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.

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.

To inspect or obtain a copy of any public record required to be made available under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, Examination and Copies of Public Records, please contact Ms. Pamela Baxley, 28 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645.

Copies of all public meeting agendas are online on the district website: http://www.pascack.org

III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing copies of said notice to The Record, filing copies of said notice with the municipal clerks of Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale, and Woodcliff Lake, and publishing said notice in The Record on May 21, 2019.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

One Agenda Item

1. Minutes

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

January 27, 2020	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
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Moved by:	Hallo	well			Seconded by:	Scher			
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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.

VI. POLICY

One Agenda Item

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:

P. Erik Gundersen	Christie Rossig

Moved by:	Scher				Seconded by:	Hallo	well		
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VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1-5

1. Overnight Trip

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School girls basketball team, coaches, and if necessary chaperones, for an overnight trip to <u>Villanova University</u> in Villanova, PA for a basketball event and campus tour, from February 23-24, 2020.

2. Bedside/Home/Supplemental Instruction

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction provided by a board approved home instructor in mathematics for student ID #810992, as per their IEP, for 2 hours per week, from February 11 – June 12, 2020.

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.

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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 <u>Caroline Gangi</u>, 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
Sean Bannon	Assistant Coach	1 – 70%	\$4,308.50
Ryan Kennelly	Assistant Coach	2 – 30%	\$1,974.00

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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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2020–21 school year.

4. Donation

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

Date	Donor	Donation	Club or Group
2/3/20	Orange & Rockland	\$10,000	Robotics

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Mr. Steinberg thanked Orange and Rockland for their generous donation. Dr. Gundersen spoke of their generosity in the area of robotics.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Board Committee Reports: Curriculum Committee Report, Finance Committee, Negotiations Committee

Mr. Stankus reported on the curriculum committee meeting from last week. The committee discussed special education programs, QSAC, which will occur in September of 2020, and then went on to LGBTQ and the disability requirement for an inclusion mandate for the curriculum. Real world learning was discussed along with curricular connections to work skills in Social Studies and English. Fine performing arts and 21st century standards were discussed along with band and choir requirements, pilot programs for 9th grade math and 10th grade English for remediation. The technology plan including the PV dashboard was discussed.

Ms. Baxley gave a brief recap of the finance committee presentation, which was sent via email as a result of members being out of town.

Mr. Steinberg gave an update of the negotiations process.

Dr. Gundersen gave an update of the search for principals as requested by Mr. Scher.

Mr. Stankus asked how the interview process will be handled for the band director. Dr. Gundersen explained.

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

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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,

Pamela Baxley

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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