Facilities Project – Pascack Valley Cafeteria Hvac System Upgrades

WHEREAS, based on prior New Jersey Department of Education approvals, by letter dated

January 19, 2024, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (“NJSDA”) has offered an Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Section 15 Grant (“the Grant”) to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“the Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Grant is for certain funding of a School Facilities Project at Pascack Valley High School, including the replacement of the HVAC System Upgrades in the Cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received all necessary New Jersey Department of Education (“DOE”) approvals, including approval by letter dated December 1, 2023 of the “Final Eligible Cost” (“FEC Letter”) for the School Facilities Project; and

WHEREAS, the FEC Letter establishes a maximum dollar amount of eligible costs, meaning that if the local share of the costs of the School Facilities Project is less than the dollar amount stated in the DOE’s FEC Letter or if the total cost to complete said Project is less than the total amount in the FEC Letter, the Grant amount shall be decreased proportionally; and

WHEREAS, if there are additional costs for the School Facilities Project resulting in an amount greater than the total FEC amount, said additional costs will be funded through the Board’s local share of the cost for said project; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive NJSDA funding, the Board must authorize the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board is hereby authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for SDA Project # 3960-050-23-G5PR Grant # G5-6811, DOE Project # 3960-050-23-R501, Total Project Cost \$983,250, Grant Amount \$393,300, for NJSDA funding of its School Facilities Project at Pascack Valley High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the delegation of Authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project.

20. Award Contract to Active Internet Technologies

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) advertised for Request for Proposals for Content Management System: District and School Websites for a one-time implementation cost and an annual cost for hosting; and

WHEREAS, the Board received six (6) proposals; and

WHEREAS, Active Internet Technologies, DBA Finalsite proposal is responsive to the specifications, does not contain any material defects and was determined to be the most advantageous based on a weighted evaluation criteria;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board awards a contract to Active Internet Technologies DBA Finalsite, Glastonbury, CT for a one-time implementation cost of \$12,270.00 and an annual cost for hosting of \$5,400.00 starting July 1, 2024.

21. Grant for Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs for FY 2024

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of

Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the acceptance of the Grant for Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs for FY 2024 in the amount of \$48,128.

22. VMG Group - Change Order 001

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Change Order 001 submitted by VMG Group for the A-Wing Roof Replacement at Pascack Hills High School and the 200 Wing Roof Replacement at Pascack Valley High School. This change order is a decrease in the amount of \$18,367.00 for the unused amount in allowance from the original contract of \$1,333,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the change order decrease is in the amount of \$8,367.00 from the original contract for Pascack Valley High School of \$689,950; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the change order decrease is in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the original contract for Pascack Hills High School of \$643,050; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this change order has been reviewed and approved by Robert Donahue, the architect on this project.

23. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Renewal Corrections From August 28th Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 2362 to Baraka Transit, LLC. for the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2362	SBJC, Maywood	320.51	50	370.51*	6,669.18*

*includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 086 to We Care School Transportation for 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2205	SBJC – Maywood	346.25	65	411.25*	82,250.00*

*includes cost of aide

24. 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 #BK2324 for the 2023-24 school year.

Route #	Route	Per Diem	Annual Cost
BK2324	Fusion Academy	50	5,100.00

25. Special Education Transportation - Region II - ESY Quotes Correction

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract SQ2401 to Stellar School Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
SQ2401	Forum, Waldwick	349	60	349.00	6,282.00

26. Special Education Transportation - Addenda

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education accept the following special education transportation contract addenda for the 2023-2024 school year.

Transporter	Contract	Rte #	Route	Per Diem Increase/ Decrease	Adjusted Per Diem Cost
Alpha Generation	2364	2364	Brownstone	75.00	331.18
Alpha Generation	2364	2364	Brownstone	20.00	351.18
Baraka	103	2418	Windsor Lrn Ctr	61.99	320.99
Baraka	103	2418	Windsor Lrn Ctr	-61.99	259.00
Destiny 23	083	2201	Valley-Access	-20.00	247.53
Excel	099	2361	Valley-HPPS	15.00	380.21
Excel	099	2361	Valley-HPPS	-15.00	365.21
Excel	099	2361	Valley-HPPS	345.00	710.21
Galaxia	041	1210	The Children's Institute HS - Livingston	80.00	337.67
Galaxia	082	2106	Sage Day, R.P.	85.00	237.47
Galaxia	082	2106	Sage Day, R.P.	50.00	287.47
Gentle Ride Medical	088	2303	New Alliance Acad.	45.00	395.60
Gentle Ride Medical	088	2303	New Alliance Acad.	45.00	440.60
J&W Transport	2352	2352	Fusion Acad.	448.00	922.25
J&W Transport	2352	2352	Fusion Acad.	-224.00	698.25
J&W Transport	2360	2360	BOCES	268.00	552.76
Joshua Tours	091	2317	Meadowbrook	125.00	552.67
Kris	096	2341	Fieldstone MS	448.00	798.39
Kris	096	2341	Fieldstone MS	-448.00	350.39
Kris	2419	2419	Forum	60.00	418.00
Lenoir's	030	9111	Windsor Lrn Ctr	90.00	349.11
Lenoir's	030	9111	Windsor Lrn Ctr	205.00	554.11
Lenoir's	030	9111	Windsor Lrn Ctr	-205.00	349.11

N&Y	067	2005	Forum to Perform Care	105.00	222.13
N&Y	067	2005	Forum to Perform Care	75.00	297.13
Scholastic	093	2320	New Bridges	399.00	1,218.36
Scholastic	097	2349	PHHS	150.00	562.85
Shaddai	085	2211	BOCES	240.00	504.30
Star	060	1814	Windsor Bergen Acad.	65.00	293.63
Star	2007	2007	Phoenix Center	185.00	462.80
Star	101	2406	Woodridge Transition Ctr.	359.00	718.00
Star	2412	2412	Windsor Prep	45.00	244.00
Star	2412	2412	Windsor Prep	45.00	289.00
Summit	Q23244	Q232 44	Craig Schl,Upper	20.00	268.00
Sunny	2417	2417	AB Smith	25.00	134.00
Valley	090	2318	Memorial, Montvale	300.00	617.58
Valley	090	2318	Memorial, Montvale	100.00	717.58
Valley	090	2318	Memorial, Montvale	-150.00	567.58
Valley	094	2326	Valley,NVC	437.00	899.61
We Care	086	2205	SBJC – Maywood	65.00	476.25
We Care	086	2205	SBJC – Maywood	60.00	536.25
We Care	086	2208	Visions-Paramus HS	60.00	473.18
We Care	086	2208	Visions-Paramus HS	-60.00	413.18
We Care	087	2304	Valley-NVC	69.00	548.00
We Care	087	2304	Valley-NVC	375.00	923.00

27. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Bids

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2420 to Horizon Transportation for the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2420	Bleshman	324	60	384.00*	35,328.00*

*includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2421 to Stellar School Transportation for the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2421	Bancroft, Mount Laurel	399	45	399.00	30,723.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2422 to Tiny Tours Transport LLC for the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2422	Craig School, Upper	190	45	190.00	14,820.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2423 to Destiny 23 Transportation LLC for the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2423	Craig School, Lower	265	50	315.00*	24,486.00*

*includes cost of aide

Moved by: Stankus ▾

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"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Ms. Bilotti commented that she previously mentioned that the district was in the process of purchasing two properties. She mentioned that the property adjacent to Pascack Hills High School (201 West Grand Ave.) is now the Board’s property. She said planning will be in the next few years to determine the use. She indicated that in the short term it will serve as extra space. The property is about 1.5 acres and extends back along the pathway to the fields. She indicated that they are working with the town on a traffic study. Ms. Bilotti mentioned that they are working on the purchase of the house for the Milestones program (currently leasing).

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report, Period 1: September 2023 - December 2023 (attached)
2. Monthly Suspension Report (attached)

Mrs. Martin asked about the status of the Wi-Fi problem at Valley and the Dance Team funding. Ms. Bilotti indicated that the Dance Team funding is being considered in the budget as well as ice hockey and swim. This will be part of the budget discussions. Ms. Bilotti mentioned that a few years ago a company came in to see if a booster could help with the cellular issue. It turned out there was not enough of a signal to do anything. Recently, it is believed that there may be enough of a signal that a boost could be viable. A company will be coming to see about the possibility by way of an audit. She mentioned that Valley uses radios and students can get on the Wi-Fi to use G-Chat on their laptops or own devices, so she does not see a security concern. She commented that there is about a square mile of a lack of cellular service around Hillside. Congressman Gottheimer is leading a charge for cellular service in areas that are lacking. Ms. Bilotti, Mr. Zeller and the Mayor of Hillside had a discussion about seeing if there are funds available through the Congressman’s office, Mr. Luisi voiced a concern for after school activities such as athletics. He wondered if coaches stay until athletes are picked up.

Ms. Bilotti believed that River Vale received permission from either the county or state to put up a cell tower near the golf course. She indicated that that would help the cellular issue. She mentioned that students are allowed to access the Wi-Fi after school to get on their phones. She mentioned that there is limited cell service in front of the building and across the street by the church.

Mr. Blundo asked to remind the coaches not to leave until students are picked up.

Mrs. Martin said that some students do not want the embarrassment of being seen with the coach waiting, so they start to leave and then hide.

Mr. Weaver mentioned that a few years ago there was a company that Mr. Usami was engaging to see about a tower or something similar on top of the school.

Mr. Usami mentioned that it may have been Mr. Zeller who engaged with a company about that, but there was no signal to boost. He indicated that he checked with an architect who had done this in another district. The architect came back and said that the carriers were not going to put up a cell tower. He believed that was done two years ago during Dr. Fishbein's time.

Mr. Weaver asked what Congressman Gottheimer's proposed solution is to this problem.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that she believed his solution was to speak with the township, but was not sure.

Mr. Blundo said that the Board should follow up with River Vale to see if they are following up and if so, what is the timeline. If they are being held up then we should put pressure on that entity since it's a student safety issue.

Mr. Weaver said the shame of it is that this has been discussed for three or four years and if something were to happen then everyone will point fingers. He commented that there needs to be a solution and if Congressman Gottheimer could fund the tower that would be helpful.

Ms. Stephans said that this is an urgent matter. It's serious and concerning to her.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that the funding that the Congressman is speaking about is federal funds that goes to municipalities or to counties. School districts are not eligible. Her understanding is that these funds were secured for the township six years ago, but the voters in the township neglected to move forward on it. Ms. Bilotti commented that they have done as much as they can within their sphere, but she is hopeful that this upcoming study will show that there is enough of a signal to get a boost.

Ms. Stephans asked if it would be helpful to have a joint meeting with the townships and the school boards.

Ms. Bilotti said that they spoke to the Mayor of Hillsdale this morning and he indicated that he would speak with Congressman Gottheimer later in the week. She mentioned that she would follow up with the Mayor. She added that the townships would need to host the meeting(s) since they are the ones eligible for the funding. She is willing to facilitate it.

Mrs. Martin asked if the cell tower could be housed on school property.

Ms. Bilotti believed it could.

Mr. Weaver asked if there is a Safety Committee since that would be the appropriate venue to invite the township(s) and the Congressman to discuss this topic. He said if the Board does not initiate it then this will get bounced around.

Mr. Blundo commented that Wellness and Facilities Committees would be appropriate. He indicated that we should be aggressive and relentless by contacting River Vale, Hillsdale and the county.

Mr. Stankus said that the district has done their part during school. There is Wi-Fi access and radio access. He commented that the issue is after school for students and even more so the residents throughout the day. He mentioned that the district has done a lot, but this is a community (residents in the area) problem. He added that he would like people to know the school has the ability to communicate outside.

Mr. Luisi said he is uncertain if the people who did not have the plan understand the seriousness of not having cellular service, especially when children are affected.

Ms. Bilotti said she would follow up with the Hillsdale Mayor and River Vale. She commented that a meeting with the mayors should be facilitated by board leadership.

Ms. Caderone said she could find out who to contact at the county.

Mrs. Varghese wanted to know if the students know how to access the Wi-Fi. Mr. Zeller confirmed that they do. Mrs. Varghese, Mrs. Martin and Mr. Luisi wanted to know if the Wi-Fi could be displayed, so parents and visiting people for athletic events would be able to communicate outside.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that the district has a closed Wi-Fi network, so one would need a network account. She said there is a district person in the building at all times. She added that there are phones in all spaces and AEDs and fire alarms trigger a 911 signal.

Ms. Stephans asked if there is coverage on the fields.

Ms. Bilotti said that Wi-Fi is out to the tennis courts and cell service can be accessed on the bleachers.

Mr. Weaver asked if a visitor would be able to call 911 if the person is not connected to the Wi-Fi.

Ms. Bilotti said it's possible.

Mr. Weaver said a possibility is not good enough when we rent out the facilities. He commented that the liability is enormous.

Mrs. Varghese agreed.

Ms. Stephans asked about the status of the girl's locker room at Hills.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that the quotes were multiples of millions of dollars even for an adjustment.

The recommendation of out of Facilities is to set aside capital funds to do one of the projects.

She said the alternative is to do a tax negative referendum since the current bond will be expiring in 2028. She mentioned that discussion with the Board could start in 2026 or 2027. Ms. Bilotti commented that the project done right would be around \$5-\$6 million and the alternative would be around \$3.5 million and it would not address the square footage issue.

Mrs. Varghese asked how long it would take if it's the lesser option.

Ms. Bilotti said it would depend on where the other projects come cost wise. She mentioned that we have committed to the two auditorium projects, bids have come in high, so there may be a need to go out to bid. It will depend on these two projects and the others we have.

Mr. Weaver's concern is that there is not a concrete plan in place over the last four years with different administrations and boards. He mentioned that originally the auditoriums were at \$1 million and now it's upwards to \$2 million. He said he had not seen or heard anything related to the auditorium projects in finance or facilities. He indicated that he cannot recall any updates over the past year. He commented that he would like the planning of the locker room to start now for a referendum since there are rejects that need to be addressed. He mentioned that we learned with the auditorium project that the cost has gone up significantly. Mr. Weaver cited the PV concession stand and restrooms that would need to be addressed in a referendum.

Mr. Blundo said they definitely discussed in the Facilities Committee with Robert (Director of Facilities) along about the same time about acquiring property across the street (Spring Valley Road). He mentioned that the auditoriums were discussed and Robert said there is a need to do it due to asbestos. Ms. Bilotti confirmed that it's the ceiling at Hills. Mr. Blundo suggested having Robert give a report on the projects to the entire Board. He reiterated that this was discussed with Robert, but things have changed. He indicated that Robert would report on the auditorium projects, the planning of the girl's locker room and the snack stand.

Mr. Weaver raised the question about the concession stand and who besides the football booster would be using the facility and what would those funds go towards. He mentioned that he asked

for a report or list of extracurricular activities and what out-of-pocket costs were associated with each activity paid by parents and what did it go towards. Also, what was supported by boosters. Mrs. Martin asked as an example that there is an admission charge for a wrestling match and she asked where those funds go.

Ms. Bilotti said it depends. She believed it goes to the general athletic fund. She mentioned that the theater ticket sales goes to the theater budget and the spring concert tickets sales at Hills goes back to choral. She indicated that the boosters raise funds that help their particular programs. She commented that at Hills the concessions are run by the students and at Valley the stands are operated by individual booster clubs.

Mr. Weaver commented that at Hills the funds most likely goes towards the senior class to offset expenses while at Valley particular programs receive the funds to offset expenses.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that there is a chart that the athletic directors put together, but she could not easily locate it. She said she would get it and share it.

Mr. Blundo thought the cost of a concession stand was about \$1 million and that cost would never be covered by selling snacks. Ms. Bilotti said they are looking for a less expensive alternative in the meantime.

Mrs. Varghese commented that he was so happy to see the entire board in attendance. She mentioned that this has resulted in good discussions. She hoped that everyone could attend all meetings because every voice matters. This leads to an effective board.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weaver mentioned the traffic issue at Hills which is exasperated by inclement weather. He thanked the custodians and security people for their part in directing traffic. He particularly thanked the person who directs the students into the student lot and funnels others into two lines. He added that another person is up by the crosswalk assisting students cross from the lot to the school building. They do this under all weather conditions. Mr. Weaver thanked the Pascack Valley girls basketball team and coach Jasper for the benefit event they run every year on the Sunday before MLK, Jr. Day. He believed they were the pioneers of such benefit events. This has led to other sports such as soccer and softball running this type of event to raise funds for charity. He commented that Mr. Jasper and Brian Dunn(former coach) raised funds for Autism Awareness, Diabetes, Wounded Warrior, and the last event was to raise funds for Zack Latteri Foundation. He said the girls on the team help with the concession stand or sell 50/50 tickets after the game they played .He praised Jasper for his leadership with this event.

Mrs. Martin mentioned that the PV Dance Team will be leaving for the nationals in Florida. She wished them the best of luck. She mentioned that the Cheer Team had a competition this evening and if they win they advance to a big competition. She wished them good luck.

Mrs. Varghese asked the committee chairs to let her and Ms. Bilotti know if someone will not be in attendance, so that another board member could sit in if they wish.

XII. 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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Martin to adjourn the public meeting at 8:33 p.m. Ms. Stephans seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Martin ▾

Seconded by: Stephans ▾

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"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	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