

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
In the Pascack Valley High School Auditorium**

Meeting Regulations

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The Vision of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District:
To create a culture of innovation, inquiry, and individuality that promotes achievement and choice by cultivating the skills needed to complete and collaborate as ethical and responsible global citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Mr. Joseph Blundo, President
Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President
Dr. Kelly Blundy
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone
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, Isabella Velez - PVHS

Absent: 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 on August 15, 2022.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports:

Superintendent Report: Sarah Bilotti

Congratulations to Olivia Ge, our student rep who was accepted into the NJ All State Orchestra last week!

I want to thank our special education team, our Director Eva Merk and our Special Education Programs Supervisor Tara Flannery are consistently evaluating our programs and the opportunities for our students and were able to determine this week that we will be expanding our offered services to include a specialized self-contained program under our LLD umbrella. The program will serve our most academically needy students here in their home district and will be housed at Hills. I know that the staff and students at Hills will welcome these new 9th-grade students and open numerous opportunities for them to participate with our school community.

I want to thank Dr. Bachenheimer and Ms. Graziano and Dr. Russo for putting together the curriculum update that they will be presenting in a few minutes. As you know we had a humanities update last month and we have a series of updates scheduled so that the Board and public can hear highlights of our new and innovative curriculum items that we have for this and next year.

Bond Refunding Hearing Report: Yas Usami

The Board is proposing to refinance the callable tax-exempt bonds at a lower bond interest rate to produce tax savings from the debt service portion of the tax bill. There is one series remaining from a previous referendum. The bond series will expire in the 2028-2029 school year. The original term cannot be shortened or lengthened.

The bond refunding ordinance allows the Board to sell the bonds at any time. The sale must realize a 3% or greater net savings, otherwise the bonds cannot be sold and another time to go to market would need to be scheduled. We will follow the advice of our financial advisor.

Student Reports

Olivia Ge – Pascack Hills High School - [Report](#)

Isabella Velez – 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:

March 13, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 13, 2023	Executive Meeting	8:19 p.m.

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

VI. **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

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

National Merit Scholarship Program – Finalist

WHEREAS, Grace Jansen, a senior at Pascack Valley High School is a finalist in the 2022-2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists advance to Finalist standing by submitting SAT scores that confirm the earlier PSAT/NMSQT performance, having an outstanding academic record, and being endorsed and recommended by a high school official.

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

Dance Team

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional Dance Team competed at the 2023 Dance Team Union National Dance Championships in Orlando, Florida. In a field of over 170 from around the country, they competed in three different divisions with three different routines for the first time in seven years and placed:

National Champions, in the Small Pom division - 1st Place

Large Team Performance - 4th Place

Medium Hip Hop- 5th place

Emma Brazofsky - PV	Sienna Bruno - PV	Lisa DeGise - PV
Samantha Forrest - PV	Abigail Fox - PV	Zoe Grabow - PH
Sophia Haag - PV	Caitlyn Johnson - PV	Gia Macaluso - PV
Jessica Maron – PV	Olivia Mattessich – PV	Ilira Memija – PH
Emma Nagler – PV	Joely Ross – PV	Madison Sgroi - PV
Coach Dena Noone	Coach Val DeSantis	

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

Bergen Record Athlete of the Week, 3/3/23 Basketball

WHEREAS, Jimmy Shea, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, has been selected as The Bergen Record Athlete of the Week for boys basketball. Jimmy averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds, and three assists in games leading the Panthers to the sectional semifinals.

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

First Team All Bergen County

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

Lindsay Jennings - senior at PVHS Girls Basketball
Christian Vargas – senior at PVHS Boys Basketball
Jessica Malocha – junior at PVHS Girls Swimming

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

NJSIAA National Girls and Women in Sports Award

WHEREAS, Emily Sailer, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, and Tori Criscuolo, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, each won the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association National Girls and Women in Sports Award. National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) is an annual day of observance held during the first week of February to acknowledge the accomplishments of female athletes, recognize the influence of sports participation for women and girls, and honor the progress and continuing struggle for equality for women in sports.

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

NJ North 1 Group 2 State Sectional Cross Country Champions and Bergen County Cross Country Team of the Year

WHEREAS, the following students from Pascack Valley High School won the New Jersey North 1 Group 2 State Sectional Cross Country Championship and Bergen County Cross Country Team of the Year:

Patrick Kurtz	Christopher Martino	Marc Monti
Aaron Ng	Connor Oates	Michael Pizzella
Jay Ramirez	Anthony Sileo	Coach John Murtagh
Coach Russ Grier	Coach Brian Koch	

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

Coach of the Year

WHEREAS, Mr. John Murtagh, Pascack Valley Boys Cross Country Team Coach, has been named as Bergen County Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year.

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

Bergen County Small School Team of the Year - Pascack Hills Wrestling

The team went 20-8 overall on the season and repeated as back to back Big North Patriot league champs. The team finished as the second overall public school in the County tournament and finished as the top scoring public school in the Region. The team ended up placing six wrestlers in the districts and three wrestlers in the Region and sent the most state qualifiers to Atlantic City since 1989. Overall, we had eight different wrestlers receive either all league ranging from 1st team to honorable mention or all county awards ranging from 2nd team all-county to honorable mention.

Kylir Alexander	Alejandro Camarena	Gary Cooper
Shaan Dalal	Aaron D'Alessandro	Matthew Daniels
Fares Daraghmeh	Tyler Duffy	Nicholas Frangiosa
Christian Funke	Sean Herman	Nicholas Lulla
Quinn Mercier	Hunter Morton	Hassan Shawkat
Athan Stamis	Max Unger	Mathew Velez Intriago
Jake Wacha	Cuthbert Zhu	Head Coach Dave Bucco
Assistant Coach Kevin Moran	Assistant Coach Jim Freeman	Assistant Coach Adham Shawkat
Volunteer Coach Bruce Wacha		

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

VII.

PRESENTATION

**Curriculum Overview for Math,
Computer Science, Science and
Tech. Education**

Barry Bachenheimer
Megan Graziano
Mark Russo

Mrs. Martin indicated that geometry requires algebra and asked if it would affect the success of SAT and ACT performance. She also asked who else had gone to Geometry First.

Dr. Russo mentioned that Ridgewood was the first in our area, but they are a little different since they are a K-12 district. He said Freehold has moved to Geometry First

and others as well. He said he has been involved in conversations about Geometry First for many years. He indicated that there have been logistical complications since the state has been slow to catch up. He commented that when geometry is sandwiched between the two algebra courses, it takes some time to get the algebra back after geometry. He indicated that the algebra needed for geometry is primarily pre-algebra which is taught in 8th grade. Dr. Russo believes that the students will be prepared for the SATs and ACTs. Ms. Stephans commented that she is happy with the math center.

Dr. Bachenheimer mentioned that Dr. Russo is involved in regional and state mathematics groups and brings back the knowledge to the district. He is involved with statewide assessments which helps the students.

Mr. Weaver asked what type of articulation is used with the sending districts since this is a regional district.

Dr. Bachenheimer indicated that the district is doing a lot. Dr. Russo and Ms. Alyssa Merritt (regional instruction curriculum coordinator) have been working with the sending districts ever since the proposed change came up several years ago. The sending district curriculum directors are well aware of this change and have been greatly involved.

Mr. Weaver asked if there are measurable benchmarks in place to measure if this is a success.

Dr. Bachenheimer said that all departments have benchmarks and in math, they use a variety of tests for assessments. They examine each of the benchmarks in particular grade levels and compare them to standardized test scores. The process will be monitored.

Mrs. Martin asked if anyone had spoken to Ridgewood or Freehold.

Dr. Russo said he has been in conversation with many of the supervisors who have made the change. He indicated that the change has been recent so they do not have the data of increased, decreased or remained the same. The informal data has been positive, but he cannot make a claim at this time.

Mr. Stankus mentioned the challenge of finding data. Pre-Covid data may skew the data.

Mr. Blundo asked if this is a trend nationally.

Dr. Russo said he did not know about nationally. He said more are moving to this in the state, but it is a minority. He indicated that the state coordinator was open to being sympathetic as to different ways to get to where we want to go. Dr. Russo is confident that this will be successful and be a positive change for the students. They will continue to monitor.

Mr. Stankus asked if all the material will be covered in time for the SAT.

Dr. Russo responded affirmatively. He believes that Algebra I is the most foundational high school course for students. He mentioned that the SAT has been redesigned to focus more on algebra and less on geometry.

Ms. Bilotti commented that the district is in the forefront of technology and they have leveraged having Apple engineers to come to the district to conduct workshops. Dr. Bachenheimer and Mr. Paul Zeller have pushed technology forward in the district.

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,

March 27, 2023

an overnight trip for Pascack Hills High School music students, and chaperones Ryan Dore, Margarita Elkin, Antoinette McKay and Meg Demmerie, to travel to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida from December 6-10, 2023.

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an overnight trip for Pascack Hills High School robotic students, and chaperones Kevin Killian, James Whitfield, Lisa Ruggeri and Jack Teadore to travel to Lehigh University in Pennsylvania from April 6-8, 2023.

2. Out of District Placement 1:1 Aide

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Cornerstone Day School to provide a 1:1 Aide for our out-of-district student # 811571 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year (66 Days). The services will begin on March 15, 2023 ending June 30, 2023.

1:1 Aide Per Diem Rate	Total Cost
216.00	\$14,256

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Shepard Preparatory High School to provide a 1:1 Aide for out of district student # 812475 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year (60 days), per the student's IEP. The services will begin on March 16, 2023, ending June 21, 2023.

1:1 Aide Per Diem Rate	Total Cost
\$167.27	\$10,037.00

3. Homebound Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve homebound instruction for student # 812378 who was placed at High Focus in Paramus, NJ. The educational services will be provided by LearnWell, 2 Main Street, Suite 2A, Plymouth, MA 02360. Billing is \$56.25 per hour for a total of 10 hours per week. The start date is March 7, 2023 and will continue for a minimum of 6 weeks.

4. Park Academy New Tuition Students

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

new student ID# 813567, fourth grade from Emerson School District, to Park Academy for the 2022-2023 school year.

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve new student ID # 813572, seventh grade from Closter School District, to Park Academy for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved by: Stephans

Seconded by: Stankus

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- 8

1. **Resignation - Adjustment**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accepts Stephanie Tomaselli's, Pascack Valley High School Main Office Executive Secretary, change of retirement effective date to August 31, 2023 from the previously Board approved date of September 8, 2023.

2. **Leave of Absence - Modification**

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:

Employee Id #	Position	Request
1830	District Supervisor of Instruction	<p><u>From:</u> Total Leave Period: January 23, 2023 - December 15, 2023 Using 39 sick days FMLA: March 20, 2023 - June 9, 2023 Leave of Absence: June 12, 2023 - December 15, 2023 Without pay and without health benefits</p> <p><u>To:</u> Total Leave Period: January 23, 2023 - December 15, 2023 Using 37 sick, 1 vacation and 2 personal days FMLA: March 22, 2023 - June 21, 2023 Leave of Absence: June 22, 2023 - December 15, 2023 Without pay and without health benefits</p>
2203	Program Coordinator Park Academy	<p><u>From:</u> FMLA From March 14, 2023, to on or about April 13, 2023</p>

		<u>To:</u> FMLA From March 15, 2023, to on or about April 18, 2023
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3. **Leave Replacement**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, appoint the following individual as leave replacement for employee #2190:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Robert Buccino	PHHS Teacher of Science, leave replacement	\$400 per diem, without health benefits	Additional dates: April 11-14, 2023

4. **Athletic Appointment**

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

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
William Weigel	PVHS Football	Assistant Coach	Stipend * / Step 3 *TBD to reflect new amount per PVREA contract for 2023-2024 fall season.

5. **Volunteers**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	School	Activity
Salvatore Sileo	District	Technology
Ryan Kennelly	PHHS	Boys Lacrosse

6. **Volunteer Chaperones**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following chaperones for the Board approved (January 4, 2023) music department trip to Philadelphia on April 28-30, 2023:

James Geier	Megan Geier	Ana Madaio
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Antoinette McKay	Michael Malone	
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7. **Additional Periods**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional assignments in the area of mathematics from February 6 - March 21, 2023 (30 days):

Name	Total Pay
Lauren Johnson	\$1,666.66
Mary Doherty	\$1,666.66
Caitlin Murphy	\$1,666.66
Katlyn Rivera	\$1,666.66
Christina Rossi	\$1,666.66

8. **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 # 812781 as per the student's IEP for the 2022-2023 school year beginning March 10, 2023:

Instructor	Sessions per week	Subject
Chrisopher Guinta	2 hours	World History
Laura McSpirit	2 hours	English I
Michela Piccoline	2 hours	Biological Science
Joseph Belger	2 hours	PE

Moved by: Stephans

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blundo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stankus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

XI. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 11

1. Approval of Bills

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

Budget Expenditures as of March 27, 2023	\$1,221,197.79
Payroll as of March 15, 2023	\$1,673,056.85
TOTAL	\$2,894,254.64

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

6. **Travel Pre-Authorizations**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve travel expense pre-authorizations for the following:

Sarah Bilotti	Dorely Leah-Drago	Alexandra Pfliging	Christine Pollinger
Jonathan Rose	Matthew Schulien	Sean Struncis	

7. **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 use of funds.

FUND	STAFF	COURSE	# OF SESSIONS	RATE / SESSION	Student ID #
IDEA ARP	Cindy Reese	Chemistry	22 3/20-6/9/23	\$55	811555
IDEA ARP	Brian Koch	Statistics	22 3/20-6/9/23	\$55	811555

IDEA ARP	Deborah Ragone	US History II	22 3/27- 6/9/23	\$55	813568
IDEA ARP	Joseph McCarten	Environmental Science	22 3/27- 6/9/23	\$55	813568

8. **Rescind the Resolution Approving a 5-year Lease for Region II Office Space**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, rescind the resolution approving a 5-year lease for office space for Region II under Finance Item 15 dated August 29, 2022.

9. **Approve the Lease**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the lease for office space located at 28 West Grand Avenue, Suite 7, Montvale, NJ 07645 with Montvale NJ Holdings, LLC for a term starting April 1, 2023 and ending on July 31, 2027 at a monthly rent of \$3,564.75 in accordance with the executed lease agreement.

10. **Second Reading of Bond Refunding Ordinance**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,700,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DO ALL ACTS AND THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY AND ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2013, The Board of Education of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$12,335,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt Refunding School Bonds, Series 2013, dated February 26, 2013 (the “2013 Refunding School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the \$9,420,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2013 Refunding School Bonds maturing on August 15 in the years 2024 through 2028, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board introduced a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) on first reading by resolution of the Board on February 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Board held a public hearing on the Refunding Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to issue and sell such Refunding School Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize certain actions in connection with the sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (by not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 2. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, subject to the limitations contained herein and in consultation with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Board (“Bond Counsel”), and Phoenix Advisors, LLC, as Municipal Advisor to the Board (the “Municipal Advisor”), the power with respect to the Refunding School Bonds, which may be sold in one or more series, to determine and carry out the following:

- a) the sale of the Refunding School Bonds by either (1) a private sale to a purchaser (the “Purchaser”) provided that the purchase price of the Purchaser thereof shall not be less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds so sold; or (2) a public offering to an underwriter(s) (the “Underwriter”) to be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in consultation with the Municipal Advisor;
- b) the principal amount of Refunding School Bonds to be issued, provided that (i) such amount shall not exceed \$9,700,000, and (ii) such amount shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the costs of issuance associated with the Refunding School Bonds and to fund the deposit to the escrow fund as set forth in the Escrow Deposit Agreement (as defined herein) in an amount that, when invested, will be sufficient to provide for the timely payments required for the Refunded Bonds;
- c) the maturity dates and the principal amount of each maturity or sinking fund redemption amount of the Refunding School Bonds, provided that no Refunding School Bonds refunding the Refunded Bonds shall mature later than the maturity date of the respective Refunded Bonds;

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- d) the interest payment dates and the interest rates on the Refunding School Bonds, provided that the true interest cost on the Refunding School Bonds shall produce a present value debt service savings of at least three percent (3%) of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds;
- e) the denomination or denominations of and the manner of numbering and lettering the Refunding School Bonds, provided that all Refunding School Bonds of like maturity shall be identical in all respects, except as to denominations, amounts, numbers and letters;
- f) provisions for the sale or exchange of the Refunding School Bonds and for the delivery thereof;
- g) the form of the Refunding School Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Refunding School Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, (“DTC”) and the Purchase Contract (as defined herein);
- h) the direction for the application and investment of the proceeds of the Refunding School Bonds;
- i) the terms of redemption of the Refunding School Bonds,
- j) the determination to issue such Refunding School Bonds on a current or forward basis;
- k) the determination to issue such Refunding School Bonds on a taxable or tax-exempt basis; and
- l) any other provisions deemed advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary not in conflict with the provisions hereof.

In addition, the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within ten (10) days of the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall file a report with the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth (a) a comparison of the Refunding School Bonds’ debt service and the Refunded Bonds’ debt service, which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; and (d) a certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that (i) all of the conditions of Section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 have been met, and (ii) this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted

pursuant to 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall execute a certificate evidencing the determinations or other actions taken pursuant to the authority granted hereunder, and any such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the actions or determinations of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as to the matters stated therein.

SECTION 3. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute by manual or facsimile signature the Refunding School Bonds in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Refunding School Bonds.

SECTION 4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve a Bond Purchase Contract (the "Purchase Contract"), if required, for the Refunding School Bonds, to be dated the date of sale of such Refunding School Bonds and to be executed by the Purchaser. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Purchase Contract.

SECTION 5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to apply and qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance and to approve a Commitment for Municipal Bond Insurance (the "Commitment") setting forth the terms and conditions (including premium charges) upon which a bond insurer proposes to issue its bond insurance policy covering the Refunding School Bonds. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Commitment.

SECTION 6. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve the Escrow Deposit Agreement (the "Escrow Deposit Agreement") with an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") to be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds, to be dated the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Deposit Agreement in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Escrow Deposit Agreement. The Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to act as the agent and

representative of the Board for the purpose of subscribing for the purchase of United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series to be held by the Escrow Agent. In the alternative, if United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series are not available, the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to seek bids for the acquisition of United States Treasury Securities – Open Market Securities.

SECTION 7. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to select a verification agent (the “Verification Agent”), if required, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds. The Verification Agent shall prepare the verification report required to verify the sufficiency of the escrowed monies to refund the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 8. It is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority to “deem final” (as defined under Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (the “Rule”), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented), a Preliminary Official Statement (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) and such official is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a certificate to the Underwriter evidencing the same. The preparation and distribution by the Board, in consultation with Bond Counsel, and counsel to the Underwriter, if any, of a Preliminary Official Statement for the Refunding School Bonds to be used in connection with the marketing of such Refunding School Bonds, is hereby approved and any previous actions undertaken by various representatives and officers of the Board with respect thereto are hereby ratified and confirmed. Upon the sale of the Refunding School Bonds to the Underwriter, the Preliminary Official Statement shall be so modified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, to reflect the effect of the pricing of the Refunding School Bonds and the Purchase Contract and any other revision not inconsistent with the substance thereof deemed necessary or advisable by Bond Counsel, and said Preliminary Official Statement as so modified shall constitute the final Official Statement (the “Official Statement”). The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Official Statement.

SECTION 9. The Board hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Certificate”) which will set forth the obligation of the Board to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provision of the Rule. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver this Certificate evidencing the Board’s undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Board to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Refunding School Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including

seeking mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board to comply with its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 10. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary or any other appropriate officer or representative of the Board, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this resolution, the Purchase Contract, the Escrow Deposit Agreement and the Commitment, and for the authorization, sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds. The execution by such officials and officers of any such documents, with changes, insertions or omissions approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, as hereinabove provided, shall be conclusive and no further ratification or other action by the Board shall be required with respect thereto.

SECTION 11. If applicable, the Board hereby covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") of the interest on the Refunding School Bonds. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the ability to designate the Refunding School Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.

SECTION 12. All other resolutions adopted in connection with the Refunding School Bonds and inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

11. **Special Education Transportation - Region II**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2364 to Alpha Generation, LLC. for the 2022-2023 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2364	Brownstone	242	75	242.00	9,680.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2365 to Horizon Transportation for the 2022-2023 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2365	Building Bridges @ Cherry Hill Schl	269	60	329.00*	12,831.00*

*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 2366 to Lenoir's Transportation for the 2022-2023 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2366	Paradigm	286	55	286.00	14,014.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2367 to ProTrans School Transportation for the 2022-2023 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2367	Shaler Academy	265	75	340.00*	13,260.00*

*includes cost of aide

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

Mr. Weaver commented about the inequity for female athletes. He mentioned that The Record’s coverage of female sports was awful. He cited that during the off season for football (up to some time in January), there were nine articles about football compared to one about girls basketball. He was happy that the Board could recognize the female athletes/teams tonight and the Bergen County Women’s Coaches Association will honor all the county athletes. He mentioned that in 2006-2007 he was fortunate to attend the NJSIAA National Girls and Womens Sports Award which was held at Seton Hall with a phenomenal luncheon with speakers. This year the honorees were to attend a Seton Hall Women’s basketball game with a presentation at halftime. Instead the recipients were informed that there were no tickets for them and canceled the event two days before the event. Mr. Weaver would like the Board to contact NJSIAA and The Record about the inequities.

Mr. Blundo suggested that the ADs contact other ADs in the area to see if they are experiencing this as well. This could lead to other district boards to send letters or resolutions about their discontent. Mr. Blundo asked Ms. Bilotti to take this action. He mentioned power in numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Stephans mentioned that she attended the student productions of Chicago and Mama Mia. She congratulated everyone who was involved. She commented that the performances were beautiful and the students did a great job.

Mr. Blundo asked if any of the professional travel would be of special interest to the Board.

Mrs. McCabe indicated that there is a hyperlink in the agenda that indicates the trips.

Ms. Bilotti mentioned that many present at state and national conferences. Staff and administrators are presenting at the State Women's Leadership Conference tomorrow.

Mr. Blundo asked if there could be a blurb about where people are going. This would be helpful to demonstrate how the district moves forward and stays a leading institution.

Ms. Bilotti mentioned the League of Innovative Schools which is a national program.

The district was one of 20 schools invited when it started. It meets twice a year and she along with Dr. Bachenheimer and Dr. Russo attended in the fall. She indicated that there was discussion about Geometry First. She added that many of the national conferences are by invitation where they are looking for districts who are moving forward, with strong curriculum, and demonstrated student growth and achievement.

XIII. 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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Stephans to adjourn the public meeting at 8:46 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yas Usami".

Yas Usami
Business Administrator/Board Secretary