

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

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

**Monday, October 30, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
In the Pascack Hills High School Media Center**

**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 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Blundo, President

Present: Mr. Joseph Blundo, President  
Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President  
Dr. Kelly Blundy arrived 7:20 pm  
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone  
Mr. Pat Luisi  
Mrs. Kristin Martin  
Mr. James Stankus  
Ms. Debra Stephans  
Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent  
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Student Representatives: Olivia Ge, PHHS, Ella Gokhale substitute rep, PVHS

Absent: Mr. Michael Weaver  
Student Representative: Madeline Gibbs, PVHS

**II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Blundo 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 October 30, 2023**

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Pascack Hills High School, 225 W. Grand Avenue, Montvale, 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.





recommendation of the superintendent, approve the biannual re-approval of our District’s Safe Return Plan. (attached)

**3. NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, is undergoing evaluation under NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum for the 2023-2024 school year, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C 6A:30-3.2 (f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the updated District Performance Review Responses (attached), and

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, approved the process recommended by the Superintendent and NJ QSAC Committee.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the updated District Performance Review to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f).

Moved by:

Stankus

Seconded by:

Blundy

VOTE

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

Mr. Stankus abstained to item 1.

**IX. EDUCATION**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 4

**1. Overnight Trip**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School students, and chaperones Cindy Reese and Al Cann to travel to Panama (attached) from January 10-15, 2024.

**2. Home Instruction**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID# 813110 as per student’s IEP, from September 28, 2023 - January 8, 2024.

Instructor	Subject	Frequency
Laura McSpirit	English I	2 hours per week
Laura McSpirit	Driver's Education	2 hours per week

3. **Additional Session for Out-of-district Student**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an additional 10 sessions at Fusion Academy for student ID# 812420, as per the student's IEP, with a total cost of \$1,035 for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. **Chaperones**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following volunteer chaperones for the March 27, 2023 board approved PHHS music department's overnight trip to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida from December 6-10, 2023:

Megan Demmeri	Antoinette McKay	Doug McKay	Lisa Michura
Jennifer Monaco	Adam Schwartz	Lee Ann Schwartz	Rhonda Swiderski

Moved by:

Varghese ▾

Seconded by:

Stephans ▾

VOTE

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

X. **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- 21

1. **New Hire**

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

Name	Position	Account Number	Salary	Effective Date
Carson Weis (attached)	PHHS Athletic Trainer	11-140-100-101-07-114	\$64,075 prorated, MA Step 3 with benefits, tenure track as per PVREA contract	On or about October 31, 2023

2. **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 Joseph McCarten, Special Education Teacher for Pascack Hills High School, effective December 22, 2023.

3. **Leave of Absences**

- a. **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
1451	PHHS Special Education Teacher	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> March 8, 2024 - June 13, 2024 Using 19 sick days <u>FMLA:</u> April 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
1471	PVHS Library Media Assistant	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> January 15, 2024 - May 31, 2024 Using 33 sick days

		<u>FMLA:</u> March 4, 2024-May 31, 2024 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None
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4. **Coverage Pay**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Tara Wholey, PHHS part-time nurse, and Sandra Hroncich, PVHS part-time nurse, as substitute nurses at their regular rate of pay for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.

5. **Job Description - New**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the job description for District Community Internship Facilitator (attached).

6. **Additional Periods**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional assignments to cover caseloads while case manager employee ID # 1838 is on leave starting November 20, 2023 through June 13, 2024:

Name	Assignment	Total Pay
Brittany Punim	Case Management	\$9,968.75
Tracy Ralph	Case Management	\$9,968.75
Marissa Watters	Case Management	\$9,968.75
Jennifer Zimmermann	Counseling	\$9,968.75

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional assignments to cover caseloads while case manager employee ID # 1939 is on leave for 2-4 weeks starting October 9, 2023 at a weekly rate of \$458.33:

Name	Assignment
Tracy Ralph	Case Management
Veronica Rivera	Counseling
Marissa Watters	Case Management

7. **Supplemental Instruction**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction for student ID# 811515, as per student's IEP, for the 2023-2024 school year.



Instructor	Subject	Frequency
Kaitlyn Rivera	Algebra II	4 hours total
Amy Maniscalco	English IV	4 hours total
Nicole Alpern	Early Childhood and Family Education	4 hours total

#### 8. 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# 811656, as per student's IEP, starting September 5, 2023 - May 24, 2024.

Name	Subject	Sessions
Deborah Ragone	English IV	2 per week
Deborah Ragone	PE/Heath 12	2 per week
Olivia Saez	Chemistry in the Community	2 per 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# 812781, as per student's IEP, starting September 26 - December 1, 2023.

Name	Subject	Sessions
Deborah Ragone	US History I	2 per week
Deborah Ragone	Financial Literacy	2 per week
Casey Gotliffe	English	2 per week
Joe Belger	PE 10 / Driver's Education	2 per week
Heather Ocampo	Geometry	2 per week
William Van Kersen	Chemistry in the Community	2 per week
Dorely Leal-Drago	Spanish II	2 per week

#### 9. Home Instruction - Reassignment

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, rescind Lorrie Sandhage and approve Deborah Ragone to provide home instruction to student ID# 813118, as per student's IEP, in the area of PE/Health 9 for 2 hours per week starting October 17 - December 11, 2023. Ms. Sandhage did provide the instruction from September 11 - October 16, 2023.

**10. 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
Keith Stagg	PHHS Wrestling	Assistant Coach	\$3,762.50 (½ stipend)/ Step 3
Jonathan Moran	PVHS	Winter Site Manager	\$6,155/Step 1
John Michael Santulli	PVHS Boys Basketball	Assistant Coach	\$3,762.50 (½ stipend)/ Step 3
Jake Rizer	PHHS Boys Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$7,110/Step 3

**11. Athletic 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 Jordan Saxon, PHHS Boys JV Tennis Head Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year.

**12. Game Help**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Kelly McLaughlin as hockey scoreboard operator for the Pascack Regional Ice Hockey team at the rate of \$80 per game for the 2023-2024 school year.

**13. 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
Stephen Bacica	District	Pascack Pi-oneers
Peter Bilash	PVHS	Girls Varsity Basketball
Brian Buckley	District	Pascack Pi-oneers
Ryan Hall	District	Pascack Pi-oneers
Michael Herman	District	Pascack Pi-oneers
Eric Kasper	District	Pascack Pi-oneers
Kevin Lantry	District	Pascack Pi-oneers
Jamik Ligon	PVHS	Winter Track & Field
Jamik Ligon	PVHS	Spring Track & Field
Steve Mertz	District	Pascack Pi-oneers

Sam Schneider	PVHS	Wrestling
Charles Schiano	PVHS	Football
William Schwartz	PVHS	Wrestling
Mark Shell	PVHS	Girls Basketball
Daniel Solleder	District	Pascack Pi-oneers
Bruce Wacha	PHHS	Wrestling
John Zuzeck	District	Ice Hockey

#### 14. Co-curricular

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, rescind the September 26, 2023 board approval for Robert Aronowitz as PHHS Fall Drama Assistant Director.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of Neutral Chaos LLC to provide choreography instruction for the PHHS Fall Drama Program at a flat rate of \$1,760.
- 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 Adria Warfield as the PHHS Fall Drama Assistant Director for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### 15. Testing Help

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Steve Casamento to provide testing help for the October SAT test taking place at Pascack Hills High School on October 7, 2023. Mr. Casamento will be paid \$200 for his services.

#### 16. Substitutes

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

Name	Position	Type
Haruka Onuki-Ang	Classroom Substitute Teacher	New
Else DiGiacopo	Substitute Nurse	Renew
Gerard Fallon	Classroom Substitute Teacher	Renew
Shauna Koenig	Adjustment from: Classroom Substitute Teacher (approved 9/26/23) To: Substitute Nurse	Renew

Gregory Kucera	Park Academy Classroom Substitute Teacher	New
Anthony Scrazati	Substitute Custodian	New
Finbarr McPartpand	Substitute Custodian	New

17. **Substitute - District Office**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Melissa Incandela to serve as a district office substitute. Ms. Incandela will work part-time at \$50 per hour, and will prepare and run payroll for the district starting on or about October 16, 2023.

18. **Additional Summer Employment**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Mary Petrovici, Park Academy Coordinator, to work 10 days of additional summer employment at her regular rate of pay for Summer ESY programming for ESY 2023.

19. **Behavioral Consultant - Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Hayleigh Lezette as a Behavior Consultant for Region II at the rate of \$50 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

20. **Agency - Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Best Of You Therapy, Inc. as a Region II provider for the 2023-2024 school year:

Service	Individual Rate per Hour	Group Rate per Hour	Rate per Evaluation	Home Based Services Rate per Hour
Speech Therapist	\$95	\$105	\$425	\$125
Bilingual Therapist	\$115	\$125	\$625	
Occupational Therapist	\$95	\$105	\$425	\$125
LDTC	\$90		\$400	
Physical Therapist	\$95	\$ 105	\$425	\$125
Special Education Teacher	\$70			

21. **Resignation**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Patricia Zimmer from the position of Payroll Manager, effective December 31, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** said employee shall be permitted to use her accrued vacation and personal days during the notice period and shall be granted a leave of absence with pay through December 31, 2023.

Moved by: Martin

Seconded by: Blundy

VOTE

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

Mr. Blundo abstained to the last volunteer under Coaching.

XI. **FINANCE**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 28

1. **Approval of Bills**

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

Budget Expenditures as of October 30, 2023	\$3,925,690.24
Payroll as of September 30, 2023	\$1,723,959.84
Payroll as of October 15, 2023	\$1,721,457.05
Payroll as of October 31, 2023	\$2,216,481.27
Total	\$9,587,588.40

2. **Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Financial Reports**

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

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

**RESOLVED** pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that as of August 2023 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

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

4. **Approval of the Following Reports**

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

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Professional Development or School Trip</b>
Brooks Alexander	New Jersey Council of History Education Conference
Barry Bachenheimer	Learning Forward NJ Igniting the Power of Professional Practice
Steven Casamento	Tennessee College Tour
Ryan Dore	Mid-West Clinic
Deborah Horn	New Jersey Council of History Education Conference
Ivica Kanova	2024 Northeast Conference of Teaching Foreign Languages
Jimena Ladino	2024 Northeast Conference of Teaching Foreign Languages
Wendy McDonald	Cultivating Math Minds: Unpacking Building Thinking Classrooms
Alyssa Merritt	Learning Forward NJ Igniting the Power of Professional Practice
Christine Pollinger	Learning Forward NJ Igniting the Power of Professional Practice
Christine Pollinger	Learning and the Brain
Nick Scerbo	New Jersey Council of History Education Conference

Joseph Spafford	54th National Athletic Directors Conference
Elena Spathis	Awakening Joy
Yas Usami	Facilities Update (date change)

7. **Dual Enrollment - Seton Hall University**  
**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Seton Hall University and Pascack Valley Regional High School District at the rate of \$110 per academic credit for the 2023-2024 school year.
8. **Agreement to Provide Equipment - Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for the 2023-2024 School Year**  
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement to provide equipment to St. Joseph Regional High School under the NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for the 2023–2024 school year.
9. **Subscription Bussing for the 2023-2024 School Year**  
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, approves the establishment of a Subscription Bussing program. This is for students who live outside the statutory limits for the 2023-2024 school year for Pascack Valley Regional High School. This is on a space available basis for transportation to and from school for a non-refundable service fee.
10. **Rescind the CarePlus New Jersey, Inc. Agreement**  
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, rescind the resolution approving Employee Assistance Program Agreement with CarePlus New Jersey, Inc., Paramus New Jersey under Finance Item 3 dated August 28, 2023.
11. **Gaggle.net, Inc. Agreement & Addendum**  
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement with Gaggle.net, Inc., Dallas, Texas for student safety monitoring and 24/7 phone access for both students and staff who may be in crisis in the amount of \$14,248.25 purchased through NJSBA, contract E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS with authorized vendor SHI.
12. **Edwards Engineering Group Proposal for Engineering Services - PH Grandstand Erosion Project**  
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the proposal for engineering services related to the Pascack Hills Grandstand Erosion Project from Edwards Engineering Group, Englewood, New Jersey in the amount of \$25,200.00.
13. **Delta Dental Contract**  
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the contract with Delta Dental for the

period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

**14. School Employees Health Benefits Program Rates for 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the School Employees Health Benefits Program rates for the 2024 calendar year.

**15. Shared Services Agreement with Park Ridge BOE for Transportation Services**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (Board), at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement with the Park Ridge Board of Education (Park Ridge) for transportation services as needed by the Board and when Park Ridge has availability at a rate of \$45.00 per hour plus \$0.655 per mile.

**16. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan 2022-2025 & M-1**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public-school facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Pascack Valley Regional High School District are consistent with these requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent hereby authorize the school business administrator to submit the 2022 – 2025 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Pascack Valley Regional High School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

**17. Donation -Fishing Club Trip**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a donation from the PFO to the Fishing Club, funds will be used to pay for transportation for a trip to be held on November 9, 2023.

**18. Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Facilities Checklist 2023-2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Facilities Checklist 2023-2024.

**19. 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	Identification #
Kubota Snowblower	Model #B2650 Serial #70301338



Kubota Snowblower Mounting Frame	Model #B2652 Serial #69501894
Refrigerated Cabinet	Asset Tag #4590

20. **Contribution to PFA & PFO**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, contribute \$500 each to the Parent Faculty Association (PFA) of Pascack Hills High School and the Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) of Pascack Valley High School for the 2023-24 school year.

21. **Joint Agreement - Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services**

**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, River Edge Board of Education/Region V Council for Special Education for Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

22. **E-Rate Elite Services, Inc. - Funding Year 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the agreement between E-Rate Elite Services, Inc. and Pascack Valley High School District Board of Education for the Funding Year 2024 in the amount of \$2,500 for C1 and \$2,000 for C2.

23. **Joint Transportation Agreement - Westwood Regional School District**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Westwood Regional School District (Host District) and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Joiner District) with the purpose of share cost in transporting students on Route BCAT2 to the Bergen County Applied Technology High School, Paramus, NJ for the 2023-2024 school year.

24. **Joint Transportation Agreement - 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 Joint Transportation Agreement between Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Host District) and the Park Ridge Board of Education (Joiner District) with the purpose of share cost in transporting students on Route BA20 to the Bergen Academies in Hackensack, NJ for the 2023-2024 school year.

25. **Approve Refuse Removal and Single Stream Recycling Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) advertised for bids for Refuse Removal and Single Stream Recycling Services (“Services”);

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2023, the Board received one bid from Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc. (“Interstate”) for the Services for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 calendar years, together with unit prices for each calendar year;

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by Interstate is responsive in all material respects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the Services to Interstate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board at the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby awards the contract for the Services to Interstate as follows:

REFUSE REMOVAL

2024

a) Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week July & August 2024 at Pascack Valley of two (2) eight (8) yard slant containers with plastic lids

\$824.43

Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week July & August 2024 at Pascack Hills of one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

\$412.22

b) Price per month for refuse removal five (5) days per week January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 and September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at Pascack Valley of two (2) eight (8) yard slant containers with plastic lids

\$2,061.08

Price per month for refuse removal five (5) days per week January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 and September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at Pascack Hills of one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

\$1,030.54

c) Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week for Pascack Valley High School Athletic Field Complex of one (1) three (3) yard container (3/1/24 – 12/15/24)

\$154.58

d) Unit price per removal of one (1) additional eight (8) yard container of refuse

\$47.60

e) Price deliver/removal per each 30 yard open container for debris

\$275 per haul/\$95 per ton disposal

2025

a) Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week July & August 2025 at Pascack Valley of two (2) eight (8) yard slant containers with plastic lids

Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week July & August 2025 at Pascack Hills of one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

\$424.69

b) Price per month for refuse removal five (5) days per week January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 and September 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at Pascack Valley of two (2) eight (8) yard slant containers with plastic lids

\$2,123.43

Price per month for refuse removal five (5) days per week January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 and September 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at Pascack Hills of one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

\$1,061.72

c) Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week for Pascack Valley High School Athletic Field Complex of one (1) three (3) yard container (3/1/25 – 12/15/25)

\$159.26

d) Unit price per removal of one (1) additional eight (8) yard container of refuse

\$49.04

2026

a) Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week July & August 2026 at Pascack Valley of two (2) eight (8) yard slant containers with plastic lids

\$874.31

Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week July & August 2026 at Pascack Hills of one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

\$437.16

b) Price per month for refuse removal five (5) days per week January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 and September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at Pascack Valley of two (2) eight (8) yard slant containers with plastic lids

Price per month for refuse removal five (5) days per week January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 and September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at Pascack Hills of one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

\$1,092.89

c) Price per month for refuse removal two (2) days per week for Pascack Valley High School Athletic Field Complex of one (1) three (3) yard container (3/1/26 – 12/15/26)

\$163.93

d) Unit price per removal of one (1) additional eight (8) yard container of refuse

\$50.48

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

2024

1) Price per month for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at Pascack Hills – one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

N/C

2) Price per month for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at Pascack Valley – one (1) eight (8) yard container and one (1) three (3) yard wheeled container with plastic lids

N/C

2025

1) Price per month for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at Pascack Hills – one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

N/C

2) Price per month for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at Pascack Valley – one (1) eight (8) yard container and one (1) three (3) yard wheeled container with plastic lids

N/C

2026

1) Price per month for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at Pascack Hills – one (1) eight (8) yard container with plastic lid

N/C

2) Price per month for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at Pascack Valley – one (1) eight (8) yard container and one (1) three (3) yard wheeled container with plastic lids

N/C

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this award is expressly conditioned upon Interstate furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and performance bond as required in the specifications, together with an executed agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that 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 Structural Repairs at Room 107 at Pascack Valley High School Project - Skopye LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Structural Repairs at Room 107 at Pascack Valley High School Project (“Project”);

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2023 the Board received two bids for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, Skopye LLC (“Skopye”) submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$78,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by Skopye is materially responsive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to Skopye.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board at the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby awards the contract for the Project to Skopye for a total contract sum of \$78,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this award is expressly conditioned upon Skopye 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.

27. **Amend Long Range Facility Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan to add a parking lot at Pascack Hills High School.

28. **Subscription Bussing**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Region High School District Board of Education, approves the following students to participate in the Subscription Bussing program, pending receipt of all paperwork for the 2023-2024 school year

Student ID#	Route	Stop	Rate
813642	1A	3	\$1,600
813325	1A	2	\$1,600

Moved by:

Blundy

Seconded by:

Martin

VOTE

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

XII. **OLD BUSINESS**

September Suspension Report (Attached)  
The Board had no questions.

XIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Calderone understood that the gym doors were being left ajar which is a safety concern.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that the front doors are locked and if something needs to be dropped off, it is placed in a bin outside the door. She mentioned that she will remind the principals. She added that when an outside organization uses the facilities, they are paying for security, so the gym doors may be propped open. The custodial staff do their best to close any open doors.

Mr. Blundo commented that the facility use form should indicate that no doors can be propped open.

Ms. Calderone, who works for the County of Bergen mentioned attending a teen dating and violence workshop run by the Alternative to Domestic Violence Department. She is coordinating with the county and with Jennifer Zimmerman and Christie Rossig (Student Assistance

Counselors) to run a program at the high school mainly for freshmen and seniors, but also branching out to the middle schools.

Ms. Stephans commented that she attended the “Best College Fit” presentation which she found very informative. It was given by Peter VanBuskirk, best selling author and dean of admissions. She mentioned that it was well attended with more parents than students.

#### **XIV. 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.

Mr. Scott Shaw of River Vale said he sent an email to the Board on October 17 regarding the Pascack Valley concession stand. He mentioned that there is an inequity between Valley and Hills. He said he received some information through OPRA and he understood that the concession was run by the student council. This concerned him that there has not been a concession stand for almost 10 years. He feels that the Board has an obligation to uphold policy and make things equal between the two schools. This has not afforded the student council to raise funds for their needs. He indicated that a concession stand was in a long range financial plan in December 2013 and construction plans in 2015 which was presented to the Board with a completion in 2018. Mr. Shaw mentioned lost opportunities for students to raise funds. He indicated that there are food trucks that are organized by the Gridiron Club for football. He said it’s concerning since parents raise funds and then need to pay for permits. He said he would like to know what is being done.

Mr. Blundo thanked Mr. Shaw and he said it will be on the agenda of the next Facilities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Mike Smith of River Vale thanked the people who volunteer their time inside and outside of the room to improve the school system and to provide the children with a top notch education. He mentioned that he coached his sons in a variety of sports and now he volunteers as a photographer and videographer for all levels of sports. He said he is in support of Mr. Shaw and he said something needs to be done to get a much needed concession stand as Pascack Hills has. Mr. Smith indicated that he served on the Board of the River Vale Raiders and they raised thousands of dollars through the concessions to help pay for their needs. He mentioned that a concession would help for additional out-of-pocket costs and assist the student council. He believes the Board should act to reopen the concession stand and make this a priority.

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Stephans to adjourn the public meeting at 7:59 p.m. Mrs. Varghese seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by:

Stephans

Seconded by:

Varghese

VOTE

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

Respectfully,




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Yas Usami  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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