MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

Monday, November 29, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Auditorium

Meeting Regulations

During this regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited. The second opportunity will occur just prior to adjournment, when residents may address general comments to the Board with time limits being at the discretion of the President.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address. 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.

Comments and questions shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to sit down.

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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 compete 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 Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President

Present:	Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President
	Mr. Joseph Blundo, Vice President
	Dr. Kelly Blundy
	Mrs. Kristin Martin
	Mr. James Stankus
	Ms. Debra Stephans
	Mrs. Gini Varghese
	Mr. Michael Weaver
	Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Interim Superintendent
	Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
	Student Representatives: Hilary Siegel – PHHS; Evan Scalia – PVHS
Abcont	Mr. Michael Fronte

Absent: Mr. Michael Fronte

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Molinelli 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 May 18, 2021.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report:	Dr. Daniel Fishbein – <u>Report</u>
Student Reports:	Hilary Siegel – Pascack Hills High School – <u>Report</u>
	Evan Scalia – Pascack Valley High School – <u>Report</u>

One Agenda Item

1. Minutes

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

November 15, 2021	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 15, 2021	Executive Meeting	7:03 p.m.

Moved by:	Blunc	lo			Seconded by:	Blund	ły		
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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	\checkmark				Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark		\checkmark		Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte				\checkmark	Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

Dr. Blundy abstained to executive meeting minutes

V. PRESENTATION

School Climate Survey – Dr. Mark Russo - Report

Board and District Goals Update - Dr. Daniel Fishbein and Dr. Barry Bachenheimer

Ms. Stephans indicated that she would speak about civics at Pascack Hills High School related to Mr. Orlak's Civics Program.

Ms. Molinelli asked what psychometric testing is.

Dr. Russo said it's the statistical testing to confirm that the questions are assessing what the questions were designed to assess and multiple questions are not contradicting each other. He believed the testing takes place during the year the survey is developed.

Mr. Stankus asked if the survey is updated each year to reflect more accurate language.

Dr. Russo indicated that the NJ survey has been conducted for several years and it is undergoing field testing. This is the last year of field testing before it's open to the entire state. He understood that changes would be made only if necessary.

Mr. Blundo commented that the presentation has reinforced what the public and the Board has been saying the last year or year and a half and implementing it. He commended everyone and the four goals, especially the wellness and inclusion of the middle school.

Dr. Fishbein reviewed the progress of the two Board Goals. He commented that the Board would be meeting with the superintendent search firm after the open meeting. He mentioned the second goal of school finance training for the Board. Two sessions have been completed and the next one is the district audit at the December 13 meeting.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to five 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

VII. POLICY

One Agenda Item

1. Safe Reopening Plan

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission to the State of New Jersey of the update to the Safe Reopening Plan for 2021-2022.

Moved by:	Weav	ver			Seconded by:	Vargi	hese		
				VC	TE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	\checkmark				Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte				\checkmark	Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

Ms. Molinelli commented that the Safe Reopening Plan is very extensive and comprehensive. She added that those involved should be commended.

VIII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1-4

1. Overnight Trips

- **a. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School dance team members, coaches, and if necessary, chaperones, for an overnight trip to compete in Orlando, FL from February 16-21, 2022.
- **b. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Pascack Hills High School baseball players, coaches, and if necessary, chaperones, for an overnight trip to compete at the Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, SC from March 24-27, 2022.
- **c. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School band and choir students, teachers, and if necessary, chaperones, for an overnight trip to participate in a national music festival in Williamsburg, VA from March 31 April 3, 2022.
- **d. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School video production students, teacher, and if necessary, chaperones, for an overnight trip to visit historical locations and movie studios to

gain a better understanding of the filmmaking industry in Los Angeles, CA from May 30 – June 3, 2022.

2. Bedside/Home/Supplemental Instruction

- **a. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve bedside tutoring for student ID #811928 admitted to New Pathways Counseling Adolescent School Day Program on October 20, 2021 through a date to be determined. Onsite services will be provided for the rate of \$600 per week.
- b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve supplemental writing assistance for personal narratives and essays for students preparing college applications from October 20-29, 2021 provided by district English teachers, in an amount not to exceed \$1,540. This resolution replaces the previously approved resolution from October 25, 2021.
- **c. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve supplemental instruction for the following students, as per their IEPs, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student ID	Subject	Frequency	Start Date
#811664	English	2 hours per week	11/29/2021, full year
#811664	Mathematics	2 hours per week	11/29/2021, full year
#812551	Science	2 hours per week	11/15, 2021, three weeks

3. Services Provided by Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following services to be provided by Region II for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student ID	Service	Frequency Start Date	Unit Cost	Total Cost
#812494	Occupational Therapy	1 x week, 30 min. 11/1/2021	\$49.00	\$1,519
#810929	Speech Therapy	1 x week, 30 min. 11/8/2021	38.50	1,155

4. Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide Level II services for student ID #812559, as per their IEP, for an approximate cost of \$2,200 for the 2021-2022 school year

Moved by:	Weav	er			Seconded by:	Steph	ans		
				VO	TE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	\checkmark				Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte				\checkmark	Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the interim superintendent, after considering the recommendation of his 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 interim 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 1-4

1. Leave Replacement (modified from October 11)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following leave replacement:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Dates
Rachel Maietta	CST leave	\$82,100 , MA+30,	November 19,
	replacement PHHS	Step 7 prorated,	2021 - March 25,
		with health	2022
		benefits	

2. Substitute Teacher/Home Instructor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following substitute and home instructor for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Position	Туре
Jennifer Donovan	Substitute Teacher	New
Jennifer Donovan	Home Instructor	New

3. Intern Placement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve an intern placement for Hailee Donne, a student at Montclair University, at Pascack Hills High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

4. Volunteers

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	School	Activity
Phyllis Beck	PVHS	Bowling
Ryan Kennelly	PHHS	Boys Lacrosse
Stephen Magretti	PHHS	Boys Lacrosse
Kelsey McGrail	PVHS	Theatre

Moved by:	Weav	er		Seconded by:		Blund	Blundy			
				VC	TE					
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	
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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	\checkmark				Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte				\checkmark	Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

X. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 8

1. Approval of Bills

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

Dudget Experimentations as of november 27, 2021 $01.243.107.42$	Budget Expenditures as of November 29, 2021	\$1,245,109.42
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2. Donation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent accept the following donation:

Date	Donor	Donation	Club or Group
11/15/21	Inserra Supermarket	\$5,000	Robotics

3. Pascack Hills High School – 1st Annual School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for the 2021-2022 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 the 2021-2022 school year was conducted on October 26, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. at the front drive of the high school during drop off.

WHEREAS, the Scholastic Bus Company's staff of school bus drivers for routes #1, 1A, 2, 3, & 4, participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill; and which included the supervision of Mr. Tim Wieland, Principal and Ms. Charlene Schwartzman, Assistant Principal.

4. Pascack Valley High School – 1st Annual School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for the 2021-2022 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

The first of two annual drills for the 2021-2022 school year was conducted on September 21, 2021 at 7:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. at the front drive of the high school during drop off.

WHEREAS, the Scholastic Bus Company's staff of school bus drivers for routes #9, 10, 11, & 12 participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill; and which included the supervision of Mrs. Christine Pollinger and Mr. Thomas Gallione, Assistant Principals.

5. Approve Use of ESSER II and ESSER II Learning Acceleration Funding

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent approve the use of ESSER II and ESSER II Learning Acceleration Funding as follows:

PV-ESSER II: Learning Acceleration

Name	Sessions #	Rate/Session
Laura Ely	9	\$55.00
William Lynch	9	\$55.00
Nancy Ricca	27	\$55.00

PH-ESSER II: Learning Acceleration

Name	Sessions #	Rate/Session
Kevin Kirkby	30	\$55.00

PV-ESSER II

Name	Sessions #	Rate/Session
Dana Corasaniti	14	\$55.00
Mary Doherty	14	\$55.00
Binah Ezra	16	\$55.00
Lauren Johnson	11	\$55.00
William Lynn	9	\$55.00
Caitlin Murphy	14	\$55.00
Christina Rossi	14	\$55.00

PH-ESSER II

Name	Sessions #	Rate/Session
Kevin Killian	30	\$55.00
Kevin Kirkby	60	\$55.00
Heather O'Campo	60	\$55.00
Jay Uhl	30	\$55.00

6. Submission of American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund Grant and Acceptance of Revised Grant Award

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the submission of the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund Grant application, and accept the revised grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2022 application. The revised total grant awarded is as follows:

Sub-Grant	Total Revised
	Award/Allocation
ESSER	\$413,159
Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator	\$143,423
Support Grant	
Evidence-Based Summer Learning and	\$40,000
Enrichment Activities Grant	
Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the	\$40,000
School Day Activities Grant	
NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	\$45,000
Total:	\$681,582

7. Equipment Disposal

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the disposal, donation, sale or recycling of the following equipment.

Item	Tag #		
Sound board	1165		

8. Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training Agreement Between Region II and Non-Member Districts

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and the Non-Member District of New Milford for Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Moved by:	Stankus				Seconded by:				
				VO					
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	\checkmark				Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\square			
Fronte				\checkmark	Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

Mrs. Martin thanked all who donate and support our schools, especially Inserra Supermarket who gave a generous donation to the Robotics Program.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments and are limited to five 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. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:11 p.m.

Moved by:	Weaver Sec			conded by:	Steph	ans			
	VOTE								
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	V				Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte				\checkmark	Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education met in the auditorium at Pascack Hills High School, 225 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, 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.
- 2. The subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - 1. Possible HIBs.
 - 2. Superintendent Search

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver to reconvene into the public meeting at 9:29 p.m. Dr. Blundy seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the public session at 9:29 p.m. Dr. Blundy seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved	Weaver Seconded				Blune	ly			
	VOTE								
Bd.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	\checkmark				Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte				\checkmark	Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

Respectfully,

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Yas Usami Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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