

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

August 31, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, August 31, 2020
at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83202443773?pwd=cHdBcUo0K2FoUHZXNnhES1IyRWtKdz09>

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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. Brian Hallowell
Mr. Kenneth Ralph
Mr. Arnold Scher
Mr. James Stankus
Mr. David Steinberg

Also present: Dr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Molinelli led all those present in a salute to the flag.

Special Note: N.J.S.A. 10:4-8b authorizes local units to conduct public hearings through the use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms in certain circumstances. Therefore in light of the public health emergency, the board of education will hold its regular meeting entirely online via Zoom. The district website contains information on public participation.

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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<http://www.pascack.org>*

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 August 28, 2020.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

One Agenda Item

1. Minutes

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

July 23, 2020	Board Retreat	9:00 a.m.
July 23, 2020	Special Meeting	11:36 a.m.
July 23, 2020	Executive Meeting	12:10 p.m.

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Scher

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ralph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Hallowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steinberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

V. 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 and state their name and address.

None

VI. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 6

1. Contract for Assistant Superintendent

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the contract for Dr. Barry Bachenheimer, Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, which has been approved by the Executive County superintendent as required by law.

2. Professional Development Plan for 2020-2021

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Professional Development Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Mentor Plan for 2020-2021

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Mentor Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

4. Indoor Air Quality Program for 2020-2021

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Indoor Air Quality Program for the 2020-2021 school year.

5. District Goals for 2020-2021

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following district goals for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Advance the work of inclusivity and equity throughout the district. Incorporating data-driven research into equity education for faculty, collaborative efforts with community and regional partners, curriculum development, and leadership and goal setting.

2. Facilitate the reopening and restarting of the school year. While fully incorporating health, safety and security concerns, maintain high academic expectations, deepen connections with students, and continue frequent communications with the community.
3. Build upon the district's student wellness program with a greater emphasis on freshmen transitions and collaboration with partnering districts.
4. Expand upon the district's efforts to create systemic authentic, real-world learning experiences in an in-person, hybrid, and remote learning environment.

6. Board Goals for 2020-2021

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following district goals for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Develop an equity vision statement, engage in community outreach and plan the transition of school mascots.
2. Develop and implement the process to implement a search for and hiring of a new principal at Pascack Valley High School.
3. Establish a Board of Education communications committee. Plan for more frequent communications from the board, including a board specific newsletter to the community regarding reopening and the operations of board of education

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Scher

VOTE

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VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 9

1. Curricula - New

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

Department	Course
World Languages	Spanish for Heritage Speakers III
English	School Library Program
Physical Education	Unified Physical Education

Department	Course
Science	Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology
Science	Honors Anatomy & Physiology
Science	Honors Physics

2. Changes to Curricular Credits

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the temporary change in course credit for all full year science courses to five (5) credits due to the lack of lab periods in the hybrid schedule for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Additional Period Assignments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional period assignments for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Department	School	Additional Periods
Marcia Forte	Special Education	PHHS	5 periods per week – Full Year
Adam Ostrowski	Technology Educ.	PHHS	5 periods per week – Full Year
Alexandra Pflieger	English	PHHS	5 periods per week – Full Year
Courtney Rems	World Language	PHHS	2 periods per week – Full Year

4. Staff Assignment Changes

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve changes of assignment for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Previous Assignment	School	2020-2021 Assignment
David Bucco	English teacher – FT	PHHS	English teacher – 4/5ths PHHS
Judith Catherwood	Aide/Job Coach	Milestones	Aide Job Coach PHHS Milestones
Angie DeLima	Italian teacher – 4/5ths	PVHS	Italian teacher – 2/5ths PVHS
Tom Gallione	Acting Assistant Principal	PVHS	Physical Education teacher PVHS
Lisa Leili	Aide/Job Coach	Milestones	Aide Job Coach PHHS Milestones

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, rescind the change of assignment for Courtney Rems previously approved on July 17, 2020, she will continue to teach for both Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools.

5. Bedside/Home/Supplemental Instruction

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

instruction in English provided by a board approved home instructor for student ID #811169 for 2 hours per week from July 27 – August 28, 2020.

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction in Spanish provided by a board approved home instructor for student ID #810748 for 2 hours per week from July 27 – September 30, 2020.

6. Nursing Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Bayada Home Health to provide a substitute nurse for student ID #810769 during ESY, as per the student’s IEP, from August 4 – 27, 2020 for a total cost of \$960.

7. Park Academy Consultants – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following consultants to provide services to Park Academy for the 2020-2021 school year:

Program	Consultant	Maximum Cost
Speech Therapy	Sofia Trujillo-Arcieri	\$15,300
Music	Jammin’ Jen Music Therapy for Children, LLC	\$7,000
Yoga	Zensational Kids, LLC	\$7,000
Taekwondo	Sensory Tae-kwon-do of Bergenfield, LLC	\$3,500
Life Skills	Practical Life Focus, LLC	\$3,500

8. Tuition Students to Park Academy – Region II

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following returning tuition paying students to attend the Extended School Year Program for the Park Academy middle school program held from July 1-24, 2020:

Student ID	Sending District	Grade
#811201	Montvale Schools	Grade 5
#811918	Paramus Schools	Grade 7
#810731	Hackensack Schools	Grade 7
#811349	New Milford Schools	Grade 7
#811428	Norwood Schools	Grade 7
#811371	Edgewater Schools	Grade 7
#811911	Lodi Schools	Grade 8
#809853	Fairview Schools	Grade 8
#811437	Harrington Park Schools	Grade 8

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following returning tuition paying students to attend the Park Academy middle school program for the 2020-2021 school year:

Student ID	Sending District	Grade
#811201	Montvale Schools	Grade 5
#811382	North Arlington Schools	Grade 6
#811909	Dumont Schools	Grade 6
#811918	Paramus Schools	Grade 7
#810731	Hackensack Schools	Grade 7
#811349	New Milford Schools	Grade 7
#811428	Norwood Schools	Grade 7
#811371	Edgewater Schools	Grade 7
#811438	Edgewater Schools	Grade 7
#811439	Tenafly Schools	Grade 8
#811911	Lodi Schools	Grade 8
#810790	Cresskill Schools	Grade 8
#809853	Fairview Schools	Grade 8
#811437	Harrington Park Schools	Grade 8

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve student ID #TBD, from Emerson Public Schools to attend the Park Academy middle school program for the 2020-2021 school year.

9. Independent Speech Therapist

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve VarsitYoga as an independent child study team evaluator to provide evaluations and direct services for Region II districts for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

Service	Rate
Individual speech therapy sessions and meetings	\$77
Group speech therapy sessions	\$87
Speech evaluations	\$450

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Scher

VOTE

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Mr. Steinberg asked if the change in science credits will be short of the requirement.

Dr. Gundersen responded that it would not.

Mr. Stankus asked to explain the reason for the change.

Dr. Gundersen indicated that the traditional science classes with labs have been suspended due to social distancing.

Mr. Steinberg asked what other districts are doing and if our students are learning less.

Dr. Gundersen said he does not know what other districts are doing, but he would be surprised if they could have more time. The district is doing this for logistical and health and safety reasons.

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 8

1. Resignation

a. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Philip Paspalas, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director for Pascack Hills High School for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2021.

b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Buccino, special education teacher for Pascack Hills High School for the purposes of retirement, effective August 31, 2020.

2. New Hires

a. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, modify the approval Caroline Gangi, leave replacement social worker Park Academy for Brittany Gallagher from April 23 – **November 20, 2020**, at an annual salary of \$58,500, prorated, MA, step 1, with health benefits.

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Christopher Volk, instructional aide for Pascack Hills High School, effective September 1, 2020 at the hourly rate of \$28.03, with health benefits for the 2020-2021 school year.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, modify the approval Deena Mahmoud, leave replacement English teacher at Pascack Hills High School for Jessica Sachs-Serfess from **August 31, 2020** – February 23, 2021, at an annual salary of **\$54,000, prorated, BA, step 1, with health benefits.**

3. Mentor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following mentors for newly hired teachers:

Mentor	Mentee	School	Department
Katherine Donahue	Deena Mahmoud	PHHS	English
Caitlyn Murphy	Juliet Fanik	PVHS	Mathematics
Bonnie Slockett	Megan Pettigano	District	English/Media Center

4. Leave of Absence (Modified)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following modified Federal/NJ family leave requests:

Name	Position	Requests modified from/to:
Jessica Sachs-Serfess	PHHS English Teacher	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> From: October 1 – February 19, 2021 To: August 31 – February 19, 2021 Paid using 38 sick days <u>FMLA/NJFLA</u> From: November 30, 2020 –February 19, 2021 To: Same <u>Leave of Absence</u> From: None To: None

5. Substitute Teachers, Nurses, and Custodian

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

Name	Position	Type
Christopher Basich	Substitute Custodian	New
Emily Biunno	Substitute Teacher	Renew
Cassandra Cacavella	Substitute Teacher	New
Lori Force	Substitute Teacher	Renew
Howard Goldstein	Substitute Teacher	Renew
Shauna Koenig	Substitute Nurse	Renew
Brendan Morrissey	Substitute Teacher	Renew
Kathy Scordato	Substitute Nurse	Renew
Audrey Scott	Substitute Teacher	New
Melissa Szabo	Substitute Teacher	Renew
James Donald Wood	Substitute Nurse	New

6. Intern Placements

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve intern placements for the following Montclair State University students:

Name	School
Rachel Mollozzi	Pascack Valley
Michelle Chakansky	Pascack Valley

7. Athletic Appointment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, modify the approval of Kacey Terzini as head coach for the Pascack Valley High School cheerleading team for a stipend of \$5,725, step 3, for the 2020-2021 winter season.

8. Volunteer

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Donald Lehmann as a volunteer for the football team at Pascack Valley High School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Stankus

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
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Mr. Scher asked if classes can be covered due to the new resignation.

Dr. Gundersen commended Mr. Paspalas who has worked in the district for over three decades in a variety of positions for giving the district 10 months of notice to find a replacement. Dr. Gundersen said Mr. Buccino's last minute retirement was a surprise. He praised Mr. Buccino's four decades of work in various roles. He said Mr. Buccino's assignments will be filled with 6th period assignments and added that they will advertise the position.

Mr. Blundo asked about the change related to the cheerleading coach.

Dr. Gundersen responded that the stipend amount was corrected.

Mr. Scher asked about the sub nurses and if they are/would be trained for COVID.

Dr. Gundersen said an additional sub nurse would be at Pascack Valley High School due to its size. The other two sub nurses (renewals) are subs as needed. He added that they all have the proper training for this environment.

IX. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 32

1. Approval of Bills

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

Budget Expenditures as of August 31, 2020	\$4,319,534.63
Payroll as of July 31, 2020	\$501,908.70
Payroll as of August 15, 2020	\$432,462.98
Payroll as of August 31, 2020	\$455,440.76
Total	\$5,709,347.07

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 2019/20 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period June 2020.

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 June 2020 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 June 2020 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	June 2020
b. e-Learning Account	June 2020
c. Capital Project Account	June 2020
d. Student Government Account – PH	June 2020
e. Student Government Account – PV	June 2020
f. Athletic Account – PH	June 2020
g. Athletic Account – PV	June 2020

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 June.

6. Approve Participation with Bergen County Technical Schools Work Based Activity Program

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, enter into an agreement with Bergen County Technical Schools to participate in their adult and continuing education work-based activity internship program hiring students to be placed in the buildings and grounds department for the 2020-21 school year as part time paid interns without health benefits.

7. Nonpublic Allocations for the 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Nonpublic Allocations for the 2020–2021 school year.

Nonpublic Nursing	\$49,276
Nonpublic Textbook	\$24,131

8. Agreement to Provide Textbooks - Nonpublic School Textbook Program for the 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement to provide textbooks to St. Joseph Regional High School under the NJ Nonpublic School Textbook Program for the 2020–2021 school year.

9. Approve Interlocal and Shared Services Agreement with Hillsdale Board of Education for Sharing Fiber Optic Network

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Interlocal Agreement between Pascack Valley Regional High School District (PVRHSD) and the Hillsdale Board of Education (Hillsdale BOE) to use PVRHSD’s fiber optic network for the purpose of operating its internet service. PVRHSD will guarantee an Internet speed of 1 Gbps beginning August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and the Hillsdale BOE shall pay a service charge of \$1,780.00 per month to PVRHSD. Technical Services for the 2020 – 2021 school year shall not exceed \$10,000.

For technical services requested by the Hillsdale BOE that are not included in this Agreement, PVRHSD shall provide such services at the rates noted in the below table:

Assistance	Normal Hours (8am-5pm)	After Hours (after 5pm)
Per Hour of Assistance	\$100	\$125
4 Hours of Assistance	\$350	\$475
Full Day of Assistance 4-8 hrs.	\$675	\$850
Summer Student Help	\$13	N/A

10. Renewal of Lease Agreement with River Vale Board of Education for Park Academy School

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the renewal of the Lease Agreement between Pascack Valley Regional High School District (tenant) and the River Vale Board of Education (landlord) to lease the premises located at 609 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, New Jersey, for the Park Academy School for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021 at a rate of \$60,000 annually. A maintenance fee in the amount of \$15,000 for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 shall be payable to the River Vale Board of Education (landlord).

11. Agreement for the Provision of Services in Relation to the Park Academy School

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement between Pascack Valley Regional High School District (tenant) and the River Vale Board of Education (landlord) for the Provision of Services in Relation to the Park Academy School for the 2020-2021 school year.

12. Shared Services Agreement for 2020-2021 School Year – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement between Pascack Valley Regional School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillisdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale, and Westwood Regional for the 2020-2021 school year.

13. Joint Transportation Agreement for 2020-2021 School Year – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement for Transportation between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillisdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale and Westwood Regional for the 2020-2021 school year.

14. Joint Purchasing Agreement for OT/PT for 2020-2021 School Year –Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy services between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillisdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale and Westwood Regional for the 2020-2021 school year.

15. Joint Purchasing Agreement for ABA for 2020-2021 School Year –Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement for Applied Behavioral Analysis services between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillisdale, Montvale, Park Ridge and River Vale for the 2020-2021 school year.

16. Shared Services Agreement – Montvale SLEO IIIs

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 Montvale and Pascack Valley Regional High School District concerning the hiring and placement of special police officer SLEO IIIs at Pascack Hills High School for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$51,333 per officer.

17. Shared Services Agreement – Hillsdale SLEO IIIs

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and Pascack Valley Regional High School District concerning the hiring and placement of three special police officer SLEO IIIs at Pascack Valley High School for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$33.95 per hour per officer.

18. Submission of Application - Digital Divide Grant

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the application for the Digital Divide Grant. Project period August 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

19. Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Yas Usami as its Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a qualified purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:18A-2, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that pursuant to State Law N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 all purchases and contracts exceeding the bid threshold of \$44,000, shall be awarded by board resolution at a public meeting including all State Contract purchases that exceed \$44,000.

20. Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Yas Usami as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

21. Appointment of Custodian of Record

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Yas Usami as the Custodian of Record for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

22. 2020-2021 BCSS Annual Contract for Hospital Instruction

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, enter into an agreement with Bergen County Special Services to administer Hospital Instruction to confined students during school hours for medical and/or rehabilitative care in New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, NJ for the 2020-2021 school year.

23. Award Printing and Reproduction Bid – Staples

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District needed services for printing and reproduction; and

WHEREAS, the District desired competitive bids for printing and reproduction services; and

WHEREAS, Educational Data Services, Inc conducted a competitive bid on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, ten (10) companies requested bid specifications and two (2) submitted bids; and

WHEREAS, Staples Contracts & Commercial LLC submitted the lowest aggregate per unit price in the amount of \$152.82 based on 27 items bid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby awards a contract for printing and reproduction through August 6, 2022 to Staples Contracts & Commercial LLC, 45 Cedar Lane, Englewood, NJ 07631.

24. Approval of Change Order 003 USAGCC, Inc.

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve change order 003 submitted by USA General Contractors Corp., of Elizabeth, N.J. This change order is an increase in the amount of \$4,129.97 for work at Pascack Valley High for unforeseen field conditions. Furthermore, this change order has been reviewed and approved by Architect Robert E. Donahue, LLC.

Original Contract Amount	\$895,000.00
Previously Authorized Change Orders 1 & 2	\$30,956.53
Subtotal	\$925,956.53
Change Order 003 Increase	\$4,129.97
Revised Contract Amount	\$930,086.50
\$20,000 Project Allowance Balance	\$0.00

25. Withdrawal from Capital Reserve

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the withdrawal of \$30,956.53 from Capital Reserve to cover the expense of approved Change Order 002 approved on July 23, 2020 related to the B-wing Roof Replacement at Pascack Hills High School and the Cafeteria Roof Replacement at Pascack Valley High School.

26. Transportation Renewal Contracts for Home to School Transportation – Public High Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following transportation renewal contracts for the 2020-2021 school year with the Scholastic Bus Company, Fair Lawn, NJ as stated below:

School (Public School-Home to School)	Route	Contract Renewal 2019-2020	Contract Renewal 2020-2021	1.7% Maximum CPI Increase 2020 vs. 2021
Pascack Hills HS, Montvale, NJ	Multi#H2 Routes #s 1,2,3,&4	237.64 per diem 42,775.20 (1) rte 171,100.80 (4) rtes. Annual	241.68 per diem 43,502.40 (1) rte. 174,009.60 (4) rtes. Annual	1.7%
Pascack Hills HS, Montvale, NJ	1A	245.73 per diem 44,231.40 (1) rte. Annual	249.91 per diem 44,983.80 (1) rte. Annual	1.7%
Pascack Valley HS, Hillsdale, NJ	Multi #VUN1 Route #s 9,10,11	237.64 per diem 42,775.20 (1) rte. 128,325.60 (3) rtes. Annual	241.68 per diem 43,502.40 (1) rte. 130,507.20 (3) rtes.	1.7%
Pascack Valley HS, Hillsdale, NJ	12	265.62 per diem 47,811.60 (1) rte. Annual	270.14 per diem 48,625.20 (1) rte. Annual	1.7%

27. Transportation Renewal Contract for 2020-2021 Public High School Related Activities

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following transportation renewal contract for the 2020-2021 school year with Scholastic Bus Company, Fair Lawn, NJ as stated below:

School (Public)	Route #	Contract Amount 2019-2020	Contract Amount 2020-2021	2020 vs. 2021
Pascack Hills High School Montvale, NJ Extra-Curricular/Athletics	HA50	344.70 1 st 4 hrs. 21.31 add'l ¼ hr. 164,867.30 Annual	350.56 1 st 4 hrs. 21.67 add'l ¼ hr. 167,670.04 Annual	1.7%

28. Transportation Renewal Contract for 2020-2021 Public High School Related Activities

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following transportation renewal contract for the 2020-2021 school year with First Student, Inc., Rochelle Park, NJ as stated below:

School (Public)	Route #	Contract Amount 2019-2020	Contract Amount 2020-2021	2020 vs 2021
Pascack Valley High School Montvale, NJ Extra-Curricular/Athletics	50	323.64 1 st 4 hrs. 35.12 add'l ¼ hr. 122,221.31 Annual	329.14 1 st 4 hrs. 35.72 add'l ¼ hr. 124,299.07 Annual	1.7%

29. Transportation Renewal Contract for 2020-2021 Charter Services for High School Extra-curricular Activities

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following renewal contract for the 2020-2021 school year with Lenoir’s Transportation and Charter Service.

Time of Day	Passenger Bus Capacity	2019-2020	2020-2021 1.7% CPI	Bid Amount Add'l ½ hour
6:00 am – 3:00 pm	49	355.08	361.12	45.00
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	49	380.44	386.91	50.00
6:00 am – 3:00 pm	55	395.66	402.39	45.00
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	55	415.95	423.02	50.00
Add'l bus/All Times	30	304.35	309.52	50.00

30. Region II Transporters

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the transporters for the 2020-2021 school year for Region II with final routes and costs to be negotiated and resubmitted for approval.

31. Pomptonian Food Service Agreement

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“the Board”) and Pomptonian Inc. (“the Contractor”) are parties to a Food Service Agreement (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2020, the Board renewed the Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year upon the basis that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District would be operating a normal schedule with a full lunch service program; and

WHEREAS, for the 2020-2021 school year, the District will be operating a half-day rotating schedule until such time there is no longer a public health emergency and/or the District returns to normal operations (full in-person instruction, five (5) days a week); and

WHEREAS, the District will not be providing a full lunch service program, but a grab and go lunch service; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are desirous of renewing the Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year at the negotiated rate of \$180 per day (which was the rate agreed upon for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:7F-9) to cover all payroll costs, all purchases of food and supplies, and any other direct expenses associated with providing services to the District; and

WHEREAS, this rate shall remain until such time the District returns to normal operation, for the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent hereby approves the revised terms and conditions of the renewal agreement for the 2020-2021 school year, which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revised terms and conditions shall remain until such time the District returns to normal operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the attached addendum, and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the attached Addendum to the Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

32. Approve Addendum to the Lease with JH2 Enterprises, LLC (Milestones)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the addendum to the lease between JH2 Enterprises, LLC and Pascack Valley Regional High School District for the rental of the property located at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, New Jersey for the Milestones program.

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Hallowell

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ralph	<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"/>	Scher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fronte	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hallowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steinberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Fronte abstained on all.

Mr. Steinberg asked about Pomptonian providing Grab and Go lunches, if the district will make money and if there will be food waste.

Mr. Usami responded that Pomptonian will provide Grab and Go lunches for all students and the district hopes to make money. There is a possibility that if the surplus is exhausted a transfer will be made from the General Fund. He said Pomptonian will monitor lunch activity to avoid food waste.

Ms. Molinelli asked if transportation is ready.

Mr. Usami indicated that transportation is ready as the routes are on for renewal. Bergen Academies will be on the October 12 agenda since they will not open until October 19.

Mr. Steinberg asked if the routes will have double the buses.

Mr. Usami indicated that the routes will run at about half capacity with everyone wearing masks and that athletics is looking into doubling the number of buses.

Ms. Bissinger asked what happens if the district goes to remote learning.

Mr. Usami said that the law requires the district to pay the transporter, however the rate will be negotiated like last year.

Mr. Stankus asked if that is the case with food service.

Mr. Usami responded that the rate would be negotiated. If remote, the lunches for free and reduced would be prepared by Pomptonian at a neighboring district (Westwood Regional) like last year.

Mr. Scher asked about the Milestones lease.

Mr. Usami responded that he likes to have the board attorney review leases to incorporate language that protects the Board.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Scher asked about the status of the bees.

Dr. Gundersen said that they are safe at an off-campus location and will return in early spring.

Mr. Scher asked about the construction projects including the track.

Dr. Gundersen indicated that projects are complete except for C-Wing air conditioning at Pascack Hills which should be done in a week and a half and the same timeframe for the HVAC for the gyms at both schools. He added that the track is complete.

Ms. Molinelli asked if the senior parking lot will be monitored for mask wearing.

Dr. Gundersen said the senior lot will open up with half the students on a given day. He added that the three SLEOs at each school will be rotating through the lot.

Mr. Blundo heard that the track striping was not completed.

Dr. Gundersen said that he would check on the striping, but the track may be used.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Molinelli asked if the administration has looked at southern schools that have been open for 2-3 weeks to see how they are faring.

Dr. Gundersen said he has been in contact with superintendents in the Midwest where their schools have been open since early to mid-August. He is learning from those districts and they have fared well. Dr. Gundersen mentioned that overwhelmingly parents will send their children to our schools. He said 90% of students and 96% of staff will be in-school instruction and six teachers will be teaching remotely. He added that staff have been helped with in-district child care which is at no cost to taxpayers. Dr. Gundersen thanked the board, administrators, secretaries, custodial staff, nurses school physicians, and staff to make this happen.

Mr. Scher would like to inform students, staff and the public that the district has a zero tolerance stance on HIB. He said we should be respectful and understand the expectations on conducting oneself. There should not be a discourse from the norm.

Dr. Gundersen said that the Student Assistance Counselors went over the expectations for HIB reporting procedures with the staff. He stressed that students need to behave correctly.

XII. 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 and state their name and address.

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Yas Usami
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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