

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
In the Pascack Hills High School Auditorium**

Meeting Regulations

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The Vision of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District:

To create a culture of innovation, inquiry, and individuality that promotes achievement and choice by cultivating the skills needed to complete and collaborate as ethical and responsible global citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Blundo, President

- Present: Mr. Joseph Blundo, President
Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President
Dr. Kelly Blundy arrived 7:39
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone
Mr. Pat Luisi
Mr. James Stankus
Ms. Debra Stephans
Mr. Michael Weaver
Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Representatives: Olivia Ge, PHHS, Madeline Gibbs, PVHS
- Absent: Mrs. Kristin Martin

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. ROUTINE MATTERS

- Monthly Reports
Student Reports: Olivia Ge– Pascack Hills High School - [report](#)
Madeline Gibbs– Pascack Valley High School - [report](#)

V. MINUTES

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

DATE	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
DATE	Executive Meeting	7:02 p.m.

Moved by: Choose an item ▾ Seconded by: Choose an item ▾

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

Mr. Blundo read the resolutions and Mrs. Varghese and Ms. Bilotti handed out the certificates.

VI. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Governor’s School of New Jersey

WHEREAS Amanda Polyniak, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, and Hyunjun (Fred) Lim, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, completed the Governor’s School of New Jersey Program in the Sciences this past summer. This is a three week residential program, where each student completes three core courses, one laboratory, and one group project all in the sciences. On the final day, the groups presented their projects. Amanda and Fred were on the same biochemistry project, entitled “Exploring the Kinetics and Inhibition of Yeast Aldo-Ketoreductases.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize and commend Amanda and Fred for their outstanding achievement.

AP Scholar with Distinction

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills High School, are Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction. These are students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more on these exams:

Navdeep Singh Bhalla - PH	Toluwani Bosede - PV	Rachel Chao - PH
Alexander DeBiasio - PV	Olivia Ge - PH	Ari Hirshfield - PH
Eliza Krigsman - PH	Hyunjun Lim - PH	

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

AP Scholar with Honor

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills High School, are Advanced Placement Scholars. These are students who receive scores at least 3.25 on all Advanced Placement Exams taken and scores 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

Michael Chelney - PH	Ashley Chun - PH	Dylan DerSimonian- PV
Justin Diamond - PH	Kieran Doody - PV	Adriane Heit - PH
Lysandra Pinto - PH	Amanda Polyniak - PV	Ming-Lang Qin - PV
Rebeca Rodriguez - PH	Jillian Suarez - PV	Koichi Tazaki - PV
Isabella Velez - PV		

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

AP Scholar

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools, are Advanced Placement Scholars. These are students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams:

Meher Baath - PH	Julia Bang - PH	Sophia Bovino - PV
William Bramley - PV	Nicole Choi - PV	Juliet Cohen - PH
Leesung Dang - PV	Fares Daraghmeh - PH	Luke Dargan – PV
Julia Du - PH	Stephen Huang - PH	Reese Hughes – PH
Danielle Jeong - PV	Samantha Klein - PH	Sophia Kolax - PV
Michael Kroner - PH	Ryan Kroner - PH	Carly Malamut - PV
Prisha Mehta - PH	Azhagu Meena Panayappan - PH	Ethan Perlman - PV
Christina Reineke - PH	Maya Schlessinger - PV	Anna Stieglitz - PH
Nathaniel Veit - PV	Michael Weishar - PH	Isaiah Wescott - PV
Juan Zapateiro - PV		

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

National Merit Scholars – Semi-Finalists

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills High School have been recognized as Semifinalist in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of more than 16,000 semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an

opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

Ashley Chun - PH	Olivia Ge - PH	Adriane Heit - PH
Hyunjun Lim - PH		

National Merit Scholars - Commended Students

WHEREAS, about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Julia Bang - PH	Navdeep Singh Bhalla - PH	Toluwani Bosede - PV
William Bramley - PV	Bethany Chen - PH	Alexander DeBiasio - PV
Kieran Doody - PV	Julian Guggino - PV	Ari Hirshfield - PH
Danielle Jeong - PV	Chase Miller - PH	Lysandra Pinto - PH
Ming-Lang Qin - PV	Koichi Tazaki - PV	Isabella Velez - PV
Isaiah Wescott - PV	Brian Yang - PH	

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

Bergen County Choir

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills High School were accepted to the 2023-2024 Bergen County Choir. The Bergen County Choir is an ensemble made up of the best singers in the county. The Bergen County Choir will perform on January 14, 2024, at Bergenfield High School at 3:00 pm.

Reina Aliko	Camilla Ambrocio	Elijah Chen
Christian Lee	Sophia Padilla	Cora Patelsky
Ayan Swain		

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend these students for their outstanding achievement

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to three minutes, according to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education policy number

0167. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in and state their name, town of residence, and which agenda item(s) they are referencing.
None

VIII. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1-5

1. **District Goals for 2023-2024**

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

Goal 1:

The New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) State of New Jersey's evaluation system of its schools and school districts. This year the Pascack Valley Regional High School District will be examined and evaluated in five categories: Instruction and Program, Governance, Operations, Fiscal Management, and Personnel. The State puts districts through a rigorous review of policy, procedures and supporting documents. This evaluation culminates with a site visit from a team of evaluators in March of 2024. Our goal is to ensure that our District meets or exceeds all areas of review.

Goal 2:

Continue student metrics, benchmarking, and data acquisition practices in each academic department that reflect the District's philosophy on improving instruction in an effort to monitor and improve student understanding and achievement of N.J. Student Learning Standards.

Goal 3:

Continue to improve upon the District's ability to prepare students for the skills they need to be successful in college and careers via "Real World Learning" for all students. The District will promote working to make a difference in one's community and developing the knowledge, skills, motivation, and values to make that difference.

Goal 4:

To implement a new staff evaluation record keeping system district-wide through the implementation of the Genesis School-Fi system.

2. **Board Goals for 2023-2024**

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

Goal 1:

Focusing on student and staff wellness, and promoting student advocacy, the Board will encourage and promote the School Climate Committees to make recommendations to enhance the betterment of the district through stakeholder input.

Goal 2:

Aligned with the District’s vision to promote student and educator achievement through the development of skills needed to compete and collaborate as ethical and responsible global citizens, Board members will attend at least one District event or one Professional Development event and will regularly attend Board Regular and Committee Meetings during the 2023-2024 school year.

3. **HIB Reports**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve action taken pursuant to HIB Reports:

- a. incident # 251253 PHH
- b. incident # 251448 PHH
- c. incident # 250822 PVH
- d. incident # 251905 PHH
- e. incident # 251759 PVH

4. **BOE Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations – First Reading**

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

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy/Reg. Number
Sick Leave	P 1642.01
Sick Leave	R 1642.01
Religion in the Schools	P 2270
School Threat Assessment Teams (M)	P 2419
School Threat Assessment Teams (M)	R 2419
Examination for Cause	P 3161
Examination for Cause	P 4161
Attendance (M)	P 3212
Attendance (M)	R 3212
Attendance (M)	P 4212
Attendance (M)	R 4212
Right of Privacy	P 3324

Right of Privacy	P 4324
Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)	P 5111
Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)	R 5111
Education of Homeless Children and Youths	P 5116
Education of Homeless Children and Youths	R 5116
Food Services (M)	P 8500

5. **Abolish BOE Policies**

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

Policy/Reg. Number	Name	Rationale
P 3432	Sick Leave	Replaced with new policy 1642.01
R 3432	Sick Leave	Replaced with new regulation 1642.01
P 4432	Sick Leave	Replaced with new policy 1642.01
R 4432	Sick Leave	Replaced with new regulation 1642.01
P 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M)	Class of 2022 was the last eligible class to participate
R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M)	Class of 2022 was the last eligible class to participate
P 8540	Free and Reduced Rate Meals (M)	Included in P 8500
P 8550	Unpaid Meal Charges Outstanding Food Service Charges (M)	Included in P 8500

Moved by: Blundy

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"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Blundo	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Items 1, 2, 4 and 5.

IX. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 3

1. ABA Parent Training

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve ABA parent training for student ID# 811516 from 10/27/2023 to 10/26/2024 as per student’s IEP. The provider is Wings ABA Therapy.

Total hours	Rate per hour	Total
15	\$75	\$1,125

2. Out of District Placement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the out of district placement for student ID# 812420, as per student’s IEP, at Fusion Academy starting 11/6/2023 through 6/30/2024.

Course	Tuition cost
Algebra 2 w Trigonometry	\$9,206

3. Home Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve homebound instruction for student ID# 813007 as per student’s IEP, who has been placed at New Bridge I.B.H.C. The educational services will be billed at \$600 per weekly rate for a total of \$1,200 with a start date of September 6, 2023 for two weeks.

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	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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 1-15

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 Laura Ely (attached) Special Education/Mathematics Teacher for Pascack Valley High School, effective February 1, 2024.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the revised effective date for Joseph McCarten’s resignation to December 31, 2023.

2. Leave of Absence - Revisions

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the revisions to the following 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
1323	PVHS Math Teacher	<p><u>From:</u> <u>Total Leave Period:</u> November 29, 2023 - April 16, 2024 Using 34 sick days <u>FMLA:</u> January 24, 2023 - April 16, 2024 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None</p> <p>To: <u>Total Leave Period:</u> November 13, 2023 - April 1, 2024 Using 32 sick days <u>FMLA:</u> January 8, 2023 - March 29, 2024 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None</p>

- b. **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
2384	PHHS Special Education Teacher	<p>From: <u>Total Leave Period:</u> August 28, 2023 - December 5, 2023 Using 11 sick days <u>FMLA:</u> September 13, 2023 - December 5, 2023 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None</p> <p>To: <u>Total Leave Period:</u> August 28, 2023 - January 5, 2024 Using 28 sick days <u>FMLA:</u> September 13, 2023 - December 5, 2023 <u>Sick days after FMLA:</u> 12/6/23-1/5/24 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None</p>

- c. **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	<p>From: <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</p> <p>To: <u>Total Leave Period:</u> March 8, 2024 - June 13, 2024 Using 27 sick days <u>FMLA:</u> April 18, 2024 - June 13, 2024 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None</p>

3. Leave Replacement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Lois Jasper to extend her leave replacement coverage for employee ID# 2384 to January 8, 2024. The leave replacement was originally approved with an end date of December 8, 2023.

4. Chaperones

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Margarita Elkin to be paid to attend the Bergen County Choir events at a rate of \$40 per hour. Below are the dates and times for the anticipated choir programs:

Bergen County Choir Audition	November 2, 2023	3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Bergen County Choir Rehearsal	January 12, 2024	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Elizabeth Egan as paid chaperone at the Pascack Valley High School Halloween Talent Night on 10/25/2023.

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following paid chaperones for the Pascack Valley High School Fall Play performance from 11/16/2023 to 11/18/2023:

Jamie Taylor	Nicole Ortiz	Danielle Macaluso	Janet Murray
Leah Jerome	Marisa Mathias	Sharon Knichel (2 performances)	Lauren Bielan
Dorely Leal-Drago	Elizabeth Egan	Maggie Ely	

5. Co-Curricular Appointment

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

Name	Position	School	Amount
Jane Yeam	Make Our Schools Safe (probationary club)	PHHS	Volunteer

6. Co-curricular Resignation

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

Activity	Name	Position
PVHS French Honor Society	Teresa DelGiudice	Co-Advisor

PHHS History Bowl Club	Nick Scerbo	Advisor
PHHS Med Club	Ben Chianchiano	Advisor
PHHS Make Our Schools Safe (probationary club)	Matt Miller	Advisor

7. **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
Charleen Schwartzman	PHHS Girls Golf	Head Coach	\$7,524/step 3
Kevin Kirby	PHHS	Winter Site Manager	\$3,077.50 (½ stipend)/step 1
AJ Aliprantis	PHHS	Winter Site Manager	\$3,077.50 (½ stipend)/step 1
Evan Lampert	PHHS Unified Bowling Team	Head Coach	\$5,220/step 2
Julia Abahazy	PHHS Winter Track	Assistant Coach	\$5,940/step 3

8. **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
Ryan Miller	PVHS Boys Soccer	Assistant Coach	From: \$4,457.50 (½ stipend)/step 2 To: \$3,290 (½ stipend)/step 2

9. **Volunteers**

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

Name	School	Activity
John Murtaugh	PVHS	Wrestling
Dan Murtaugh	PVHS	Wrestling
Brett Cotton	PVHS	Boy's Basketball
Joseph Wolfe	PVHS	Boy's Basketball

Matthew Killian	PHHS	Robotics
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10. 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
Jack Benard	Classroom substitute	New
Dawn Priestler	Classroom substitute	New
Frank Scott V	Classroom substitute	New
Jacqueline Castronovo	Classroom substitute	New
Thomas Corvo	Classroom substitute	New
Else DiGiacopo	Classroom substitute	Renew
Hugh Ames	Security desk substitute (\$200 per shift)	New

11. Home Instructor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Yvette Kohn as a home instructor for the district for the 2023-2024 school year.

12. Additional Period

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional sixth period class for the 2023-2024 school year, for student ID# 811515 as per student's IEP:

Name	Course	Additional Period	Stipend
Amy Maniscalco	English IV: World Literature and Culture	3 times per week starting 11/6/2023 to 6/13/2024	\$6,393.75

13. Supplemental Instruction

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an additional 12 hours of supplemental instruction for student ID# 811515 from 10/16/2023 to 12/16/2023 as per student's IEP.

Instructor	Subject	Frequency
Kaitlyn Rivera	Algebra II	12 hours

- b. **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 September 26, 2023 Robert Salgado was board approved to provide instruction for Tier III Math support 5

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days a week for nine weeks (September 18 - November 17, 2023). The extension will provide instruction until February 5, 2024. Compensation is \$55 per session.

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction as a Tier III intervention from a certified teacher for the following students starting 11/13/2023 until 1/5/2024:

Student ID#	Instructor	Subject	Frequency
813630	Cassandra Leibfried	Geometry	3 times per week
812410	Cassandra Leibfried	Algebra II w Trigonometry	1 time per week

14. 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# 813328. The student will receive 10 hours of home instruction per week (2 hours per subject) starting 11/13/2023 and ending on or about 11/30/2023.

Name	Subject
Alexandra Pflfeging	English
Aarti Mallya	Biology
Patricia Hawkins	Geometry
Christine Gorman	French
TBD	World History

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional home instruction for student ID# 811656, as per student's IEP, starting September 5, 2023 - May 24, 2024.

Name	Subject	Sessions
Danielle deQuintal	Graphic Design	2 per week
Jessica Miranda	Ceramics	2 per week

XI. FINANCE
Consent Agenda for Items 1 –18

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 November 20, 2023	\$2,746,097.96
Payroll as of November 15, 2023	\$1,738,319.53
Total	\$4,484,417.49

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

6. **Grant Acceptance**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept a grant from Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal for \$500 for a Teacher Study Group Grant. This grant was awarded to the district GLAM (Growth, Learning, Assessment, and Mindset) Study group for their research into use of AI, Feedback, and Assessment.

Group Members:

Elise Narramore	David Frangiosa	Matt Morone	Kelsey Brentnall
Megan Graziano	Deena Mahmoud	Michelle Chakansky	Danielle deQuintal
Valerie Mattessich	Jessica Sachs-Serfess	Barry Bachenheimer	

7. **Travel Pre-Authorizations**

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

Name	Professional Development or School Trip
Alyssa Merritt	Rutgers Center for Literacy Development (date change)
Ryan Dore	The Midwest Clinic (date change)
Barry Bachenheimer	Future of Education Technology Conference
Lena Leacock	New Jersey Association of School Librarians Conference
Joe Orlak	National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference
Megan Pettigano	New Jersey Association of School Librarians Conference

8. **Affirmative Statement for Membership in the Pascack Valley Council for Special Education for the 2024-2025 School Year**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent affirms its membership in the Pascack Valley Council for Special Education for the 2024-2025 school year, and commits its full support and financial participation in the Council.

9. **Approve Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Room 107 Structural Repair at PV**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$78,000.00 to fund the Structural Repair in Room 107 at Pascack Valley High School.

10. **Approve Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Grandstand Soil Erosion at PH for Engineering Services**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$25,200.00 to fund the engineering services for the Grandstand Soil Erosion Project at Pascack Hills High School.
11. **Approve Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Grandstand Soil Erosion at PH**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$350,000.00 which will be added to an already designated amount of \$50,000.00 to fund the construction costs for the Grandstand Soil Erosion Project at Pascack Hills High School.
12. **Region II bills for Occupational and Physical Therapists Services and Evaluations and Transportation**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, authorize the Business Administrator to pay Region II bills for Occupational and Physical Therapists services and evaluations from October 15, 2023 to November 14, 2023, Independent evaluations for speech, LDT-C, school psychologists, and social workers from November 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023, and Transportation from November 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023 upon presentation of properly approved vouchers.
13. **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 renovate and expand the second floor of the 18-21 year old program located at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, New Jersey.
- ~~14. **Submit Application to NJDOE for Approval of Land Acquisition and Project Application - 201 West Grand Ave, Montvale, NJ**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent to authorize the submission of an application to the NJDOE for approval of the land acquisition at 201 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ, Lot 18, Block 2102 and to authorize the submission of a Project Application to NJDOE.~~
14. **Submit Application to NJDOE for Approval of Land Acquisition and Project Applications - 201 West Grand Avenue, Montvale NJ**

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) has entered into a contract to purchase property located at 201 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Board contains contingency for obtaining government approval to purchase the property;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the submission of applications and documents that are required by the applicable government entities to review and/or obtain the requisite approval to purchase the property;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, at the recommendation of the superintendent, authorizes the submission of an application to the NJDOE for approval of the land acquisition at 201 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ, Lot 18, Block 2102 and authorizes the submission of a Project Application to NJDOE;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator are authorized to sign the applications and issue letters on behalf of the Board.

15. **Submit Application to SDA for Approval of Land Acquisition and Project Application - 63 Patterson St., Hillsdale, NJ**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent to authorize the submission of an application to the NJDOE for approval of the land acquisition at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, NJ, Lot 8, Block 1101 and to authorize the submission of a Project Application to NJDOE.

16. **Architectural Services Proposal From FKA Architects**

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 services in the amount of \$2,500.00 plus reimbursables for the concession stand and storage building evaluation at Pascack Valley High School.

17. **Region II Resolutions – Quotes**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232411 to ProTrans School Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232411	Chapel Hill Academy	165	65	165.00	22,275.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232416 to Ombali LLC during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232416	Westwood HS	175	30	175.00	22,400.00

18. **Region II Resolutions – Parent Contracts**

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 #CC2324 for the 2023-24 school year.

Route #	Route	Per Diem	Annual Cost
CC2324	Holmstead School	50	8,150.00

Ms. Bilotti commented that currently the girls are practicing and competing as a co-ed team on Saturdays. She indicated that for the golf team, when there were 10 girls an additional coach was added. It appears that there will be 15 girls which would trigger another head coach. She mentioned that there would not be an additional head coach for wrestling. It would be an assistant coach. She thought it might be at 15 since there are 30 wrestlers with two assistants. Mr. Usami gave a report of a recent Finance Committee Meeting. He indicated that final numbers needed to be established for the audit report. The audit will be discussed at a future Finance Committee Meeting. He mentioned that the excess surplus from the 2022-2023 budget is \$5,213,901. He said that they needed to decide the allocation of those dollars and his recommendation was \$3.3 million to capital reserve, \$500,000 to maintenance reserve and \$1,413,901 towards the 2024-2025 fund balance to offset taxes. He mentioned that there will most likely be additional surplus that the Board keeps towards the budgeted fund balance. These funds are unassigned and are meant to help offset taxes and for emergency situations. He commented that the committee agreed with the recommendation. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

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.
None

XV. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board has found the action described below to be necessary and proper;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board on the date indicated above that:

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

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