MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

October 25, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Blundo, Vice President

Present: Mr. Joseph Blundo, Vice President

Dr. Kelly Blundy arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Michael Fronte

Mrs. Kristin Martin

Mr. James Stankus

Ms. Debra Stephans

Mrs. Gini Varghese

Mr. Michael Weaver arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Interim Superintendent

Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Student Representatives: Hilary Siegel – PHHS; Evan Scalia – PVHS

Absent: Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President

Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Blundo led all those present in a salute to the flag.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 7:05 PM.

Moved by:	Vargl	nese			Seconded by:	Marti	in		
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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	V				Stankus	V			
Blundy					Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver				$\overline{\checkmark}$
Molinelli				$\overline{\checkmark}$					

Dr. Blundy arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Weaver arrived at 7:22 p.m.

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. 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.
- 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 Mr. Fronte to reconvene into the public meeting at 7:22 p.m. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The public session resumed in the Pascack Hills High School auditorium.

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 and October 22, 2021.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Daniel Fishbein – Report

Dr Fishbein mentioned that some of the board members were able to witness the honey extraction and they learned about the process. Honey Extraction Slides

Hilary Siegel – Pascack Hills High School - Report Student Reports: Evan Scalia – Pascack Valley High School – Report

One Agenda Item

1. Minutes

Moved by:

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:

Seconded by:

Stankus

October 11, 2021	Regular Meeting	5:30 p.m.
October 11, 2021	Executive Meeting	5:35 p.m.

VOTE									
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	V				Stankus				
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans				
Fronte	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Varghese	$\overline{\checkmark}$			
Martin					Weaver				
Molinelli	П	П	П	$\overline{\checkmark}$					

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Weaver

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.

VI. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 4

1. BOE Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations – First Reading

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

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy/Reg Number
Comprehensive Health and Physical Education	P 2422

Surrogate Parents and Resource Family Parents	<u>P 2467</u>
Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	<u>P 5111</u>
Education of Homeless Children	<u>P 5116</u>
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs	<u>P 6115.01</u>
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures	<u>P 6115.02</u>
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Conflict of Interest	<u>P 6115.03</u>
Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants	<u>P 6311</u>
Eye Protection	<u>P 7432</u>
Emergency and Crisis Situations	<u>P 8420</u>
Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill	<u>P 8550</u>
Student Transportation	<u>P 8600</u>
Eye Protection	R 7432
Fire and Fire Drills	<u>R 8420.1</u>

2. Abolish BOE Policy

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, abolish <u>Policy 8810</u> Religious Holidays, replaced by revisions to <u>Policy 2270</u> Religion in Schools adopted in November 2020.

3. Job Description

Moved by:

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the job description for the Director of Special Services.

4. PVREA Sidebar Agreement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the sidebar agreement between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education and the Pascack Valley Regional Education Association.

Seconded by:

Blundy

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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	V				Stankus	$\overline{\checkmark}$			
Blundy	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Stephans	$\overline{\checkmark}$			
Fronte	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Weaver	$\overline{\checkmark}$			
Molinelli				\checkmark					

VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1-4

1. 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 home instruction for student ID #811928 to be provided by New Pathway Counseling, Paramus, NJ for \$600 for 10 hours per week, beginning September 30, 2021 for approximately six weeks.
- b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve home instruction provided by a board approved home instructor for students ID #811927 and ID #811928 beginning October 18, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year for a collective total of 10 hours per week in English, health, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- c. **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 \$1,500.
- d. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve supplemental tiered academic support including learning acceleration to be provided by board approved home instructors in small groups once a week at Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools for the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed available ESSER II funds of \$24,536.

2. Nursing Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve 1:1 nursing services provided by Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Service for Pascack Hills High School student ID #811346 for the 2021-2022 school year starting October 12, 2021 for approximately \$70,000.

3. Independent Guidance Counselor - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Caroline Gangi to provide services for counseling or CST meetings at the hourly rate of \$77 for the 2021-2022 school year.

4. Occupational and Physical Therapists Rates – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following therapy agency and their group and hourly rates for the 2021-2022 school vear:

Corp. or Agency	Therapist	Title	Individual Hourly Rate	Group Hourly Rate
Ilene B. Miller, LLC	Ilene Miller	Occupational Therapist	\$88	\$98

Moved by:	Weav	er			Seconded by:	Varg	hese		
		VOTE							
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	V				Stankus	V			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	$\overline{\checkmark}$			
Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese				
Martin	$ \overline{\checkmark} $				Weaver				
Molinelli				$\overline{\checkmark}$					

VIII. **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 - 9

1. Resignations

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Daniel Apice, Pascack Hills High School school psychologist effective December 14, 2021.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Stephanie Mendelson, Pascack Hills High School instructional aide, for the purposes of retirement, effective November 30, 2021.

2. Appointment of Treasurer of School Monies

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, appoint Kathryn Brancato as Treasurer of School Monies effective November 1, 2021 for the salary of \$6,729, prorated, until the next re-organization meeting.

3. Additional Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve four additional hours per week, though February 28, 2022, at their usual hourly rate, for the following medical staff:

Name	Position	School
Deborah Alt	Part-time nurse	PHHS
Sandra Hroncich	Part-time nurse	PVHS

4. Substitute Teachers, Nurses, and Custodians

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

Name	Position	Туре
Caitlin Ernest	Substitute Teacher	Renew
Alysa Mehl	Substitute Teacher	New
Victoria Solis	Substitute Teacher	New
Krista Voto	Substitute Teacher	Renew
Tara Wholey	Substitute Nurse	New

5. Co-curricular Appointments

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

Club or Activity	Advisor(s)	School	Stipend
Debate Club	Lauren Johnson	PVHS	\$3,237.50
	Caitlin Murphy		3,237.50

6. Athletic Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept the resignation of Daniel Apice as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School boys basketball team for the 2021-2022 winter season.

7. Athletic Appointments

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

Team - Position	Coach	School	Step	Stipend
Boys Lacrosse – Head Coach	David Bucco	PHHS	3	\$9,440
Boys Lacrosse – Assistant Coach	John Esposito	PHHS	3	7,110
Boys Lacrosse – Assistant Coach	Tyler Johnson	PHHS	3	7,110
Winter Cheerleading – Head	Alexandra	PHHS	3	5,725
Coach	Pfleging			

8. Extra-curricular Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following staff as the roster of weight room supervisors for the 2021-2022 school year:

A.J. Aliprantis	Brooks Alexander	Dan Apice
Matt Bruh	David Bucco	Elizabeth Egan
Nick Evans	Steve Casamento	Jim Cleary
Jim Freeman	Erin Kirkby	Kevin Kirkby
Ross Koehler	Evan Lampert	Kevin Moran
Adam Ostrowski	Aly Petaccia	Christie Rossig

Lindsay Runge	Nick Scerbo	James Soltmann
Josh Wilson		

9. Volunteers

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

Name	School	Activity
Peter Bilash	Pascack Valley	Girls Basketball
John Murtaugh	Pascack Valley	Winter Track
John Zuzeck	District	Ice Hockey

Moved by:	Stank	us			Seconded by:	Steph	ans		
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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$		V		Stankus	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$			
Blundy	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Stephans				
Fronte	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Varghese				
Martin					Weaver				
Molinelli				\checkmark					

Mr. Blundo abstained on Item 9.

IX. **FINANCE**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 14

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:

Budget Expenditures as of October 25, 2021	\$1,047,007.52
Payroll as of October 15, 2021	\$1,611,741.09
Total	\$2,658,748.61

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 Interim Superintendent, accept the

Secretary's and Treasurer's unaudited 2021-22 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period September 2021.

3. Ratification of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification – Budgetary Line Item Status

RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that as of September 2021 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2-11(c)4 that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education certifies that as of September 2021 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 overexpended 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 Interim Superintendent, approve the following reports:

a. Cafeteria Account	September 2021
b. e-Learning Account	September 2021
c. Capital Project Account	September 2021
d. Student Government Account – PH	September 2021
e. Student Government Account – PV	September 2021
f. Athletic Account – PH	September 2021
g. Athletic Account – PV	September 2021

5. Transfers

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve transfers for the month of September.

6. Travel Pre-Authorizations

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

Dana Siletski	

7. Donation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, donate \$500 each to the Parent Faculty Association (PFA) of Pascack Hills High School and the Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) of Pascack Valley High School.

8. 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#
Reach-in refrigerator	1180
Fuel storage cabinet #1	0836
Fuel storage cabinet #2	0123

9. Agreement to Provide Services and/or Equipment Under the Nonpublic School Security Aid Program for the 2021-2022 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the agreement to provide services and/or equipment under the Nonpublic Security Aid program for the 2021–2022 school year.

10. Approval of 2021-2022 Game Help Rates

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the game help rates for the 2021-2022 year:

TITLE	RATE
GAME HELP GENERAL	80.00
SITE MANAGER	85.00
TICKET/GATE	80.00
ANNOUNCER	85.00
SPOTTER	80.00
FOOTBALL CHAINS	80.00
SCOREBOARD	80.00
BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD 1 GAME	80.00
BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD 2 GAMES	105.00
BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD 3 GAMES	125.00
BASKETBALL SIDEBOARDS 1 GAME	80.00
WRESTLING SCOREBOARD VARSITY	80.00
WRESTLING SCOREBOARD JV AND VAR	105.00
WRESTLING SCOREBOARD QUAD	145.00

TITLE	RATE
WRESTLING CROWD CONTROL TRI MEET	120.00
WRESTLING CROWD CONTROL QUAD	130.00
COVID SCREEN 1 GAME	80.00
COVID SCREEN 2 GAMES	105.00
COVID SCREEN 3 GAMES	125.00

11. Submission of 2020 – 2023 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public-school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Pascack Valley Regional High School District are consistent with these requirements; and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent hereby authorize the school business administrator to submit the 2020 – 2023 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Pascack Valley Regional High School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

12. Participation in the New Jersey School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the participation in the New Jersey School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) to provide health benefits for school district employees for calendar year 2022 at the established rates.

13. Approve the Transfer of Extraordinary Aid for FY 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has received Special Education Extraordinary Aid for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$1,233,029; and

WHEREAS, \$1,233,029 was not appropriated during FY 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(d)6 that allows a district board of education to appropriate surplus generated from any Federal and/or State revenue excluded from the excess surplus calculation in the pre-budget year in accordance with the annual audit program;

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent approve the transfer of \$1,233,029 of Other State Aid Revenue to the district's General Fund account, and appropriate to the following:

\$600,000 to 11-000-100-566-05-000	Tuition – Private In-State;
\$70,000 to 11-000-216-320-06-000	OT/PT/Speech Services Pascack Valley;
\$70,000 to 11-000-216-320-07-000	OT/PT/Speech Services Pascack Hills;
\$246,515 to 11-000-217-320-06-000	Extraordinary Services Pascack Valley; and
\$246,514 to 11-000-217-320-07-000	Extraordinary Services Pascack Hills

14. Approve Agreement with WellCare, TCCM

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the agreement with WellCare, TCCM to provide COVID-19 testing services to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District at no cost to the district or the district staff.

Moved by:	Front	Stank	tus						
VOTE									
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo					Stankus	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$			
Blundy					Stephans	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$			
Fronte					Varghese				
Martin					Weaver	$\overline{\checkmark}$			
Molinelli				$\overline{\checkmark}$					

Mr. Weaver asked which school(s) purchased uniforms on the Bills List since it was not in the description.

Mr. Usami indicated that the purchases were for Pascack Hills. He mentioned that the account number series identifies the school. An 07 is Hills and 06 is Valley. It is the next to last set of numbers in the series.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weaver referenced a communication sent by the athletic director at Hills which he was required to do. It mentioned that indoor track meets including the Bergen County Championships held at the Armory in NYC would exclude anyone who is not vaccinated for COVID-19. He asked if the Board is meeting the requirements to the child(ren) who cannot participate. He mentioned that the Armory is used because of the quality of the facility and how it can accommodate a large event. He added that New Jersey does not have such a facility. He commented that they could have influence on the county

championship. He asked if the Board would support committing additional funds to support the event taking place over several days at a New Jersey venue. He did not know the logistics of doing this or if it could be done. He would like to see if there is support from other districts in order to move the county to this alternative.

Ms. Stephans would like to know how many students this would affect.

Mr. Weaver and Dr. Fishbein indicated that the number is unknown since signing up for winter track has not started.

Mr. Blundo agreed with Mr. Weaver and indicated that the Board could send a letter to the organization stating that the district would fund its share and to find a NJ venue.

Mr. Fronte asked what would contribute to the additional cost.

Dr. Fishbein said not only transportation, but renting the venue. He said he would speak with the athletic directors about all of this. He commented that the bubble at Toms River is used by organizations in that region, so it may not be available.

Mr. Weaver asked about the other events. He asked philosophically if the Board is comfortable excluding unvaccinated students while others participate in those events in NYC.

There was discussion. Dr. Fishbein indicated that the Armory is the premier track facility in the region and the ones local to the district are sub-standard. He said he would have the athletic directors reach out to their organizations.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Eli Moallem of River Vale commented that the role of a board member is to advocate for kids and their education, be a steward of tax dollars and not waste them on social experiments, be considerate, respectful and inclusive of all families, and to keep their word. He said (we) appreciate the members service, they are disappointed with some members. He indicated that the National Association of School Boards called on the FBI against parents who did not like the direction of their kids' schools. An apology was issued, but it did not change the course of some people's lives. He said there have been disgusting number of attacks on the community who have stood up for a different path forward. He indicated that he was a victim of character assassination and an unrelated person who had nothing to do with the town or race was dragged into it. He said it was hate and he mentioned that it was astonishing that no one on the Board denounced this attack. He indicated that the person who put this out apologized, but it was too late. He commented that the schools have been taken over by political interest groups. He said parents have had enough of the schools being sexualized and racialized. He wanted to know when the Board draws the line as it is hurting the kids. He mentioned that he had a

cordial and meaningful conversation with someone who is not a fan of his on many issues they agreed on. He said he is willing to work with anyone who wants to advocate for the kids, no matter if he is on the Board or not.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the public session at 8:08 p.m. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by:	Weaver				Seconded by:	Marti	in			
	VOTE									
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	
Blundo	V				Stankus	V				
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark				
Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese	\checkmark				
Martin	\checkmark				Weaver	\checkmark				
Molinelli				$\overline{\checkmark}$						

Respectfully,

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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