

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
In the District Board Offices**

Meeting Regulations

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education members, district administration, and staff will treat parents/guardians and other members of the public with respect and expect the same consideration in return. The district is committed to maintaining orderly processes for keeping school and district events free from disruption. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings, including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard, if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the President unless the majority of the Board present and voting, rule otherwise.

During this special meeting, one opportunity is provided for citizens to make comments. In order for a citizen to make a comment, they must be physically present at the meeting. Citizens may address general comments on both agenda and non-agenda items to the Board.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and town of residence. Comments shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to sit down.

Public Records

To inspect or obtain a copy of any public record required to be made available under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, Examination and Copies of Public Records, please contact Mr. Yas Usami, 28 West Grand Avenue, Suite 2, Montvale, NJ 07645.

Accommodations

Notice: With advance notice, we can provide personal assistance for those with disabilities. Please contact 201-358-7005 x21005.

Copies of all public meeting agendas are online on the district website: <http://www.pascack.org>

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 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Blundo, President

Present: Mr. Joseph Blundo, President left at 6:50 p.m.
Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone
Mrs. Kristin Martin
Mr. James Stankus
Ms. Debra Stephans
Mr. Michael Weaver left at 6:59 p.m.
Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Absent: Dr. Kelly Blundy
Mr. Pat Luisi

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 and on the Pascack Valley District website.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda or non-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.

V. 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

Moved by: Martin Seconded by: Stephans

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"/>	x	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blundo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

VI. STUDENT MATTERS

A. Motion Regarding Student Residency

1. Student Enrollment

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2023 the Parent of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office (“Student”) sought enrollment of his/her child in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District(“District”);

WHEREAS, after reviewing the documents submitted in support of enrollment and the facts pertaining to the Student’s enrollment, a notice of ineligibility was provided to the Parent;

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2023, the Parent was given the opportunity to present information to the Board of Education in support of his/her purported residency in the District;

WHEREAS, after considering the documents submitted in support of enrollment, the facts pertaining to the Student’s enrollment and the information provided by the Parent at the hearing, the Board of Education has determined that the Parent has not produced the required documentation to establish domicile in the District, is not domiciled in the District and is not temporarily residing in the District;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parent has not met his/her burden to establish that the Student is entitled to a tuition free education from the Board of Education in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1, N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.1, N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.2 and Board Policy and Regulation 5111.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that due to the filing of a residency petition with the Commissioner of Education, the Student shall be permitted to attend school in the District, subject to the obligation of the Parent to pay the Board tuition in the event that the Commissioner of Education determines that the Student was not entitled to a tuition free education from the Board or Parent withdraws his/her petition of appeal.

