MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

December 14, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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 in a hybrid manner. The district website contains information on public participation.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Ms. Tammy Molinelli, 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

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

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.

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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 and October 23, 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

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:

November 30, 2020	Regular Meeting	4:00 p.m.
November 30, 2020	Board Retreat	4:34 p.m.

Moved by:	Bissir	nger			Seconded by:	Scher			
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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Ralph			Ø	
Blundo					Scher				
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Hallowell					Steinberg	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$			
Molinelli									

V. STUDENT AND BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

1. Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award

WHEREAS, Sean Cuffe, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, and Charles Goertz, a senior at Pascack Hills High School received this award in their junior year. Due to restrictions related to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, they couldn't be recognized for their achievement at that time. It is an honor to be able to recognize them now. This award is given to high school juniors who exhibit exceptional performance and potential in the areas of academics, athletics, community services, good citizenship, and leadership, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Sean and Charles for their outstanding achievement.

Steve Kalish, a resident of Washington Township and a member of the West Point Society of New Jersey presented the awards on behalf of the Society. He commended both Sean Cuffe and Charles Goertz on their achievements and high character.

2. Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Brian Hallowell – Board Member

WHEREAS, Mr. Brian Hallowell was elected to serve as a Montvale representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education starting January 2013 and did serve through December 2020, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallowell did faithfully attend and actively participate at the Executive and Public meetings of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education during that period of time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallowell did serve as Chairperson of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Buildings and Grounds; Guidance; and Health, Wellness, and Safety Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallowell did serve as a committee member of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Buildings and Grounds; Curriculum; Guidance; Negotiations; and Health, Wellness, and Safety Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallowell, during that same period of time, did provide his ideas, opinions and thoughts, as well as leadership and guidance, to the Board and each of the committees that he served on;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Brian Hallowell on behalf of the superintendent, board members, students and citizens of our four sending districts for his efforts on their behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Board of Education members individually and jointly thank Mr. Brian Hallowell for his contributions and camaraderie over this timeframe and does wish him well in his other endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution recognizing Mr. Brian Hallowell be spread upon the minutes of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

3. Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. David Steinberg – Board Member

WHEREAS, Mr. David Steinberg was elected to serve as a Woodcliff Lake representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education starting March 2014 and did serve through December 2020, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steinberg did faithfully attend and actively participate at the Executive and Public meetings of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education during that period of time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steinberg did serve as Chairperson of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Finance and Budget, and Post-Secondary Planning Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steinberg did serve as a committee member of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Curriculum; Curriculum & Instruction, and Technology; Finance and Budget; Guidance, Negotiations, Post-Secondary Planning; and Technology Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steinberg, during that same period of time, did provide his ideas, opinions and thoughts, as well as leadership and guidance, to the Board and each of the committees that he served on;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does express its sincere appreciation to Mr. David Steinberg on behalf of the superintendent, board members, students and citizens of our four sending districts for his efforts on their behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Board of Education members individually and jointly thank Mr. David Steinberg for his contributions and camaraderie over this timeframe and does wish him well in his other endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution recognizing Mr. David Steinberg be spread upon the minutes of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

4. Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Arnold Scher - Board Member

WHEREAS, Mr. Arnold Scher was elected to serve as a Hillsdale representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education starting June 2014 and did serve through December 2020, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scher did faithfully attend and actively participate at the Executive and Public meetings of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education during that period of time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scher did serve as Chairperson of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Student Activities Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scher did serve as a committee member of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Curriculum; Curriculum & Instruction, and Technology; Health, Wellness, and Safety; Student Activities; and Technology Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scher, during that same period of time, did provide his ideas, opinions and thoughts, as well as leadership and guidance, to the Board and each of the committees that he served on;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Arnold Scher on behalf of the superintendent, board members, students and citizens of our four sending districts for his efforts on their behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Board of Education members individually and jointly thank Mr. Arnold Scher for his contributions and camaraderie over this timeframe and does wish him well in his other endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution recognizing Mr. Arnold Scher be spread upon the minutes of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

5. Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Kenneth Ralph – Board Member

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth Ralph was elected to serve as a Hillsdale representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education starting June 2016 and did serve through December 2020, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph did faithfully attend and actively participate at the Executive and Public meetings of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education during that period of time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph did serve as Chairperson of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Finance and Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph did serve as a committee member of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Finance and Budget, Negotiations, Policy, and Technology Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph, during that same period of time, did provide his ideas, opinions and thoughts, as well as leadership and guidance, to the Board and each of the committees that he served on;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Kenneth Ralph on behalf of the superintendent, board members, students and citizens of our four sending districts for his efforts on their behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Board of Education members individually and jointly thank Mr. Kenneth Ralph for his contributions and camaraderie over this timeframe and does wish him well in his other endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution recognizing Mr. Kenneth Ralph be spread upon the minutes of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

Dr. Gundersen and board members shared their experiences with each outgoing member and thanked all four members for their dedicated service to the district. Each outgoing member thanked the other board members for their camaraderie and support. They were honored to serve on the Board and to be part of assisting students and the district.

VI. 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

VII. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Items 1-2

1. NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, is undergoing evaluation under NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum for the 2019-2020 school year, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 6A:30-3.2 (f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the District Performance Review responses and the Statement of Assurance with respect to this process, and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, approved the process recommended by the Superintendent and NJ QSAC Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the District Performance Review and Statement of Assurance to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f).

2. Change to Co-curricular Clubs

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the History Club as a probationary club at Pascack Valley High School for the 2020-2021 school year. The advisor will be an unpaid volunteer, Leah Jerome.

Moved by:	Bissinger	Seconded by:	Hallowell
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VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	V				Ralph	V			
Blundo					Scher				
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VIII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 3

1. Tuition Student

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

Student ID	Sending District	Grade	Start Date
#811976	Ho-Ho-Kus School District	6	November 16, 2020

2. Additional Period

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional period assignment for the 2020-2021 school year, effective December 15, 2020:

Name	Department	School	Additional Periods
Craig Buckley	Special Education	PVHS	5 periods per week

3. Bedside/Home/Supplemental Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bedside tutoring for student ID #811928 admitted to Silvergate Prep, Bridgewater Township, NJ on November 25 for approximately 30 days. Onsite services will be provided for a total of 1 hours per week for the rate of \$55 per hour.

Moved by:	Bissinger	Seconded by:	Stankus

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	V				Ralph	V			
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Mr. Ralph abstained on Item #2.

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X. FINANCE

One Agenda Item

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 December 14, 2020	\$1,657,305.00
Payroll as of November 30, 2020	\$1,559,594.97
Total	\$3,216,899.97

Moved by:	Bissinger	Seconded by:	Hallowell

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	V				Ralph	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$			
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XI. OLD BUSINESS

Curriculum & Instruction, and Technology Committee Report – report

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Ken Ralph

Mr. Ralph reported that the committee met prior to tonight's meeting. He indicated that the preliminary budget had no deficit or outrageous tax increase. He added that capital projects will continue in the next year and the budget will utilize available reserve funds as needed.

SSDS Report, Period 1 & 2, 2019-2020: Dr. P. Erik Gundersen – report

Mr. Scher asked if the alarm system issue has been resolved. Mr. Usami responded that the project has been completed.

Mr. Scher mentioned that Dr. Mark Russo spearheaded the first Community Equity Partnership meeting where information was shared and well received. Dr. Gundersen indicated that the next meeting will be a work session.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Janet Bissinger gave a report on Robotics – report

Ms. Molinelli asked about DECA.

Dr. Gundersen said DECA has been modified as the tests and activities have moved forward on a limited basis.

Mr. Steinberg commented that the Pascack Valley honey is awesome.

XIII. 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.

Councilman Anthony DeRosa of Hillsdale and liaison to the Board thanked the outgoing board members for their service. He thanked the entire Board, the faculty, students, and service people whose efforts have kept the schools open to maintain education.

Dr. Gundersen commented that the municipalities have dealt with challenges as well. He said that we are all trying our best. The district goal is to remain open until the break. He indicated that the teachers, students and staff members have modified their behavior in order to have in-person instruction. Dr. Gundersen added that the state has allowed for remote learning in case of a weather event. He added that an announcement will be forthcoming if the storm arrives as predicted.

Ms. Molinelli thanked the outgoing board members for their service and looked forward to the incoming members. She thanked Dr. Gundersen, the teachers and all staff. She had special thanks to the students and parents. She added happy holidays wishes and for optimism in 2021.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

Yas Usami

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Jos Usami

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