MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

June 21, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pascack Valley High School Auditorium and Zoom Webinar – https://www.commons.org https://www.commons.org"//wwww.commons.org"//wwww.commons.o

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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The Vision of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District:

To create a culture of innovation, inquiry, and individuality that promotes achievement and choice by cultivating the skills needed to compete and collaborate as ethical and responsible global citizens.

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present:	Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President
	Dr. Kelly Blundy
	Mr. Michael Fronte
	Mr. James Stankus
	Ms. Debra Stephans
	Mrs. Gini Varghese
	Mr. Michael Weaver
	Dr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent
	Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
	Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
Absent:	Mr. Joseph Blundo, Vice President Mrs. Kristin Martin

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Dr. P. Erik Gundersen - Report

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:

June 7, 2021	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 7, 2021	Executive Meeting	6:04 p.m.
June 7, 2021	Executive Meeting	8:53 p.m.

Moved by:	Stank	us			Seconded by:	Front	e		
	VOTE								
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo				\checkmark	Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark			
Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin				\checkmark	Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to five minutes, according to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education policy number 0167. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address.

Eli Moallem of River Vale was still confused on the Board's definition of equity. He wanted to know how equity will be defined to the students.

Dr. Gundersen said that the Comprehensive Equity Plan and Statement of Assurance is a three-year plan that confirms the district has an Affirmative Action Officer, the Affirmative Action Team runs a needs assessment, lists the names of the Affirmative Action Team, has a resolution authorizing the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan, and the district has policies that address issues related to affirmative action mandated by the state. The Plan is approved every three years and every year in between a resolution affirming that the plan is in place.

Mr. Moallem appreciated the response since his emails have not been answered. He was concerned what the cost of the equity is and the cost of time devoted to this. He was

confused on how affirmative action is applied in school. He commented that the district is lying to the children about equity and it has pitted family against each other. He said he is angry since this has affected his family and other families.

Dena O'Brien of River Vale asked why the term equity needs to be used in the Comprehensive Equity Plan. She said the term equity is very destructive right now. She asked what term was used in past agendas for this plan.

Ms. Molinelli offered the full document from the Department of Education (DOE). She indicated that the DOE came up with the terminology and sets what is required. She asked Ms. O'Brien to email Dr. Gundersen in order for him to send the documents.

Steve Frischer of Montvale gave a definition of equity which was fair and impartial and lends a level of support and assistance depending on specific needs and abilities. It's typically afforded to minority groups who have not had the same opportunities as others. He added support for Ms. Molinelli.

Shirell Gross of River Vale didn't understand the problem with equity. She said equity is to be treated the same, not better or worse. She indicated she works for a major company they talk about equity and she is not aware of other major companies that do not. She commented that a number of children who have gone through the school system who have suffered significant mental health issues due to not being treated equally. She would like to have her son graduate knowing that he was treated equally.

Carolee Adams of Montvale thanked Dr. Gundersen for his support of students with special needs. She commented that she has a bi-racial family and she wants them respected and honored, and not treated differently. She asked if the NJ State Board of Education addressed the Comprehensive Equity Plan.

Ms. Molinelli said they would need to look into it and Dr. Gundersen would respond in an email to her.

VI. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Items 1-3

1. Travel Pre-Authorizations

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

Julianne Downes	Claire Mazan	Christie Rossig
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2. Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Statement of Assurance for the 2021-2022 school year for the Comprehensive Equity Plan.

3. Contract for Business Administrator/Board Secretary

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the contract for Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, which has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent as required by law.

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Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin				\checkmark	Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

Mr. Weaver congratulated Mr. Usami.

VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 15

1. Bedside/Home/Supplemental Instruction

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction in Spanish for one hour per week provided by a board approved home instructor for student ID #810992, as per their IEP, from June 21 September 15, 2021.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction in English for one hour per week provided by a board approved home instructor for student ID #811546, as per their IEP, from May 1 June 15, 2021.
- c. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction in English/history for 25 hours, and mathematics for 25 hours provided by board approved home instructors for student ID #810992, as per their IEP, from June 16 – August 31, 2021.
- d. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction in Executive Functioning for five hours per week provided by a board approved home instructor for student ID #810668, as per their IEP, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- e. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental

instruction in physical education for four hours per week provided by a board approved home instructor for student ID #811399, as per their IEP, from June 21 – August 13, 2021.

f. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction in English, mathematics, science, financial literacy and other coursework for a total of 275 hours in the summer supplemental program, from July 6 – July 30, 2021 for the following students:

#810009	#810089	#810321	#810333	#810372
#810383	#810413	#810418	#810424	#810654
#810666	#810746	#810840	#810868	#810922
#810948	#810951	#811046	#811055	#811076
#811169	#811195	#811200	#811254	#811275
#811287	#811292	#811298	#811430	#811481
#811655	#811656	#811876		

2. Additional Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve 4.5 additional hours beyond the normal school day for Max Adoff, board approved substitute teacher, to provide support for two students to participate in the Pascack Hills High School senior class trip on June 2, 2021, as per their IEPs, based on the substitute teacher rate.

3. Additional Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve 42 additional hours for a 1:1 aide to enable student ID #811230 to participate in Camp Raspberry at Pascack Hills High School, for the 2021-2022 school year, at their usual hourly rate.

4. Summer Employment

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve summer employment for the following staff members and subjects for the Summer Acceleration Program, at the rate of \$55 per hour, at Pascack Hills High School

Math					
# of Hours	Rate/Hr.				
20	\$55.00				
20	\$55.00				
40	\$55.00				
20	\$55.00				
20	\$55.00				
40	\$55.00				
20	\$55.00				
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from July 6 – August 26, 2021 and Pascack Valley High School from June 21 – August 27, 2021:

English

Name	# of Hours	Rate/Hr.
Jamie Kornitzer	20	\$55.00
Amy Maniscalco	20	\$55.00
Matthew Morone	20	\$55.00
Kate Overgaard	20	\$55.00
Rob Salgado	20	\$55.00
Cynthia Candrilli	16	\$25.00

Nurses – from Preferred Home Health Care and Nursing Services

School/Dates	# of Hours	Rate/Hr.
Pascack Valley/		
June 21 to August 27, 2021	183	\$65.00

School/Dates	# of Hours	Rate/Hr.
Pascack Hills/		
July 6 to August 26, 2021	167	\$65.00

- b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional summer employment for the Pascack Valley Regional special education extended school year program for LLD running from July 6 – 30, 2021, at the rate of \$55 per hour for Marcia Forte for 3.5 hours for 19 days.
- c. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional summer employment for the Richard Aponte, instructional aide, to allow student ID #809083 to attend Bergen County Special Services New Bridges High School Extended School Year Program running from June 28 – August 6, 2021, at his usual hourly rate for five hours per day.
- d. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional summer employment for the following staff members and program, at the rate of \$55 per hour:

CANVAS CAMP TRAINING:	Hours
Maria Hinrichsen	10
Kevin Killian	8
Virena Rossi	6

e. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional summer employment for the following staff members to provide CPR training for athletic coaches prior to July 1, 2021, at the rate of \$129 per class:

Name	School	Number of Classes
Mathew Bruh	PHHS	2
Frank Eufemia	PHHS	2
Lorrie Sandhage	PHHS	2
Dana Amato	PVHS	1

Tom Gallione	PVHS	2
Amy Lombardo	PVHS	3
Melissa Velez	PVHS	3

- f. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional summer employment for Sandra Hroncich, part-time nurse for Pascack Valley High School, for six days at her usual rate of pay.
- g. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional summer employment for Melissa Szabo, district substitute teacher, for five days at her usual rate of pay to prepare the Pascack Hills High School preschool classroom for the resumption of the program for the 2021-2022 school year.

5. Out-of-district Placements

a. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve part-time placement for the following students at Rockland BOCES, Nyack, NY, shared PM program, for the 2021-2022 school year, at the approximate rates listed:

Student ID	Tuition
#811105	\$19,329
#811090	12,369

b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve part-time placement for Student ID #811839 at Bergen County Technical School, shared AM program, as per the student's IEP, for an annual tuition of \$9,720.

6. Tuition Students Attending Milestones@PVR

a. **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 the Milestones@PVR Program for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student #	Grade 2021-2022	Sending District	Start Date
TBD	12	Mahwah	08/31/2021

b. **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 the Milestones@PVR for the 2021 Extended School Year program:

Student #	Grade 2021-2022	Sending District
TBD	12	Mahwah

7. Tuition Students Attending LLD Program

a. **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 the LLD program for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student #	Grade 2021-2022	Sending District	Start Date
TBD	9	Englewood	08/31/2021

b. **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 the LLD program for the 2021 Extended School Year program:

Student #	Grade 2021-2022	Sending District
TBD	9	Englewood

8. Nursing Services

- a. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve 1:1 nursing services provided by Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services for student ID #807898 at the hourly rate of \$53 per LPN, attending Bleshman Regional Day School for extended school year for the estimated total cost of \$7,632.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve 1:1 nursing services provided by Bayada Nursing Services for student ID #810647 at the hourly rate of \$55, attending The Phoenix Center for extended school year for the cost of \$4,620 and the 2021-2022 school year for the cost of \$39,600.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve 1:1 nursing services provided by Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services for student ID #811968 at the hourly rate of \$61 per RN or \$53 per LPN, attending CTC Academy for extended school year and the 2021-2022 school year for the estimated total cost of \$101,443.

9. Services Provided by Bergen County Special Services

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a 1:1 aide provided by Bergen County Special Services for student ID #811347 for the extended school year for the cost of \$5,000 and the 2021-2022 school year for the cost of \$49,500, for a total cost of \$54,500.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional therapies to be provided by Bergen County Special Services for out-of-district students for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Student	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
#809083	OT/1x week/46 weeks	\$65	\$2,990
#809083	Speech/1x week/46 weeks	65	2,990
#811347	PT/1x/week/40 weeks	65	2,600

c. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve applied behavioral services to be provided by Bergen County Special Services for student ID #809083 for the summer and 2021-2022 school year as follows, for a total cost of \$76,648:

Quantity	Hourly Cost	Total
1 hour/week ABA Consult/At Home	\$134	\$ 6,164
46 weeks		
10 hours/week home ABA	134	61,640
Parent Training 46 weeks		
10 hours/week total parent Training	134	8,040
6 weeks during summer		
1 hour/week ABA Consult	134	804
2 weeks during summer		

10. Services Provided by Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve services to be provided by Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions, Bergen County Special Services for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student ID - Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Audiologist services	130 sessions	\$165	\$21,450
for 4 students			
Progress reports	4 hours	165	660
Audiologist services for	6 hours	188	1,128
Student ID #811178			

Teacher of the Deaf: Educational Enterprises

11. 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 services for student IDs #809083, #811230 and #811347 for an approximate total of \$6,300 for the 2021-2022 school year.

12. Services Provided by Northern Valley Regional High School District

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Northern Valley Regional High School District to provide services for the following students for the 2021-2022 school year, for a total cost of \$10,205:

Student	Quantity	Cost Per Session	Total
811933 OT Services	1x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	\$65	\$2,600
81193 OT Services ESY	1x/wk. 30 min. 4 weeks	65	260
812472 OT Services	6x/month 10 months	65	3,900
812472 OT Services ESY	9x/month 1 month	65	585
812473 OT Services	1x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	65	2,600
812473 OT Services ESY	1x/wk. 30 min. 4 weeks	65	260

13. Services Provided by Region II

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve occupational therapy and physical therapy services to be provide by Region II for out of district students for the 2021-2022 school year, for a total cost of \$54,000:

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Student	Quantity	Cost Per Session	Total
811230 OT ESY	1x/wk. 30 min. 4 weeks	\$49	\$ 196
811230 PT ESY	1x/wk. 30 min. 4 weeks	49	196
811230 OT	1x/wk. 45 min. 40 weeks	98	3,920
811230 PT	2x/wk. 45 min. 40 weeks	98	7,840
811230 OT-Home	1x/wk. 60 min. 4 weeks	98	392
811230 PT-Home	1x/wk. 60 min. 4 weeks	98	392
810645 OT ESY	1x/wk. 30 min. 4 weeks	49	196
810645 OT	1x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	49	1,960
810643 OT	2x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	49	3,920
811347 OT Home	1x/wk. 60 min. 4 weeks	98	392
811347 PT Home	1x/wk. 60 min. 4 weeks	98	392
810929 OT Consult ESY	1x/mo. 30 min. 10 months	80	800
811920 NDPT-Home	4x/wk. 30 min. 8 weeks	107	3,424
ESY			
811920 NDPT	1x/wk. 60 min. 40 weeks	153	6,120
811920 NDPT	2x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	107	8,560
811920 NDPT	4x/mo. 45 min. 10 months	107	4,280
810713 OT Consult	2x/mo. 30 min. 10 months	159	3,180
812211 OT	1x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	49	1,960
812211 PT	1x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	49	1,960
812108 OT	1x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	49	1,960
812048 OT	1x/wk. 30 min. 40 weeks	49	1,960

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve ABA and social skills services provided by Region II for the 2021-2022 school year as follows, for a total cost of \$14,572:

Student ID: Service	Frequency	Cost	Total
#809770: ABA parent counseling and/or training	84 hours/year	\$38	\$3,192
#810775: ABA Home Program	4 x/wk x 60 min. 46 weeks	31	5,704
#810775: ABA Home Coordinator	2 x/mo x 60 min. 12 months	59	1,416

Student ID: Service	Frequency	Cost	Total
#810643: ABA parent counseling and/or training	20 hours/year	58	1,160
#811856: ABA parent counseling and/or training	20 hours/year	89	1,780
#811348: ABA parent counseling and/or training	24 hours/year	55	1,320

14. Independent Child Study Team Evaluator – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an independent child study team evaluator that will provide evaluations and direct services for Region II districts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Speech Therapist	Evaluation Rate	Hourly Service Rate for Speech Therapy and/or attending CST Meetings
Lucy Ramos	\$450	\$77 individual Sessions/Meeting Rate\$87 Group Sessions

15. Summer Employment – Region II

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Cynthia Cochran Cook, Region II full time salaried BCBA/Behavior Consultant, to work 20 days during the 2021 summer months, at 10% of her respective 10-month salary.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Mary Petrovici, Park Academy Coordinator, to work 10 days over the summer, at her per diem rate of \$450.

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Martin				\checkmark	Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES

Consent Agenda for Items 1-9

1. Resignations

- **a. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Angie DeLima, part-time Italian teacher at Pascack Valley High School and class advisor for the Class of 2022, effective June 30, 2021.
- **b. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Carol Marshall, plumber for the district, effective June 30, 2021.

2. New Hire

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Adam Ballard, science teacher for Pascack Hills High School effective August 30, 2021, at an annual salary of \$100,250, MA+30, Step 12, with health benefits.
- b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Benah Ezra, leave replacement mathematics teacher at Pascack Valley High School for Lauren Johnson from October 18, 2021 – March 4, 2022, at an annual salary of \$61,150, prorated, MA, step 2, with health benefits.

3. Mentor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Lorrie Sandhage, physical education teacher, as a mentor for new hire Tyler Johnson, physical education teacher at Pascack Hills High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

4. Change of Assignment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve extending Sanja Jackson as temporary lead evening custodian, for the 2021-2022 school year through a date to be determined.

5. Business Administrator / Board Secretary

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the 2021-2022 school year.

6. Leave of Absence

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

Name	Position	Requests:
Lauren Johnson	PVHS	Total Leave Period:
	Mathematics Teacher	October 18, 2021 – March 4, 2022
		Paid using 31 sick days
		FMLA/NJFLA
		December 6, 2021 – March 4, 2022
		Leave of Absence
		None

7. Co-curricular Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following cocurricular appointments for Pascack Valley High School for the 2021-2022 school year:

Club or Activity	Advisor	Stipend
Beekeeping Club	Kristen Lindstrom	\$1,530.00
Class of 2022 Advisor (50%)	Courtney Rems	2,625.50
Class of 2025 Advisors	Danielle deQuintal	1,377.50
(Shared)	Michael Sherman	1,377.50

8. Athletic Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of

Kevin Kirkby, head coach for the Pascack Hills High School baseball team for the 2021-2022 spring season.

9. Athletic Appointments

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 fall and winter seasons of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Martin				\checkmark	Weaver	\checkmark			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

IX. FINANCE

Consent Agenda Items 1 – 15

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 June 21, 2021	\$1,883,239.82
Payroll as of June 15, 2021	\$1,641,875.73
Payroll as of June 16, 2021	\$1,521,599.84
Total	\$5,046,715.39

2. Use of Title 1-A Funds under ESEA

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

3. Use of Title IV Funds under ESEA

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teacher, Brooke Schwartzman, to provide supplemental instruction to targeted students using Title IV funds under ESEA at a rate of \$55 per hour.

4. Use of ESSER II Grant

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teachers to provide Canvas Camp training to students this summer using ESSER II grant funds at a rate of \$55 per hour:

Maria Hinrichsen	Kevin Killian
Virena Rossi	

5. Use of ESSER II Grant – Summer Learning Acceleration Program

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following to provide a Summer Learning Acceleration Program to students using ESSER II grant funds at the following rates per hour:

Name	Rate/Hr.
Math	
Lauren Bucco	\$55.00
Juliet Fanik	\$55.00
Maria Hinrichsen	\$55.00
Lauren Johnson	\$55.00
Kevin Kirkby	\$55.00
Caitlin Murphy	\$55.00
Christina Rossi	\$55.00
English	
Jamie Kornitzer	\$55.00
Amy Maniscalco	\$55.00
Matthew Morone	\$55.00

Name	Rate/Hr.
Kate Overgaard	\$55.00
Rob Salgado	\$55.00
Cynthia Candrilli	\$25.00
Nurses	
School/Dates	Rate/Hr.
Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services	
Pascack Valley/June 21 to August 27, 2021	\$65.00
Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services	
Pascack Hills/July 6 to August 26, 2021	\$65.00

6. Phoenix Advisors, LLC

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approves Phoenix Advisors as the Continuing Disclosure Agent in the amount \$1,000 for the 2021-2022 school year and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services for general guidance at no charge.

7. IDEA Application Submission Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B) grant application for Fiscal Year 2022.

8. IDEA Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 Allocation Notice

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the IDEA Part B Fiscal Year 2022 funding in the amount of \$458,199 for the 2021 - 2022 school year, and

RESOLVED that a proportionate share of the grant in the amount of \$60,689 be set aside to provide services to students with disabilities parentally placed in non-public schools.

9. Nursing Services to Non-Public Students - Catapult Learning

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, renew the service contract

with Catapult Learning to provide non-public nursing services for the 2021-2022 school year. Such services shall be rendered pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 226 of the Laws of 1991, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education. Fees are determined by state allocation for non-public nursing services.

10. Award Courier Service

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education solicited quotes for the Courier Services for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years; and

WHEREAS, the Board received three (3) quotes.

WHEREAS, Aerostar Express submitted the lowest responsible quote in the amount of \$26,400 annually;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, award Aerostar Express for Courier Services for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years at the annual rate of \$26,400.

11. Establishment of the Pascack Hills High School Football Program Scholarship

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent accept a donation in the amount of \$17,889.02 from Nora Singleton, President of the Jr. Cowboys Football Booster Club to establish the Pascack Hills High School Football Program Scholarship.

12. Award Bid to Home Depot U.S.A., Inc.

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("the Board") advertised for bids for Builder's Hardware and Miscellaneous Building Maintenance Supplies All Schools ("Hardware and Supplies");

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2021, the Board received bids for the Hardware and Supplies;

WHEREAS, Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. ("Home Depot"), submitted the sole bid of fourteen percent (14%) discount off of www.jasmro.com ("Home Pro Institutional") prices for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with renewal options at the same discounted rate for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Home Depot is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board's desire to award the contract to Home Depot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for Hardware and Supplies to Home Depot U.S.A., for 14% off of www.jasmro.com ("Home Pro Institutional") prices for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with renewal options at the same discounted rate for the

period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

13. Transportation – Aid-in-Lieu Reimbursement for the 2nd Semester during 2020-2021 School Year for Non-Profit Private School Parents

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to NJ State Administrative Code 6A:27-2.3, approve the second semester (February 2021 – June 2021) pupil transportation aid-in-lieu reimbursement to non-profit private school district parents in the amount of \$91,705.35* of which \$56,701.15 is for high school district parents.

Pursuant to 18A:39-11, The Pascack Valley Regional High School District, on behalf of the Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale, and Woodcliff Lake Boards of Education, shall provide transportation bids through a (CTSA) Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, invoice the districts, and make payments on their behalf for elementary students attending non-profit private schools in the amount of \$35.004.20.

*As a result of COVID-19 school closings, and as authorized by the NJ Department of Education Commissioner on December 9, 2020, the aid-in-lieu of transportation reimbursement has been prorated to reflect the number of in-person instructional days the attending private school has provided for each district student. Since in-person instructional days will vary from school to school and between grades within a school, so will the costs of reimbursement between district parents. Students who have remained entirely remote will not be eligible to receive transportation reimbursement since no transportation was provided for them during the 2nd semester.

14. ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Submission – FY2022

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent authorize submission of the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Grant for the Fiscal Year 2022 for Pascack Valley Regional High School District and on behalf of St. Joseph Regional High School as follows:

Title	Description	Total	PVRHSD	St. Joe
			Share	Share
Title II, Part A	Teacher & Principal Training &	\$21,289	\$17,320	\$3,869
	Recruiting			
Title III	English Language Acquisition	\$1,997	\$1,997	\$0
	& Language Enhancement			
Title IV	Student Support & Academic	\$10,000	\$8,174	\$1,826
	Enrichment Program			
	TOTAL	\$33,186		

15. Special Education Transportation – Region II

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education accept the following special education transportation contract addenda for the 2020-2021 school year.

				Per Diem	Adjusted
				Increase/	Per Diem
Transporter	Contract	Rte #	Route	Decrease	Cost
Destiny 23	Q2123	Q2123	WWMS & Jessie George	80	340.00
			Tiered		

Mr. Weaver had a concern about an item that could potentially put the district in the middle of a legal dispute between two entities which he previously raised.

Motion to go into closed executive session at 7:54 p.m.

Moved by:	Weav	ver			Seconded by:	Blundy			
				VO					
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo				\checkmark	Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\square			
Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin				\checkmark	Weaver	\square			
Molinelli	\checkmark								

Motion to go back to open session at 8:12 p.m.

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Moved by:	Vargł	nese		Seconded by:			Fronte			
				V	OTE					
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	
Blundo				\checkmark	Stankus	\checkmark				
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark				
Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese	\checkmark				
Martin				\checkmark	Weaver	\checkmark				
Molinelli	\checkmark									

Motion to Table Item 11

Moved by:	Stankus				Seconded by:	Blundy			
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Blundo				\checkmark	Stankus	\checkmark			
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\square			
Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese	\checkmark			
Martin				\checkmark	Weaver			\checkmark	
Molinelli	\checkmark								

All Items except 11

Moved by:	Front	e			Seconded by:	Stank	us			
		VOTE								
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	
Blundo				\checkmark	Stankus	V				
Blundy	\checkmark				Stephans	\checkmark				
Fronte	\checkmark				Varghese	\checkmark				
Martin				\checkmark	Weaver	\checkmark				
Molinelli	\checkmark									

X. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Molinelli thanked Dr. Gundersen for his partnership especially through some difficult times. She mentioned his unwavering commitment for the best interest of kids. She thanked him for all of his years of service.

Mr. Weaver was disappointed that the Board had not discussed the gender inequality issue that was raised in the Trailblazer and he had mentioned at a previous meeting. He hoped that this will be part of the goal setting on the agenda at the August 4 Board Retreat. He mentioned that through social media posts one school has been purchasing items such as chairs, change scoreboard signs, etc. He said he is disappointed that the two schools are not working in the same timeframe of ordering/purchasing these items. He mentioned that all the items related to rebranding has been ordered by Hills and nothing thus far by Valley. He indicated that the scoreboard (approximately \$28,000)

replacement at Hills was originally for sign (approximately \$4,000) replacement. He understood that the scoreboard needed to be replaced, but it should have come from a different line item. He said we have exceeded the original moderate budget. He also asked if corporate/business donations were sought since they have done so in the past for items. He added that at a Finance Committee Meeting there was discussion about what other items could be purchased for classrooms, arts, or extra-curricular with the extra funds that students could look forward to next year.

Ms. Molinelli reviewed Mr. Weaver's requests of gender inequality, similar timelines for rebranding for the two schools, price differential of the scoreboard than the original, and the agenda for the board retreat.

Dr. Gundersen confirmed that the scoreboard was not on the original list. It was replaced because of technical malfunctions and the decision was an administrative one. Donations were not sought, but that may be possible for other equipment going forward. He indicated that the outgoing athletic director at Hills wanted to have the orders in before he retired, so the new athletic director could focus on athletics instead of rebranding. He said he is certain that Valley is moving forward and he would confirm. Mr. Usami commented that the Valley athletic director is researching and obtaining quotes and the athletic director understands that the orders must be submitted prior to July 1 to use this year's funds.

Mr. Weaver indicated that he was not criticizing anyone. He mentioned that it looks best when both schools are moving at the same pace, especially at graduation when people can see the change. His understanding was that we were waiting for the consultant's recommendations on how to use the logo design and mascot names before moving forward. He mentioned the chairs with Broncos on them and not knowing which logo or design will be on uniforms. He thought the district was waiting on the consultant's recommendations.

Dr. Gundersen said he could get more information to Mr. Weaver as to the discussions that the consultant and the director of communications had on the subject.

Mr. Weaver said the consultant for the logo was to recommend where and how to place the logo. He gave an example of the banners in front of Pascack Valley that does not have an Indian reference while the banners at Pascack Hills has Cowboy reference. Will the banners have a mascot reference at Hills or will it be similar to Valley. He also mentioned the sign, "Home of the Cowboys", now "Home of the Broncos", on the press box and is it necessary if there is a sign on the scoreboard. He wondered if the money is being spent on the wisest places. He believes the consultant's report would recommend the use of the logos, where they should be placed and aligned with both schools.

Dr. Blundy recalled from the last meeting that there was an issue with the font and the color code.

Dr. Gundersen indicated that on items like chairs the brown color is the brown color. The specific color codes would apply to stationery and the website.

Mr. Weaver asked what other items besides rebranding can the students look forward to in the Fall.

Dr. Gundersen commented that in the Spring, Dr. Bachenheimer provided an overview of the technology being purchased for this year and used this year for hybrid learning in mathematics and world language. He said he would share the items with the Board in the Friday Briefing.

Mr. Fronte believed some of it was technology, 8th period and supplemental instruction for students who needed extra help.

Mr. Usami added a mobile stage and the courtyard at Valley for landscaping, tables and benches to make it an outdoor learning area or an area for kids to eat. He added that Mr. Puccio also requested furniture for classrooms and other areas which will be purchased with this year's funds and in place for the Fall.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Molinelli mentioned the upcoming board retreat and requested any ideas for the agenda from the board members. She indicated that the interim superintendent will begin July 1 and will schedule meetings with each member. She encouraged board members to ask administration questions.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments and are limited to five minutes, according to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education policy number 0167. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address.

Carolee Adams of Montvale asked if the retreat is open to the public and when, where and what time.

Ms. Molinelli indicated that it will be on the morning of August 4 at Pascack Hills and will be published/posted. It is open to the public.

Ms. Adams mentioned two New Jersey School Boards Association meetings on June 30 and July 22, both pertaining to school law. She asked if any board members will be attending.

Ms. Molinelli said that she and Ms. Stephans have tried to register. She did not know who will be attending, but she will find out.

Ms. Stephans indicated that she registered for both, but they were postponed. She will try again.

Ms. Adams discussed biological females who feel that they lost opportunities to males identifying as females. She asked that the Board discuss this. She added that Ms. Molinelli mentioned the trying times on certain matters, but she did not mention academics. She hoped that time would not be spent unnecessarily on similar topics and focus attention on academics in the future.

Ms. Molinelli confirmed that academics is the number one priority.

Shirell Gross of River Vale thanked the members for their work as volunteers. She added her gratitude to Ms. Molinelli and Dr. Gundersen for their work and their professionalism. She added that the Board may want to consider having a closed session with former students of color to gain better knowledge of their experience. She offered her support in any way to assist the district.

Jan Eggers of Montvale thanked Dr. Gundersen for his years of service. He gave full support to Ms. Molinelli and thanked her for her service. He added that transgender females are females first and transgender second.

Eli Moallem of River Vale commented that the community has been painted in a very bad light. He indicated that the community has some of the nicest families on earth. He mentioned that his community is full of great people and the community is color blind. He added that it doesn't mean there are not bad people in the world. He commented that teaching kids that self-worth is dependent on others then we have failed. He empathized with Ms. Gross. He mentioned that his Jewish kids experienced hate as have Asians and special needs kids. He commented that if his kids knew what Ms. Gross' son experienced there would have been an army of students protecting him. He asked to leave the parenting to the parents and do not rob the kids of an education. He indicated that he will run for the Board and his platform will be focus on excellence in education. He wants to transform the district into a career superhighway. He mentioned that his older kids experienced great things and he wants to build on that. He wants to respect the taxpayer and get away from the initiatives that the Board focused on. He does not think it is right that some people know what is in his heart. He encouraged others to run for the Board.

Aaron Solomon a Pascack Hills student congratulated and thanked Dr. Gundersen. He mentioned that Pascack Valley has had two auditorium renovations in the time Pascack Hills has had one. He mentioned the lights and stage needing an upgrade. He added that equity is not disrupting education.

Ms. Molinelli indicated that the auditorium is in the 5-year plan.

Mr. Fronte thought it was scheduled in three years.

Mr. Usami did not know exactly when and they had a walk-through of the buildings with the principals and discussed the auditorium renovations. He indicated a ballpark cost is about \$1 million. He said the renovation would be done all at one time to integrate all components and not piecemeal which could cause issues.

Mrs. Varghese asked to check if the lighting is a fire hazard and Dr. Gundersen said they would, but they do not allow things to operate if it's a fire hazard.

David Steinberg of Woodcliff Lake thanked Dr. Gundersen for his service and commitment to the students. He commented that Dr. Gundersen and his team created an environment for learning and to think outside the box and encouraged them to take chances. He wished him the best. He was disappointed to hear that some people are questioning grades and academics. He said as board member he heard comments about sports especially during the pandemic as to when sports would start. He commented that the kids are doing very well and the people may want to look at the middle school scores as well. He thanked Ms. Molinelli for her transparency, enthusiasm and encouraging board members to share their opinions.

Councilman Anthony DeRosa of Hillsdale asked if there has been any further discussion about keeping the hybrid format for board meetings and if not, to place it on the retreat agenda. Ms. Molinelli confirmed that it will be on the agenda. Mr. DeRosa thanked all school staff for what they did during the school year. He thanked Dr. Gundersen and the Board for what they do for the community.

Ms. Molinelli recognized three board members who had graduates. She mentioned Mr. Blundo's daughter, Mr. Stankus' daughter and Mrs. Martin's son and recognized their outstanding performance.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the public session at 8:58 p.m. Mr. Fronte seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

you Usami

Yas Usami Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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