

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

February 10, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Auditorium.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Blundo, Board Member.

Present: Mr. Joseph Blundo
Mr. Michael Fronte
Mr. Brian Hallowell
Mr. Kenneth Ralph
Mr. Arnold Scher
Mr. James Stankus
Mr. David Steinberg

Absent: Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President

Also present: Dr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent
Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Representatives: Sean Sheikowitz – PHHS; Kaila Saladino – PVHS
Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Blundo led all those present in a salute to the flag.

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.

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.

- 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 #811154 admitted to High Focus Center, Glassboro, NJ on January 28, 2020. Services are being provided by Professional Education Services Inc. for 10 hours per week at \$55 per hour for approximately six to eight weeks.

3. Additional Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional hours for five (5) district instructional aides and/or 1:1 aides, at the teacher assistant hourly rate of \$27.25, to accompany eight (8) students, as per their IEPs, to participate on the Pascack Hills High School spring track team, for approximately 48 hours for the 2019-2020 spring season.

4. Tuition Students for Park Academy – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following tuition paying students to attend Park Academy middle school program for the 2019-2020 school year:

Student ID	Sending District	Grade	Start Date
#811909	Dumont Publics Schools	5	2/4/2020
#811911	Lodi Public Schools	7	2/4/2020

5. Summer School Program Service Provider – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Zensational Kids for three days of services provided to students attending the Region II Summer School program in July 2019 at a total cost of \$540.

Moved by: Scher

Seconded by: Stankus

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ralph	<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"/>	Scher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fronte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hallowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steinberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Molinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 6

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 Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2020.

2. New Hire

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Caroline Gangi, leave replacement social worker at Park Academy for Brittany Gallagher from April 23 – October 21, 2020, at an annual salary of \$58,500, prorated, MA, step 1, with health benefits.

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, modify the approval of Melissa Szabo, leave replacement family and consumer science 4/5ths teacher at Pascack Valley High School from Jessica Andersen from **February 3** – May 21, 2020, at the rate of \$216 per day, without health benefits.

3. Home Instructor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Emily Donovan as a home instructor for the 2019-2020 school year.

4. Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Frank Cherichello as a substitute teacher for the district for the 2019-2020 school year.

5. Athletic Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Judy Lucia as assistant coach for the Pascack Valley High School softball team for the 2019-2020 spring season.

6. Athletics Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following athletics appointments for the boys lacrosse team for the 2019-2020 spring season:

Name	Position	Step	Stipend
<u>Sean Bannon</u>	Assistant Coach	1 – 70%	\$4,308.50
<u>Ryan Kennelly</u>	Assistant Coach	2 – 30%	\$1,974.00

Moved by: Scher

Seconded by: Stankus

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ralph	<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"/>	Scher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Hallowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steinberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Molinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Blundo read item #1 into the record. He, Dr. Gundersen and Mr. Steinberg commented on Ms. Baxley's contributions to the district. Mr. Blundo also commented that Melissa Szabo is a Pascack Hills alumnus.

IX. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 4

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 10, 2020	\$987,017.73
Payroll as of January 31, 2020	\$1,560,559.83
Total	\$2,547,577.56

2. Approve Delta Dental

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the contract with Delta Dental for the period February 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

3. Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2020-21 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having 40 or fewer Medicaid eligible classified students and the participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2020-21 budget year.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Gundersen said it was a successful visit from students from Taiwan. We also have a few students from Nigeria visiting to participate in the robotics program.

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.

Mr. Anthony DeRosa, liaison to the borough, asked Ms. Baxley about enrollment and about the PV track project. She responded that plans would be discussed at the next buildings and grounds meeting at the end of this month.

XIII. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet in the Media Center at Pascack Hills High School, 225 W. Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ, for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Meeting.

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has been formed pursuant to applicable New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with the responsibility of performing all acts and doing all things, consistent with law and the rules of the State Board of Education, necessary for the lawful and proper conduct, equipment and maintenance of the public schools and public school property of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Opening Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10-4-12) permits the exclusion of the public (“Executive Session”) from a meeting of the Board in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that circumstances exist for such an Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found the action described below to be necessary and proper;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board on the date indicated above that:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on the Executive Session herein set forth.
2. The subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 1. Possible HIB

3. The Board will not return to the Regular Board Meeting, will take no action, and will adjourn from executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Hallowell to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Baxley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pamela Baxley

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

