

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

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

February 8, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday,  
February 8, 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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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President  
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President  
Mr. Joseph Blundo  
Dr. Kelly Blundy  
Mr. Michael Fronte  
Mrs. Kristin Martin  
Mr. James Stankus  
Mrs. Gini Varghese  
Mr. Michael Weaver



Mr. Weaver requested some changes in the minutes to accurately reflect what he said at the January 18 meeting. He noted that he would like to see changes made for September 2021 if the district moves forward with the mascot changes. He also noted that if the sign donated by the class needs to be taken down then it needs to be taken down. In other words, if the mascot change moves forward. The attached minutes reflect the changes requested by Mr. Weaver which may also be viewed/heard on the video.

## V. PRESENTATION

Annual Audit Presentation – Bud Jones and Luisa Rodriguez of Nisivoccia, L.L.P.

Ms. Rodriguez said that the audit was reviewed in detail with the Finance Committee. She presented a summary of the report. She indicated that the district has a healthy fund balance and reserve accounts. She said the district is financially strong. She mentioned that the enterprise funds experienced an overall decrease in revenues due to COVID which resulted in early school closure. She said there were no audit recommendations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Rodriguez added two general management suggestions. One for GASB 84 and the other to routinely review internal controls to keep accounting software safe especially with people working remotely. Mr. Usami indicated that the district is working on multi-factor authentication to strengthen security.

Dr. Gundersen thanked Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Jones for their presentation and work in the district. He also thanked Mr. Usami, former business administrator Pam Baxley and the business office for their work.

Mascot Committee Update:

PHHS – Alexa Sipos and Jacob Levin – [report](#)

PVHS – Delia Collis and Vasili Karalewich – [report](#)

Ms. Molinelli thanked the students for their work and the transparent procedure of the process.

Mrs. Martin was extremely impressed with the process and the students' hard work. She asked if there was discussion about funding and if they considered going with Valley or Hills rather than starting over with new mascots.

Vasili said they were not concerned about the cost. They were charged to select a new mascot. They did not discuss Valley as an option since they were going with a mascot.

Jacob said they were not worried about funding in the process of selecting a mascot. Their objective is to get the best mascot. He added that they did not discuss going "generic".

Mr. Weaver praised the students for their professional and mature presentation. He indicated that he receives different feedback from community members. He asked the students to characterize the student body's level of interest on the topic of a mascot (very

little, somewhat, moderate or extremely) and what type of feedback they have received beyond names.

Delia said she is the student body president and she indicated that everyone has different ideas. She said the entire student body is excited about getting a new mascot, not just committee members. She would say the student body is extremely interested.

Vasili mentioned that there has not been much feedback within the committee. He suggested that they will solicit more feedback at future meetings.

Alexa said everyone is very excited and she is hearing a lot of good feedback. She thanked the committee and the faculty for allowing students to do this.

Dr. Blundy thanked the students. She mentioned that the internship program gets students involved. She indicated that it's important for students to understand every aspect including funding. She asked if the students would want to fundraise.

Jacob commented that they have no control over school funding. However, he thinks students would fundraise, if necessary. He added that it's important and it's a good idea.

Vasili said it was a board decision to select a new mascot. The students' focus is on selecting a new mascot as they have been told.

## **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.

Carolee Adams of Montvale asked if there have been discussions about insurance for hacking (cyber security) considering that schools have been hacked for information. She said that she wished the students did not portray that they were not worried about funding. Parents are worried about funding and if students are not then they need an economic lesson.

Dr. Gundersen asked Ms. Adams to give him a call to discuss insurance and security. He said that the students did a fantastic job. He indicated that the students were not charged with the funding of a mascot. They were charged with the process of selecting a new mascot.

## **VII. POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 3

### **1. [Custodian Holiday Calendar 2021-2022](#)**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the 2021-2022 custodian holiday calendar.



- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bedside tutoring for student ID #810325 admitted to Princeton Medical Center in Princeton, NJ on January 29, 2021 through a date to be determined. Onsite services will be provided for a total of 10 hours per week for the rate of \$65 per hour.

**2. Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide Level 1 services for student ID #810340 for the total cost of \$1,205.94 for the 2020-2021 school year, beginning on January 8, 2021.

**3. Translation Services**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve translation services for the following ESL student to be provided by teaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year, at the rate of \$65 per hour as per the teacher contract, for the following **updated** hours and total cost:

| <b>Student ID</b> | <b>Native Language</b> | <b>School</b> | <b>Updated Hours</b> | <b>Updated Total</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| #811316           | Telugu                 | PHHS          | <b>40</b>            | <b>\$2,600</b>       |
| #811335           | Spanish                | PHHS          | <b>60</b>            | <b>3,900</b>         |
| #811359           | Spanish                | PHHS          | <b>60</b>            | <b>3,900</b>         |
| #811868           | Korean                 | PHHS          | <b>40</b>            | <b>2,600</b>         |
| #809224           | Spanish                | PVHS          | <b>20</b>            | <b>1,300</b>         |
| #809794           | Tagalog                | PVHS          | <b>20</b>            | <b>1,300</b>         |
| #811381           | Spanish                | PVHS          | <b>60</b>            | <b>3,900</b>         |
| #810072           | Arabic                 | PVHS          | <b>20</b>            | <b>1,300</b>         |
| #810767           | French                 | PVHS          | <b>20</b>            | <b>1,300</b>         |
| #811396           | Persian-Farsi          | PVHS          | <b>48</b>            | <b>3,120</b>         |

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an estimated 20 hours of translation services for the following ESL student ID #811882 to be provided by a district teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, at the rate of \$65 per hour as per the teacher contract for a total estimated cost of \$650.

**4. Reasonable and Customary Rates for Independent Educational Evaluations**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following reasonable and customary rates for independent educational evaluations:

| Evaluation Type             | Reasonable and Customary Rate |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Occupational Therapy        | \$ 400.00                     |
| Physical Therapy            | 400.00                        |
| Speech and Language         | 450.00                        |
| Central Auditory Processing | 450.00                        |
| Educational                 | 450.00                        |
| Psychological               | 450.00                        |
| Social History              | 400.00                        |
| Psychiatric                 | 550.00                        |
| Neuropsychological          | 3,000.00                      |

**5. Overnight Trips**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School students, teachers, and if necessary, chaperones, to travel to various cities and historical sites in Eastern Europe to promote equity and tolerance from April 14 – April 24, 2022.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School Chemistry and AP Environmental Science students, teachers, and if necessary, chaperones, for a trip to Italy and Greece for an authentic learning experience to better understand food chemistry, civil/geotechnical engineering, astronomy, earth and space science from February 18 – February 27, 2022.

Moved by: Fronte Seconded by: Blundy

**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"/> |           |                                     |                          |                          |                          |

Mrs. Martin asked if the trips are a done deal and she asked about refunds.

Dr. Gundersen responded that the trips are in 2022 due to the postponements. He said that it is a smoother cancellation policy and assurance. He added that these are remarkable programs.

Mr. Fronte asked if the trip insurance is mandatory or optional. He suggested that the insurance be mandatory. He added that the trips sound wonderful.

Mr. Usami said he did not believe the insurance is mandatory. He said the company has been flexible. Students may sell their vouchers to other students interested in going.

## IX. HUMAN RESOURCES

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 8

### 1. Resignation

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Glenn deMarrais, principal at Pascack Valley High School, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2021.

### 2. Additional Assignment – **Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an additional five periods per week assignment for Brittany Gallagher to cover the leave of absence for Mary Petrovici, program coordinator for Park Academy, from March 22, 2021 for the balance of the 2020-2021 school year.

### 3. Substitute Custodian

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Chang Choi as a new substitute custodian for the district.

### 4. Co-curricular Appointments

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Vincent Laino as musical assistant director for the Pascack Valley High School theatre program for a stipend of \$3,520 for the 2020-2021 school year,

**And therefore**, the spring musical theatre production stipends are as follows:

| Position                   | Name                 | Stipend    |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Musical Director           | Thomas Lupfer        | \$3,237.50 |
|                            | Merielle Lupfer      | 3,237.50   |
| Musical Assistant Director | Melissa Ann Gargiulo | 3,520.00   |
| Musical Assistant Director | Vincent Laino        | 3,520.00   |
| Musical Assistant Director | Michael Mahadeen     | 3,520.00   |
| Musical Assistant Director | Jonathan Melchiorre  | 3,520.00   |

### 5. Athletic Resignations

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of David Frangiosa as assistant coach for the baseball team at Pascack Hills High School for the 2020-2021 spring season.



- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Alexa Devens as co-assistant coach for the volleyball team at Pascack Hills High School for the 2020-2021 season. Volleyball for 2020-2021 has been moved to Season 3 with a virtual practice start date of February 1.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Jeanna Pic as co-assistant coach for the volleyball team at Pascack Hills High School for the 2020-2021 season. Volleyball for 2020-2021 has been moved to Season 3 with a virtual practice start date of February 1.

**6. Athletic Program Change**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve suspension of the winter cheerleading program at Pascack Hills High School due to low turnout for the 2020-2021 school year.

**7. Athletic Appointments**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Alexa Petzold as assistant coach for the volleyball team at Pascack Hills High School for a stipend of \$5,090, step 1, for the 2020-2021 season. Volleyball for 2020-2021 has been moved to Season 3 with a virtual practice start date of February 1.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the listing of athletic appointments for Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools, attached for board review, for the spring season of the 2020-2021 school year subject to the season being shortened or cancelled for reasons pertaining to COVID-19 as prescribed in the sidebar agreement approved on August 17, 2020.

**8. Volunteers**

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

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>School</b>              | <b>Activity</b>  |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Caitlin Ernest | Pascack Hills High School  | Girls Basketball |
| Jacob Wrede    | Pascack Valley High School | Lacrosse         |

Moved by: Stankus                      Seconded by: Blundy

**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"/> |           |                                     |                          |                          |                          |

Dr. Gundersen thanked Mr. deMarrais for coming back after he had retired. He appreciates his leadership at Pascack Valley. Mr. deMarrais is recognized for his work at Pascack Hills and there will be time in the future to recognize Mr. deMarrais. Dr. Gundersen appreciates his leadership.

Mrs. Martin asked if the Pascack Hills cheer students were given an opportunity to participate with Pascack Valley.

Dr. Gundersen indicated that Pascack Hills is not a competitive program while Pascack Valley is competitive in nature. There was very little if no interest in shifting the Pascack Hills students to Pascack Valley’s competitive team. He said he will obtain more specific details.

**X. FINANCE**

Consent Agenda Items 1 - 13

**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 February 8, 2021 | \$599,606.46          |
| Payroll as of January 31, 2021             | \$1,587,081.72        |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$2,186,688.18</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 December 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 December 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 December 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               | December 2020 |
| b. e-Learning Account              | December 2020 |
| c. Capital Project Account         | December 2020 |
| d. Student Government Account – PH | December 2020 |
| e. Student Government Account – PV | December 2020 |
| f. Athletic Account – PH           | December 2020 |
| g. Athletic Account – PV           | December 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 December.

**6. Acceptance of Financial Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education accept the findings expressed by the auditing firm of Nisivoccia & Company, LLP as cited in their reports entitled:

- a. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020
- b. Auditors' Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial Compliance and Performance Year Ending June 30, 2020
- c. Audit Synopsis.

**7. Approve Disposal of Records**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the disposal of records for the 2012-2013 school year as per the State of New Jersey Records Retention Schedule.

**8. Amend Long Range Facility Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves an amendment of the Long Range Facility Plan to revise and add the projects per the [attached list](#) for State Department of Education approval.

**9. Approval to Proceed and Submit to the DOE – Site Beautification Upgrades at Pascack Valley High School**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the Site Beautification Upgrades at Pascack Valley High School (State Project # 3960-050-21-1000) to the State Department of Education as an “Other” Capital Project.”)

**10. Approval to Proceed and Submit to the DOE – C-Wing Toilet Renovations at Pascack Hills High School**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the C-Wing Toilet Renovations at Pascack Hills High School (State Project # 3960-040-21-1000) to the State Department of Education as an “Other” Capital Project.”)

**11. Authorizing Participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program**

**WHEREAS** the District is required, by the New Jersey Department of Education, to participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (Semi) for school year 2021-2022,

**WHEREAS** the District is required to notify the Board of Education of the District's participation in SEMI,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District hereby notifies the Board of Education that it will participate in SEMI as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

**12. Use of Title I-A Funds under ESEA**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teachers to provide supplemental instruction to targeted students using Title I-A funds under ESEA at a rate of \$55 per hour:

|                        |                   |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Deborah Kilduff-Ragone | Cindy Reese       | Danielle Macaluso  |
| Craig Buckley          | Laura McSpirit    | William Van Kersen |
| William Rawson         | Laura Ely         | Kevin Kibala       |
| Nari Dabis             | Christina Rossi   | Kate Overgaard     |
| William Lynn           | Caitlin Murphy    | Christopher Nilsen |
| Juliet Fanik           | Enrico Attanasio  | William Crispino   |
| Tracy Recine           | Dana Corasaniti   | Amy Maniscalco     |
| Natalie Burd           | Dorely Leal-Drago | Matthew Morone     |

**13. Special Education Transportation – Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2113 to Shaddai Transportation Inc. during the 2020-2021 school year.

| Route # | Route          | Base | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|----------------|------|------|----------|-------------|
| Q2113   | Fusion Academy | 160  | 45   | 160.00   | 19,520.00   |

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract PC121 to Nick Hesketh for the 2020-21 school year.

| Route # | Route                              | Base | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|------------------------------------|------|----------|-------------|
| PC121   | Reynolds Elem., Upper Saddle River | 40   | 40.00    | 9,000.00    |

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract PC221 to Nick Hesketh for the 2020-21 school year.

| Route # | Route                              | Base | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|------------------------------------|------|----------|-------------|
| PC221   | Reynolds PreK., Upper Saddle River | 40   | 40.00    | 9,000.00    |

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Martin

**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"/> |
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| Martin    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |           |                                     |                          |                          |                          |

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

Buildings and Grounds (Facilities) Committee Report – [report](#)

Communications Committee Report – [report](#)

Ms. Molinelli commented that she will not send a correspondence without conferring with board members.

Curriculum & Instruction, and Technology Committee Report - [report](#)

Mr. Blundo wanted to confirm that the committee did not take much stock in the state assessment scores. That it's not a true indicator and that AP and SAT scores are good, so they are not so concerned with the state scores.

Mr. Stankus said that it was not the committee that felt the test was not important, it was the students. If there was an emphasis on state tests then the students would take it seriously. Students were influenced when they found out that they may be exempt from the state test based on their PSAT scores. The test scores were two years ago and not necessarily reflective of what is occurring now. It was an anomaly since it was emphasized as not important. However, this will be looked into to see if there is a pattern. It's important.

Mr. Fronte said he is hyper sensitive to test scores. He understands there are similar and varying opinions. There needs to be a consensus and needs to be discussed.

Finance Committee Report – [report](#)

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

SSDS Report, Period 1, 2020-2021 – Dr. P. Erik Gundersen

Dr. Gundersen reported on the Student Safety Data System Report. He said there was a HIB training event for staff. He reported that there were no incidents of violence, vandalism, substances, weapons, or confirmed HIB during the period of September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Mrs. Martin asked about the process to replace Athletic Director Phil Paspalas, the greatest man alive.

Dr. Gundersen said it will follow the typical procedure of selecting a supervisor and athletic director. He mentioned that Mr. Wieland and Dr. Bachenheimer will take the lead and review resumes of internal and external candidates and conduct a first round interview. This will include those with experience as an athletic director and or supervisor, or not have experience. The first round will consist of a diverse group consisting of 4-8 individuals to be determined by Mr. Wieland and Dr. Bachenheimer. There will be a second round of interviews and they will make a recommendation to Dr. Gundersen who will conduct an interview and make a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Weaver asked if board members will be involved in an interview committee like they are for the principal for other administrative positions such as the ones being discussed.

Dr. Gundersen said no.

Ms. Molinelli asked for an update on the bees.

Dr. Gundersen responded that they will be at Pascack Valley sometime in April.

## **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.

Carolee Adams of Montvale commented that she cannot see or hear in-person members. It is difficult to see who is speaking. She asked if there could be a close-up and if one could state his/her name. She indicated that the Governor is considering not having the state tests since it's not a reliable factor. She asked why there is an overnight trip to Italy and Greece for astronomy, earth and space science. She suggested space camp in Alabama where families may go. She wondered why those two countries were selected for space and astronomy. Lastly, Ms. Adams said she wanted to clarify that she did not condemn the students because of their professionalism. She thought they were thorough. She said she wished they would have said that they were guided not to be concerned about funding.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Fronte to adjourn the public meeting at 8:53 p.m. Dr. Blundy seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



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Yas Usami  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary