

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
In the Pascack Valley High School Auditorium**

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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 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Blundo, President

Present: Mr. Joseph Blundo, President
Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone
Mr. Pat Luisi
Mrs. Kristin Martin
Ms. Debra Stephans
Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Representatives: Olivia Ge - PHHS, Isabella Velez - PVHS

Absent: Dr. Kelly Blundy
Mr. James Stankus
Mr. Michael Weaver

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.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON April 17, 2023

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Session.

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

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

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

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

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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.
2. The subject matters to be discussed are as follows:
 1. Legal Matters
 2. Possible HIBs report 244962 and report 245729
3. The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
4. Official action may or may not be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

A motion was made by Ms. Stephans to enter into an executive session at 7:04 p.m. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Stephans Seconded by: Martin

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Martin to reconvene into the public meeting at 7:26 p.m. Mrs. Varghese seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Martin Seconded by: Varghese

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

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

Mr. Weaver arrived.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Superintendent’s Report: Sarah Bilotti thanked Dr. Bachenheimer and his team for the curriculum updates.

Pascack Valley and Pascack Hills High Schools hosted middle school festivals for students coming from our sending middle schools. The teachers from both schools, Margarita Elkin and Catherine Corcoran, along with their counterparts from middle schools, put together a varied program of songs that culminated in combined performances with middle school choirs. Everyone involved truly enjoyed the events, and middle schoolers got inspired to join our music programs in the future.

Pascack Hills English teacher Heather Lutz has been rewriting the curriculum for the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education.

PV English teacher Val Santo recently hosted Holocaust survivor Mark Schonwetter and his daughter, Isabella Fiske, as a guest speaker to tell his family's important survival story to students and staff.

Ken Sarajian will be presenting at the Holocaust and Armenian Genocide Commemoration event at the Hudson County Community College on April 25th along with Mark Schonwetter (the Holocaust survivor Val Santo hosted @PV)

Argine Safari was part of a panel of NJ Teachers of the Year at the State Conference for Teacher Recruitment and Retention held at Montclair State University on Tuesday. The conference was attended by administrators, New Jersey legislators, teachers, professors, and non profit leaders from around the state.

Valerie Mattessich, District Supervisor of English, Art & Libraries, in her continued role as President of the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English, will be presenting the opening speech at the organization's annual Spring conference on April 29 at The College of New Jersey.

Dr. Alexandra Pflieger, Pascack Hills English teacher, recently published an article in the National Council of Teachers of English *English Journal*, a national, peer-reviewed journal for high school English educators.

Bond Refunding Report: Yas Usami

Mr. Usami reported that the bond market looks good for a refunding (refinancing) of the outstanding bonds. The requirement to refund the bonds is a minimum of a net 3% savings. Currently, it stands at 4.1% which is about \$70,000 per year savings from the debt service portion of the tax bill. An RFP for an underwriter is in progress. A ratings

Student	Award	Description
Olivia Ge - PH and Suhani Mahale - PH	1 st Place Environmental Science, Ernsthon's Make a Difference Award, USAID Science Champion Award	Effect of Plant Derived Smoke Water on Germination & Growth in Stressed Plants
Zoe Green - PH	Animal Science – 1 st Place ISEF Finalist	The Effect of Altering Bacterial Food Sources on Associative Learning in <i>Caenorhabditis Elegans</i>
Anya Hynekamp - PV and Michaela Darian - PV	Kean University Biotech Club Award 2 nd Place	Testing Anaerobic Bacteria in a Microbial Fuel Cell
Nicole Golub - PH	2 nd Place – Animal Science	Tumor Suppressor or Tumor Promoter Potential of SIRT 1
Hyunjun (Fred) Lim - PH	Computing Machinery Award	Chemistry Using Artificial Intelligence
Stephen Sammarco - PV	Advanced to Phase II	Is Someone Watching You? A Study in Human Perception
Amanda Polyniak - PV and Koichi Tazaki - PV	4th Place in Chemistry	Creating the Most Effective Sports Drink
Ari Hirshfield - PH and Stephen Huang - PH	NASA Earth System Science Project Award	Lunar Regolith Modified by Red Worms to Improve Plant Growth

Leah Behar - PH and Logan Litt - PH	Advanced to phase II	Identifying Alterations in Ommatidia to Assess Neurodegeneration Utilizing Nail Polish Imprints
Dylan Cochin - PH and Aastha Shukla - PH	Advanced to phase II	An In Vivo Animal Model to Investigate the Neurotoxicity of Common Household Products

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

Partners in Science Teacher Award

WHEREAS, Dr. Marlene Healey, a science teacher at PascackValley High School, won the Partners in Science Teacher, and Dr. Martin Edelberg, a science teacher at Pascack Hills won the Partners in Science Award - Second Alternate.

Teachers who win this award will be able to choose one student in grades 10 or 11 from their school to participate in the Partners in Science Program run by Liberty Science Center. The program pairs students with mentors in science, health, and technical fields, and challenges them to participate in ongoing research and independent projects.

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

Sister Rose Thering Essay Competition

WHEREAS, Jillian Fleishman, a junior at Pascack Hills High School, won First Place in the Annual Sister Rose Thering Essay Competition, and Casey McKay, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, and Asiya Crandall, a freshman at Pascack Hills High School, each received an Honorable Mention in the Annual Sister Rose Thering Essay Competition.

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

All-North Jersey Junior Region Jazz Band

WHEREAS, Ming-Yang Qin, a freshman at Pascack Valley High School, has been accepted into the All-North Jersey Junior Region Jazz Band, first chair, alto saxophone. The New Jersey Association for Jazz Education organizes these highly competitive auditions with students from all of Northern New Jersey.

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

New Jersey All-State Orchestra

WHEREAS, Olivia Ge, a junior at Pascack Hills High School, has been accepted into the New Jersey All-State Orchestra for Violin. The All-State Orchestras in New Jersey consist of the highest performing high school musicians.

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

VII. **PRESENTATION**

Regional Curriculum Office: Dr. Bachenheimer, Alyssa Merritt, Tara Flannery
Special Programs, Art, and Music: Valerie Mattessich, Argine Safari

Mrs. Martin asked if the resurgence in Art is due to the 8th period.

Ms. Mattessich agreed that the extra period has had an effect.

Mr. Blundo referenced former trustee David Steinberg who was concerned that the numbers in Art were declining. He said that Mr. Steinberg would be happy to hear that Art is thriving.

Mr. Blundo commented that in the past there was a lack of coordination between the district and the sending districts. There has been great progress in this area and it's amazing what has been accomplished. He added that some of the sending district board presidents would like to bring back getting all boards together for a meeting.

Ms. Merritt said that is something that will be discussed.

Dr. Bachenheimer thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Blundo mentioned that it's great to see instruction and programs get back and grow to make the district the best.

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Calderone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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"/>
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Ms. Stephans was glad to see the trips return. She asked where parents can learn about the trips.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that the trips get onto Parent Square, so parents can see them.

XI. 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

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accepts with regret the resignation of Deborah Alt, Pascack Hills High School Part-Time Nurse, effective June 30, 2023.

2. Change of Position - Adjustment

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RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, adjust the following change of position details:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective date
Florian Caco	From: PHHS Night Custodian To: PHHS Night Lead Custodian	From: \$67,471 prorated, plus night crew, night lead, and black seal stipends, with benefits as per PVRSSA Adjust to: \$67,471, plus night lead stipend prorated, with benefits as per PVRSSA	On or about March 14, 2023

3. Leave of Absence

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
ID # 1899	PVHS Math Teacher	<u>Total leave period</u> August 28, 2023 - November 21, 2023 Using 2 sick days <u>FMLA</u> August 30 - November 21, 2023 <u>Leave of Absence</u> None

4. 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 of Federal/NJ family leave request:

Employee ID #	Position	Request
ID # 1950	PVHS Social Worker	From: <u>Total Leave Period:</u>

		<p>March 23, 2023 - May 31, 2023 Using 24 sick days <u>FMLA</u> May 4, 2023 - May 31, 2023 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None</p> <p>To: <u>Total Leave Period:</u> March 1, 2023 - May 9, 2023 Using 24 sick days <u>FMLA</u> April 12, 2023 - May 9, 2023 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> None</p>
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5. **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 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Charleen Schwartzman	PHHS Golf	Assistant Coach	\$7,110 / 3

6. **Intern Placement**

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

Name	Requesting Institution	Placement Location
Brianna Hay	Montclair State University	Pascack Valley High School

7. **Additional Period**

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 March 20 - 27, 2023 (5 days):

Name	Total Pay
Kevin Kirkby	\$277.80

8. **Home Instruction**

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

Payroll as of March 31, 2023	\$1,720,790.01
Payroll as of April 15, 2023	\$1,659,958.42
Total	\$5,117,090.17

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

g. Athletic Account – PV

February 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 February 2023.

6. **Travel Pre-Authorizations**

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

Name	Professional Development or School Trip
Vani Apanosian	International DECA Conference / Competition
Corin Gamgort	International DECA Conference / Competition
Paul Henry	International DECA Conference / Competition
Yas Usami	2023 New Jersey Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference (Bergen County Executive Committee Member)
Cynthia Kirk	2023 New Jersey Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference
Frank Andrisani	New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling Annual Conference

7. **Settlement Agreement**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the settlement agreement regarding student number FL23892

8. **Approve FKA Architects Proposal - Milestones House**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the proposal submitted by FKA Architects, Oakland New Jersey for architectural and engineering services in the amount of \$38,000.00 and an additional \$3,800 for a property survey for ADA compliance design and administration at 43 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645 which will house the Milestones 18-21 year old life skills program.

9. **Approve AHERA Consultants Inc. Proposal - Milestones House**

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

submitted by AHERA Consultants Inc., Oceanville, NJ for asbestos inspections, monitoring and management planning in the amount of \$10,920.00 for a property located at 43 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645.

10. **Approve the Shared Services Agreement- Student Internship Program with Park Ridge Board of Education**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement- Student Internship Program between the Park Ridge Board of Education (Member District) and Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Host LEA). The Host LEA shall bill the Member District a fixed yearly sum in the amount of \$29,379.00 for up to ten (10) students participating in the program for the 2023-2024 school year. This sum includes a \$10,000 administration fee. Also, each additional student beyond ten (10) participating in the program will be at the rate of \$2,010.00.

11. **Approve Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Hillsdale - SLEO III**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education concerning the hiring and placement of special police officer SLEO IIIs at Pascack Hills High School for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$56,270.40 per year per officer.

12. **Approve Phoenix Advisors as Continuing Disclosure Agent**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Phoenix Advisors as the Continuing Disclosure Agent in the amount of \$1,350 base fee for the 2023-2024 school year and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services for general guidance at no charge.

13. **Approve FKA Proposal - Corridor Seating at Pascack Valley High School**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the proposal from FKA Architects, Oakland, New Jersey for professional architectural services for the corridor seating project at Pascack Valley High School in the amount of \$3,500.00.

14. **Approve AHERA Consultants for Asbestos Safety Control Monitoring Services**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the proposal from AHERA Consultants, Oceanville, New Jersey for asbestos safety control monitoring services in the amount of \$45,025.00 related to the auditorium project at Pascack Hills High School.

15. **Award Contract for Consultation Services for a Portrait of a Graduate to Battelle for Kids**

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of

Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) has a need for consultation services for a Portrait of a Graduate; and

WHEREAS, the Board advertised a Request for Proposals (hereinafter referred to as “RFP”) on January 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2023, the Board received one (1) proposal for the services; and

WHEREAS, the proposal was evaluated by a committee based on weighted criteria specified in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommended Battelle for Kids based on the weighted criteria; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board at the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby awards the contract for consultation services for a Portrait of a Graduate to Battelle for Kids, Hilliard, Ohio in tiered amounts based on on-site versus virtual and member versus non-member of EdLeader 21 of \$29,400 to \$37,800.

16. **Equipment Disposal**

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

Description	Model #	Inventory Control #
Samsung Television	TXJ2767	3 6921 00023218 6
Panasonic Television	PV-DF2735	3 6921 00023216 0
RCA Television with VCR & DVD Player	27F501 TDVA	3 6921 000232194
RCA Television with VCR & DVD Player	27F501 TDVA	3 6921 000232152

17. **Pascack Valley High School – 1st Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for School Bus Riders for the 2022-2023 School Year**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27-11.2), and at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill for the Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ.

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The first of two annual drills for bus riders for the 2022-2023 school year was conducted on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. in the front of the school building.

WHEREAS, the Scholastic Bus Company’s staff of school bus drivers for bus routes #9, 10, 11, & 12 participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill; and which included the supervision of Mr. Thomas Gallione and Ms. Alison Petaccia Assistant Principals of Pascack Valley High School.

18. **Pascack Hills High School – 1st Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for School Bus Riders for the 2022-2023 School Year**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27-11.2), and at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill for the Pascack Hills High School, 225 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ.

The first of two annual drills for bus riders for the 2022-2023 school year was conducted on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – 2:53 p.m. in Pascack Hills adjacent to the gym.

WHEREAS, the drill took place during the students PE Periods. There were no specific routes/all students. Included the supervision of Christine Pollinger and Derek Piccini, Assistant Principals of Pascack Hills High School.

19. **Home to School and Athletic/Extracurricular Awarded Student Transportation Contracts**

RESOLVED, Pascack Valley Regional High School District transportation companies renewed the Student Transportation Contracts for the 2023-2024 school year:

Bus Company	Route #	Destination (To/From)	Cost Per Diem	Adjustment
Scholastic Bus Company 18-02 River Road PO Box 1130 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410		(Home to School)		
	PH-1	Pascack Hills HS, Montvale	444.61	5.86
	PH-1A	Pascack Hills HS, Montvale	460.49	5.86
	PH-2	Pascack Hills HS, Montvale	475.31	5.86
	PH-3	Pascack Hills HS, Montvale	475.31	5.86
	PH-4	Pascack Hills HS, Montvale	460.49	5.86

Scholastic Bus Company 18-02 River Road PO Box 1130 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410		(Home to School)		
	PV-9	Pascack Valley HS, Hillsdale	444.61	5.86
	PV-10	Pascack Valley HS, Hillsdale	460.49	5.86
	PV-11	Pascack Valley HS, Hillsdale	444.61	5.86
	PV-12	Pascack Valley HS, Hillsdale	444.61	5.86
Scholastic Bus Company 18-02 River Road PO Box 1130 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410		(Home to School)		
	BA-18	Bergen Academies, Hackensack	208.54	5.86
	BA-19	Bergen Academies, Hackensack	208.54	5.86
	BA-20	Bergen Academies, Hackensack	208.54	5.86
Scholastic Bus Company 18-02 River Road PO Box 1130 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410		(Athletic/Extra -Curricular)	1st 4 hrs.	Add'l ¼ hr.
	V-45	Pascack Valley HS, Hillsdale	633.04	42.34
Valley Transportation 28 Jay Street Norwood, NJ 07648		(Athletic/Extra-Curricular)	1st 4 hrs.	Add'l ¼ hr.
	H-54	Pascack Hills HS, Montvale	430.85	49.46

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

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education accept the following special education transportation contract addenda for the 2022-2023 school year.

Transporter	Contract	Rte #	Route	Per Diem Increase/Decrease	Adjusted Per Diem Cost
Excel	2348	2348	Shaler Academy	-319.00	0.00
Joshua Tours	091	2317	Meadowbrook	125.00	529.00

N&Y	067	2005	Forum to Perform Care	75.00	340.65
NJ Preferred	100	2357	Shepard Prep	42.50	426.00
We Care	086	2205	SBJC – Maywood	185.00	513.49
We Care	087	2304	Valley-NVC	69.00	521.48

21. Award Contract to Skopye LLC for the Restroom Renovations at Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Restroom Renovations at Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School Project (“Project”);

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023 the Board received nine bids for the Project;

WHEREAS, Skopye LLC (“Skopye”) submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$518,000.00;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board at the recommendation of the superintendent hereby awards the contract for the Project to Skopye for a total contract sum of \$518,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

22. Settlement Agreement - Environetics Group Architects, P.C.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) at the recommendation of the superintendent approves the settlement of the lawsuit against Environetics Group Architects, P.C., Boswell

Engineering and Rochelle Contracting Co., Inc., bearing Docket No. BER-L-1745-22, in the amount of \$350,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign documentation to effectuate the settlement on behalf of the Board.

Moved by: Stephans

Seconded by: Varghese

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

Mr. Weaver abstained to Item 22.

Mr. Blundo commented on Item 22. He indicated that construction work by the track at Pascack Hills was not done correctly. This eventually led to litigation and settlement was reached for a significant sum to complete the project.

XIII. **OLD BUSINESS**

Suspensions March 2023

Mr. Weaver mentioned that the district went through a pandemic and a few superintendents, yet the constant was Dr. Bachenheimer and the work his department has done. It speaks volumes to Dr. Bachenheimer's efforts.

Mr. Weaver asked if conversations have started on the potential impact on the field use with the construction that needs to be done to correct the issue from Item 22.

Ms. Bilotti said the settlement came in on Friday, so she is not sure about the timeline. She indicated that documents need to be drawn and funds need to be released.

Mr. Usami commented that the project would need to be bid and would require a proposal from the engineer. The work would most likely take place after the 2024 graduation.

XIV. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

XV. **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

