

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

November 30, 2020

Minutes of the Board of Education Retreat held on Monday, November 30, 2020  
at 4:34 p.m. *via online streaming service*

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Ms. Tammy Molinelli, Board President.

Present: Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President  
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President  
Mr. Joseph Blundo .  
Mr. Michael Fronte  
Mr. Arnold Scher  
Mr. James Stankus  
Mr. David Steinberg  
Dr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent  
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Brian Hallowell  
Mr. Kenneth Ralph

**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 29, 2020 and November 28, 2020.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Welcome
2. Review and Discussion of District Goals
3. Review and Discussion of Board Goals

Mr. Steinberg and Mr. Scher reflected on their time on the Board and the challenges that the Board will face in the future. They both thanked Ms. Molinelli for her leadership. Ms. Molinelli thanked both for their work as volunteers.

Dr. Gundersen discussed the goals of the District and Board. There was discussion on the Restart process with staff and the recommendations by Northwest Bergen Health that led to decisions of school closures. There was discussion about AP classes, assisting struggling students' emotional wellness, live streaming being conducive to certain classes, contact tracing conducted by nurses, logistics of reopening, and district child care for staff.

Dr. Gundersen discussed Equity and Inclusivity with the Board. There was a discussion about establishing meeting dates for the Board Equity Committee, mascot selection process, the results of the survey and the effect on students, and no HIB cases reported due to the lack of time students were in school.

Dr. Gundersen and the Board discussed real world learning and the College and Readiness Committee. They discussed professional skills infusion of social studies into world language and into math and science and internship operating fully virtual. Joe Orlak and Sean Struncis will give an overview.


Dr. Gundersen reviewed the principal search process and timeline. Interviews will be conducted in February and an appointment in March.

Dr. Gundersen and the Board discussed communications and the use of social media for board meeting highlights and seasonal videos and the use of School Messenger.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

  
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Yas Usami  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary