

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

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

November 30, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on  
Monday, November 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.  
*Via Zoom Webinar – <hyperlink to follow>*

**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 online via Zoom. The district website contains information on public participation.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President.

Present: Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President  
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President  
Mr. Joseph Blundo arrived at 4:19 p.m.  
Mr. Michael Fronte  
Mr. Arnold Scher  
Mr. James Stankus  
Mr. David Steinberg  
Dr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent  
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Student Representatives: Aria Chalileh – PHHS; Connor Flinn – PVHS  
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.

### 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.

To inspect or obtain a copy of any public record required to be made available under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, Examination and Copies of Public Records, please contact Mr. Yas Usami, 28 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645.

*Copies of all public meeting agendas are online on the district website:  
<http://www.pascack.org>*

### III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting has been provided, specifying the time, place, and manner in which such notice was provided and 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, October 23, 2020, and November 28, 2020.

There are two opportunities for the public to make comments, and when meetings are held in a hybrid or remote manner, there are two methods to comment:

1. Persons attending the public meeting, wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, approach the podium and state their name and address.
2. Persons in attendance via the online streaming service, Zoom, may indicate their wish to speak when prompted by clicking the "Raise Hand" button on their screen, or if accessing by phone, by pushing \*9. You will need to unmute yourself to speak by clicking the microphone button on the screen.

### IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

#### Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Dr. P. Erik Gundersen – report  
Student Reports: Aria Chalileh – Pascack Hills High School – report  
Connor Flinn – Pascack Valley High School – report



November 25, 2020, per their IEP, to be provided by a board approved home instructor.

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction for the following Pascack Hills High School students, beginning the week of November 9:

Student ID	Subject
#811298, #809683, #809467, #809410, #809489, #809421, #811923, #809872, #809975, #809686, #811169, #810683, #811207, #811885, #810704, #811195, #809935, #809727, #811880, #809490, #809397	Executive Functioning
#811219, #811303, #811287, #811157, #811154, #811222	Pre-Calculus
#811791, #811799, #811816, #809948	Geometry
#810620, #809899	Algebra I
#810644, #811157	Algebra II
#811285, #811791	Italian
#811732, #811897	History
#811287, #811154	English
	Chemistry

- d. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction for the following Pascack Valley High School students, beginning the week of November 9:

Student ID	Subject
#811643	Executive Function
#811685	English
#811685	Algebra 1
#811577	Executive Function
#810867	Chemistry
#810419	Algebra 2
#809760	Executive Function
#810293	English

### 3. Additional Staff

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an additional school counselor position for the Park Academy for the 2020-2021 school year, effective November 23, 2020.





**VIII. 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 superintendent, approve bills as follows:

Budget Expenditures as of November 30, 2020	\$576,460.26
Payroll as of November 15, 2020	\$1,553,869.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,130,329.78</b>

**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 2020/21 financial reports, which are in agreement, reflecting the district's financial activities for the period October 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 October 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 October 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	October 2020
b. e-Learning Account	October 2020
c. Capital Project Account	October 2020
d. Student Government Account – PH	October 2020
e. Student Government Account – PV	October 2020
f. Athletic Account – PH	October 2020
g. Athletic Account – PV	October 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 October.

**6. 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 superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and the Ridgefield Board of Education (Non-Member District) for Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

**7. Donation**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent accept the following donations:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Donation</b>	<b>Club or Group</b>
11/16/20	Light for Life Foundation International	\$3,000	Wellness Center Donation

**8. Establishment of the William & Maura Ellis Family Scholarship**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent approve the establishment of the William and Maura Ellis Family Scholarship in memory of William Ellis.

**9. Equipment Disposal**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the disposal of: 2007 Ford Ranger, VIN #IFTYR11077PA09926 and Western Plow, Serial #15052010357750760 by way of GovDeal.com.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the disposal of Toro Workman 2100, Serial # 07253-220000617 by way of GovDeal.com.

**10. ENV's Professional Service Fee – Pascack Valley Beautification Project**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent approve ENV's professional service fee in the amount of \$12,600 for the Beautification Project at Pascack Valley High School.

**11. ENV's Professional Service Fee – Pascack Hills C Wing Toilet Renovations**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent approve ENV's professional service fee in the amount of \$19,700 for the C Wing Toilet Renovations at Pascack Hills High School.



**12. Pascack Hills High School – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for Cohort A during 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year was conducted on November 17, 2020 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.

**13. Pascack Hills High School – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for Cohort B during 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year was conducted on November 18, 2020 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.

**14. Special Education Transportation – Region II Renewal**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 072 Star Transportation, LLC for the 2020-2021 school year.

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Aide</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
2016	Community Lower	198.06	45	243.06*	31,111.68*

\*Includes cost of aide

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hallowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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. Steinberg thanked the Foundation for the donation to the Wellness Center.

Mr. Scher recognized the scholarship which is in the name of a former Pascack Valley Regional board member and her late husband.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stankus thanked the technology department for their work in having him and others on a screen for the hybrid board meeting.

Dr. Gundersen commented that Paul Zeller and Mike Sherman were instrumental with the video and hybrid meeting.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Molinelli mentioned the board goal on the emphasis on communication. She cited the video that she and Dr. Gundersen created which was produced by the technology department.

Mr. Blundo asked if there was any feedback.

Ms. Molinelli indicated that there were mixed comments.

**XI. 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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 4:31 p.m. Mr. Fronte seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

  
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Yas Usami  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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