

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

January 4, 2021

Minutes of the Reorganization and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday,
January 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pascack Valley High School Cafeteria
and 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 in a hybrid manner. 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>*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Usami led 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 October 23, 2020.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD

IV. OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

1. Certification of Election Results for Annual School Board – November 3, 2020

Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board of Education (Three-Year Term)

Kelly Blundy – Woodcliff Lake – 1,719 votes

Kristin Martin – Hillsdale – 2,637 votes

Gini Varghese – Hillsdale – 2,538 votes

Michael Weaver – Montvale – 2,795 votes

2. Oath of Office: Administered to newly elected Board Members by Mr. Yas Usami, Board Secretary:

Kelly Blundy – Woodcliff Lake

Kristin Martin – Hillsdale

Gini Varghese – Hillsdale

Michael Weaver – Montvale

3. ROLL CALL

Ms. Janet Bissinger

Mr. Joseph Blundo

Dr. Kelly Blundy

Mr. Michael Fronte

Mrs. Kristin Martin

Ms. Tammy Molinelli

Mr. James Stankus

Mrs. Gini Varghese

Mr. Michael Weaver

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

4. Nomination and Election of President

The Board Secretary requested nominations for the office of President of the Pascack

Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, according to board policy code number 0152.

- a. A motion is made to nominate candidate(s) for President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education,

Moved By: J Bissinger to nominate Tammy Molinelli

If there are no further nominations, may I have a motion that nominations be closed.

Moved by: Fronte

Seconded by: Weaver

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"/>	Molinelli	<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"/>	Stankus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blundy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	<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"/>	Weaver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Nominations have been closed. I will call for a vote.

All in favor of Tammy Molinelli.

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"/>	Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ms. Molinelli was honored to be president. She shared the four district goals: inclusivity and equity; high academics especially in the time of COVID as they keep in mind the best interest of students; communications with the community as they try to reach everyone with the use of social media, newsletters and through students; and focus on real world experience to prepare students for the future. Ms. Molinelli mentioned board goals of equity, inclusivity and community. She said the Board focuses on how they work together and share ideas. The goal is to have the district to be the best it can be. She mentioned that the Board has developed a communications committee and that she will reach out to board members to see which committees they would like to serve. She urged members to serve on committees in which they have a passion.

THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT WILL OCCUPY THE CHAIR

5. Nomination and Election of Vice President

The President requested nominations for the office of Vice President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, according to board policy code number 0152.

- a. A motion is made to nominate candidate(s) for Vice President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

Moved By: Tammy Molinelli to nominate Janet Bissinger

If there are no further nominations may I have a motion that nominations be closed.

Moved by: Fronte

Seconded by: Stankus

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"/>	Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Fronte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Nominations have been closed. I will call for a vote.

All in favor of Janet Bissinger.

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"/>	Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

The President read aloud the following code of ethics which applies to all School Board Members:

School Board Members shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual

needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

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7. Appointment of Professional Services

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education requires the professional services and

WHEREAS, the nature of the services to be performed meet the definition of “professional services” set forth in the Public School Contract Law, and

WHEREAS, funds are available to obtain such professional services, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contract Law N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-5 authorizes the awarding of contracts for professional services by resolution of the Board of Education without publicly advertised competitive bids.

ACCORDINGLY, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education authorizes the award of the following professional services appointments and contracts:

- a. That the firm of Fogarty & Hara, Counsellors at Law, Fair Lawn, NJ, be appointed Board of Education attorneys to provide legal services until the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, and as per the following hourly rates: \$175 for a partner and \$155 for an associate. There is no increase in the hourly rates.
- b. That the firm of Nisivoccia LLP, Mt. Arlington, NJ, be appointed Board of Education auditors and accountants to provide auditing and accounting services until the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, and as per the following hourly rates: \$165 - \$185 for a partner, \$140 - \$165 in-charge and \$95 - \$130 staff. The fee for the audit is \$47,632.
- c. That the firm of Environetics Group Architects, PC, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, be appointed Board of Education architects to provide architectural services until the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, at the following hourly rates: \$160 for principals, \$150 for associate principals, \$145 for senior project managers, and \$125 for project manager. Please see attached list for additional fees. There is no increase in the hourly rates.
- d. That the firm of AHERA Consultants, Inc., Oceanville, NJ be appointed Board of Education asbestos consulting service until the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, at the following hourly rates: \$65 for asbestos inspector and \$100 for project designer. Please see attached list for additional fees.
- e. That the firm of KSI Consulting Engineers, LLC, Farmingdale, NJ, be appointed Board of Education engineers until the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, at the following hourly rates: \$180 for principal consultant and \$155 project manager/senior engineer. Please see attached list for additional fees.
- f. That the firm of Wilentz Attorneys at Law, Woodbridge, NJ, be appointed Board of Education bond counsel until the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, at the following hourly rates: \$215 for attorney time. Please see attached list for additional fees.
- g. That Dr. Michelle Mayer, Woodcliff Lake, NJ be appointed Board of Education school physician until the next reorganization meeting, at the yearly fee of \$10,000.
- h. That Dr. Shawn Trokhan, Closter, NJ be appointed Board of Education school athletic physician at PVHS until the next reorganization meeting, at the yearly fee of \$3,000.
- i. That Dr. Oscar Vazquez, Hoboken, NJ be appointed Board of Education school athletic physician at PHHS until the next reorganization meeting, at the yearly fee of \$3,000.

These professional services contracts are made and awarded without competitive bidding as the services will be rendered by persons experienced in the practice of a process requiring specialized knowledge and resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a brief notice of this action shall be printed once in *The Record* as required by law, within ten (10) days of its passage, stating its nature, duration, service, and amount and that the resolution and contract are on file in the office of the Board of Education in the following form:

This resolution and contracts are on file and available for public inspection at the Board of Education's office, located at 28 West Grand Avenue, Suite 2, Montvale, NJ.

8. APPOINTMENTS and CONTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to continue in the position listed until the next re-organization meeting of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District:

Insurance Agency	Burton Agency, Inc.
Student Accident Insurance	Robert McCloskey Insurance
Flexible Spending Account	Discovery Benefits
Tax Shelter Plans	The Omni Group
Continuing Disclosure Agent & Municipal Advisors	Phoenix Advisors, LLC
Broker of Record	Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors
Supplemental Insurance	Aflac
Nursing Services to Non-Public Students	Catapult Learning
One to One Nursing Services	Bayada Home Health Care Inc.
One to One Nursing Services and School Nurse Staffing Agreement	Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, Inc.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary	Yas Usami
Assistant Business Administrator/ Assistant Board Secretary	Cynthia Kirk
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Yas Usami
District 504 Officer	Sean Struncis
Anti-Bullying Coordinator	Sean Struncis
Anti-Bullying Specialists	Jennifer Zimmermann, PHHS
Anti-Bullying Specialists	Christie Rossig, PVHS

Anti-Bullying Specialists	Mary Petrovici, Park Academy
Attendance Officers	Lillian Murray, PHHS Lauren Bielan, PVHS
American Disabilities Act Coordinator	Barry Bachenheimer
Affirmative Action Officer	Barry Bachenheimer
School Safety Specialist	Barry Bachenheimer
Toxic Hazard Preparedness Officer	Robert Donahue
Health and Safety Officer	Robert Donahue
Architect of Record	Robert Donahue
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Yas Usami
Treasurer of School Moneys	Deborah Carpino
Legal Newspapers	The Record & Community Life
Bidding Services	Educational Data Services

9. Legal Depositories – Bank for Deposits/Withdrawals/Safe Deposit Box

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, authorize the Business Administrator to invest school district funds within statutory limitations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education designate Valley Bank as the bank for deposits and withdrawals for the following accounts: Payroll, Agency, Unemployment, General Fund, Cafeteria, eLearning, Petty Cash, Capital Projects, Student Activities, and Athletics until the next reorganization meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the following designated signatures on the above accounts; business administrator, board president, school treasurer, Pascack Valley High School principal and Pascack Hills High School principal.

10. Adoption of Existing Curriculum

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, adopt the existing curricula contained in the 2021-2022 Pascack Valley Regional Program of Studies for the 2021-2022 school year.

11. Annual Approval of Board Expenses for NJSBAC and BCSBA

WHEREAS, the NJ School Boards Association Conference (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBAC”) will be held in October and Bergen County School Boards Association (Hereinafter referred to as “BCSBA”); and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) has determined that Board member participation in the NJSBAC and BCSBA is both educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that Board member participation in the NJSBAC and BCSBA promotes the delivery of instruction and furthers the efficient operation of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to the NJSBAC and BCSBA is expected to exceed the state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in the NJ Office of Management and Budget (NJOMB) circular letter 06-02.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds any travel and related expenses related to Board member attendance at the NJSBAC and BCSBA in October and for the 2021-2022 school year, as well as reimbursement for same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds any travel and related expenses particular to the NJSBAC and BCSBA which exceed the State travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter 06-02 to be necessary and unavoidable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds any such necessary and unavoidable expenses related to attendance at the NJSBAC and BCSBA to be justified and therefore reimbursable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned district employees will be reimbursed for travel related expenses at the designated 2021-2022 payment periods, in compliance with state statutory and federal regulatory requirements.

12. Approval of Purchases Utilizing State Contracts

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the procurement of goods and services through state agency for the 2021-2022 school year.

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that the Board of Education without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to purchase goods and services utilizing the following state contracts:

Bergen County Purchasing Cooperative/New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance
Camden County Educational Services Commission
Educational Services Commission of New Jersey
Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
New Jersey State Contracts/NJSTART
NJ EDGE
NJSBA Cooperative Pricing System

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent until the next re-organization meeting as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does, hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State of the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various vendors.

13. Purchases Exceeding Bid Threshold of \$44,000

RESOLVED by the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, 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; therefore, the Board hereby authorized purchases in excess of \$44,000 via State Contract with the vendors as listed:

VENDORS		
Apple	Dyntek	TechXTend
Atra Janitorial Supply	Hertz Furniture	TTI
Academic Superstore	Hewlett Packard Financial	United Business Systems
Blueally Technology	Howard Industries	Van-Con, Inc.
Bobcat of North Jersey	IBM Corp	Wells Fargo
Bio-Shine	Grainger Co.	Fieldturf
CDW-G	IPS Global	In-Line Air Conditioning Co.
Chas F. Connolly Dist	Juniper Networks	Johnson Controls
Cisco	Light Path, Inc.	R.D.Sales Door & Hardware, LLC
C. J. Vanderbeck & Son	Ocean Computer	Shaws Complete Security
Commercial Interiors Direct	Promedia	Dell/ASAP Software
Cooper Electric Supply Co.	RFP Solutions	White Rock Security Group
Dell Marketing L.P.	Software House International	

14. Annual Review & Adoption of Policies

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the annual review and adoption of all electronic policies for the 2021-2022 school year.

15. Approval of Maximum Travel and Related Expenditures

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by state and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education had previously established a maximum amount for the pre-budget year 2020-2021 as \$180,000.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has expended \$1,098 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date; and

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby establish the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2021-2022 school year as \$180,000.

16. Annual Travel Pre-Authorization

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve pre-authorization of travel expenses for the following:

Teachers who travel between schools as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the end of the term at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Teachers who travel to free conferences and workshops sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education, or educational associations, will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Supervisors who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Administrators who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Child Study Team members who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Technology Department employees who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Region II employees who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned district employees will be reimbursed for travel related expenses at the designated 2021-2022 payment periods, in compliance with state statutory and federal regulatory requirements, not to exceed \$1,500 per employee for regular business travel.

17. Tax Shelters

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following companies to provide Tax Shelter Annuity salary reduction agreements for the 2021-2022 school year.

AXA Equitable	Legends	MetLife
Oldham	Valic	Vanguard
Security Benefit	Lincoln Investment Planning	National Life Group

18. Authorize Participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program

A RESOLUTION to authorize participation in the State Health Benefits Program and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
2. We elect to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
3. We will be maintaining Delta as our dental plan.
4. We elect 30 hours per week (average) as the minimum requirement for full time status in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:9-4.6.
5. As a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance

with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.

6. We hereby appoint Yas Usami, Business Administrator to act as Certifying Officer in the administration of this program.

7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective as soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations (can be no less than 75 or 90 days pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:9-1.4).

19. Approval of Maximum Public Relations and Professional Services Expenditures

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.2 (a), 1 the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for public relations and each type of professional service for 2021-2022 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby establish the maximum expenditure amounts for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Public relations at the sum of \$50,000, legal services at the sum of \$150,000, audit services at the sum of \$75,000, architectural/engineering services at the sum of \$600,000.

20. Standing Obligations

It is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education accept, ratify, and adopt all commitments, rules, and bylaws.

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Fronte

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"/>	Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

V. ROUTINE MATTERS

One Agenda Item

1. Minutes

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

December 14, 2020	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	7:30 p.m.
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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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VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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.

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to five minutes, according to the Pascaack 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

One Agenda Item

1. Change to Co-curricular Clubs

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve PH MED as a probationary club at Pascack Hills High School for the 2020-2021 school year. The advisor will be an unpaid volunteer, Steven Papa.

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Fronte

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"/>	Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Blundo asked Dr. Gundersen about the PH MED club.

Dr. Gundersen said it's a volunteer club that promotes healthcare. Students will learn about careers in the medical field through community service, guest speakers and student educational programs.

VIII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 4

1. Additional Period Assignments

- a. **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 Pascack Hills High School, effective January 4, 2021, for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Department	Additional Periods
Katherine Donahue	English	5 periods per week – Full Year
Ana Adams	Special Education	5 periods per week – Full Year

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve changes to additional period assignments for Pascack Hills High School, previously approved for 5 periods per week, for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Department	Previous End Date	Modified Dates
Ana Adams <i>2nd Assignment</i>	Special Education <i>Item 1a. above</i>	TBD	09/03/2020 – 11/20/2020 <i>01/04/2021 – 06/16/2021</i>
Vani Apanosian	Special Education	TBD	09/03/2020 – 11/20/2020
Steve Comanto	Special Education	TBD	09/03/2020 – 6/16/2021
Alexandra Pfliging	English	06/16/2021	09/03/2020 – 12/23/2020 (12/31/2020)
Allison Schultz <i>2nd Assignment</i>	Special Education <i>approved 11/30</i>	TBD	09/03/2020 – 11/20/2020; <i>11/30/2020 – 06/18/2021</i>
Brooke Schwartzman	Special Education	TBD	09/03/2020 – 11/20/2020

Items in italics were approved earlier and included for clarity

2. 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 for the following Pascack Valley High School students:

Student ID	Subject	Start Date
#809319, #811480, #811688	Executive Functioning	11/30/2020
#811480	English	11/30/2020
#811480	Algebra I	11/30/2020
#809677	Physics	11/30/2020
#811010, #810108	Algebra II	01/04/2021
#810108	Spanish I	01/04/2021

- b. **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 December 15, 2020:

Student ID	Subject
#811739, #811173, #811292, #811897, #810762, #811299	Executive Functioning

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction provided by a board approved home instructor for student ID #810878, as per their IEP, for the 2020-2021 school year, effective December 14, 2020, for the following subjects and hours:

Subject	Estimated Hours
US History I	2 hours per week
PE/Drivers Education	2 hours per week
English III	2 hours per week
Chemistry Community	2 hours per week
Spanish II	2 hours per week

3. Supervision of Placement Exams

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following teachers to supervise the administration of world language placement exams to incoming students at the rate of \$80 per event:

Jane Conboy	Ivica Kanova	Jimena Ladino
Dorely Leal-Drago	Francesca Silvano	Debbie Yao

4. Park Academy Consultants – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Sensory Taekwondo of Bergenfield, LLC to provide service to Park Academy for a total cost of \$3,500 from January 16 – June 16, 2021.

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Fronte

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"/>	Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dr. Gundersen explained that the district has added support for students who are in need of additional assistance. There has been significantly more support needed this year due to the pandemic.

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 3

1. New Hire

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Tyler Johnson, instructional assistant for Pascack Valley High School, effective January 5, 2021 at the hourly rate of \$28.03, with health benefits for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Change of Assignment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following change of assignment for Pascack Hills High School, effective January 4, 2021 (January 1, 2021), for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Previous Assignment	New Assignment
David Bucco	English Teacher – 4/5ths	English Teacher - FT

3. Intern Placement

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an intern placement for Daniel Piatigorski, a student at The George Washington University, at Pascack Valley High School for the 2020-2021 school year.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an intern placement for James Kerrigan, a student at Eastwick College, with a Region II Occupational Therapist for the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved by: Bissinger

Seconded by: Martin

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
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Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

X. FINANCE

Consent Agenda Items 1 - 5

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 January 4, 2021	\$3,035.75
Payroll as of December 15, 2020	\$1,542,831.42
Total	\$1,545,867.17

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 November 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 November 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 November 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. <u>Cafeteria Account</u>	November 2020
b. <u>e-Learning Account</u>	November 2020
c. <u>Capital Project Account</u>	November 2020
d. <u>Student Government Account – PH</u>	November 2020
e. <u>Student Government Account – PV</u>	November 2020
f. <u>Athletic Account – PH</u>	November 2020
g. <u>Athletic Account – PV</u>	November 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 November.

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded Stankus

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"/>	Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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XI. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Gundersen mentioned that a student representative from each school will report on the progress of the mascot selection process at the next meeting and recommendations will be made at the second February meeting.

Dr. Gundersen said that child care for staff held at Pascack Hills High School is going quite well. The cost is funded by the staff utilizing the service.

Dr. Gundersen indicated that the board members will be receiving an email about selecting their top three committees they would like to serve. Typically, members serve on more than two committees. He said that a lot of work takes place at the committee level. Members interact with faculty, administrators, students, and parents depending on the committee.

Dr. Gundersen indicated that he will provide an outline with a timeline for the Pascack Valley High School principal search process. He anticipates presenting a recommendation at the end of April.

Dr. Gundersen announced that Pascack Valley High School will be remote Tuesday and Wednesday for contact tracing. He mentioned that there were two large New Years' Eve parties which resulted in multiple positive cases. He asked that students and parents be forthcoming when contacted as this will benefit the community. This determines who to inform to quarantine and enables the school to open for eligible students.

Mr. Blundo said a resident inquired if the early learning program will run next year

Dr. Gundersen said the early elementary education program is for 3-5-year olds. This program was suspended this year; however, it is anticipated that the program will operate next year. He indicated that the resident was informed.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stankus heard that mid-terms were optional. He asked how grades will be determined if that is the case.

Dr. Gundersen said he would like to know the source of the rumor/comment to see if it pertained to a particular subject. He added that he will confer with Dr. Bachenheimer for more clarity on this subject.

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.

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn the public meeting at 8:14 p.m. Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Yas Usami
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

