MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

July 23, 2020

Minutes of the Board Retreat of the Board of Education held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom Webinar

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Ms. Tammy Molinelli, Board President.

Present:

Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President

Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President

Mr. Joseph Blundo Mr. Michael Fronte Mr. Brian Hallowell Mr. Kenneth Ralph Mr. Arnold Scher Mr. James Stankus

Mr. David Steinberg

Also Present: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent

Ms. Cynthia Ackerman, Acting Business Administrator

Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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 July 20, 2020.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Facilitated Discussion: Real World Learning

Mr. Joe Orlak, Supervisor of Social Studies, Business, Health, & Physical Education, presented information regarding the progress made towards achieving the real-world learning goals for 2019-2020 and how the transition to remote learning impacted these goals. Mr. Sean Struncis, Supervisor of Guidance, presented information on student post-secondary trends within our district and at the national level. Carrying real-world learning goals forward into the new year, internships, and enhancing the manner in which we educate students on their post-secondary options were also discussed.

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Facilitated Discussion: Wellness

Mr. Sean Struncis presented information on how the district's Wellness Center is operating during remote learning. Transitioning the incoming freshman class into the district while operating under a remote or hybrid learning plan was also discussed.

Facilitated Discussion: Equity

Dr. Mark Russo, Supervisor of Mathematics provided a comprehensive overview of the progress the district has made in achieving equity goals during the 19-20 school year. Dr. Bachenheimer, Assistant Superintendent, provided a summary of how equity and inclusivity professional development was utilized during the 2019-2020 school year to work toward achieving equity goals.

Facilitated Discussion: Policy 0152:

This discussion was postponed due to time constraints.

Discussion: Development of Board and District Goals

Dr. Gundersen discussed the priority of finalizing and implementing the district restart/reopen plan. Continuing to work on prior board and district goals shall carry into the 2020-2021 school year, with a greater emphasis on community awareness and involvement. The effects of the co-vid pandemic on school security now and going forward was also discussed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Ralph seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Kirk

Acting Business Administrator/

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Board Secretary