

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

September 23, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, September 23, 2019 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 Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President.

Present: Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
Mr. Michael Fronte
Mr. Kenneth Ralph
Mr. Arnold Scher
Mr. James Stankus

Absent: Mr. Joseph Blundo
Mr. Brian Hallowell
Mr. David Steinberg

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

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

Meeting Regulations

During this regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited. The second opportunity will occur just prior to adjournment, when residents may address general comments to the Board with time limits being at the discretion of the President.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings, including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard, if at all, who may speak, and for how long.

All such rules shall be monitored by the President unless the majority of the Board present and voting, rule otherwise.

Comments and questions shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to sit down.

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<http://www.pascack.org>*

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

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Dr. P. Erik Gundersen

I would like to thank our summer staff members, administrative team, and counselors who worked throughout the summer to make the launch of the '19 – '20 school year a success! The smooth opening of the school year is because of their efforts to fully prepare our building and systems for students and staff.

For the third straight year our school counseling staff was staffed throughout the summer to provide resolutions to scheduling conflicts, assist students with emotional / mental health assistance, conduct individual freshman conferences for students and their parents, and offer seniors "college application boot camps" all prior to the beginning of the school year.

This evening we had the pleasure of welcoming the newest members of our professional staff to our district and celebrate the work that our newly tenured staff members have been engaged in over the past four years. I am pleased to say that our district is able to attract a wide pool of candidates, select those who we believe will be the best fit for our students and district, and invest in their growth throughout their entire career in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

I am proud to say that this district's investment in their staff pays huge dividends for our students and our community.

Thus concludes the Superintendent's Report for September 23, 2019.

Student Reports:

Sean Sheikowitz – Pascack Hills High School

Classroom Items

Freshman Orientation

Freshman Orientation was a blast this year! We had the Peer Leaders work with a group of freshmen and play some ice breakers as well as talk to them and give them the opportunity to ask questions. We then all rejoined in the gym for some big games and this allowed us to bring everyone together and get them excited about this new start!

Local Poet Cheryl Racanelli Teaches Freshman English Students About Poetry

On September 6th, local poet Cheryl Racanelli visited Pascack Hills High School to teach students the importance of having one good poem that can transform your reality. With fun group poem-writing activities, this visit helped to educate our new students in an entertaining and collaborative way!

Pep Rally

The pep rally this year was so fun, starting with spirit weeks themes like USA day, neon day, cowboy crazy/western day, jersey day, and then the pep rally where each grade wore their respective color! The seniors, of course, won spirit week and everyone had a blast cheering in the gym for all the fun activities at the pep rally!

Co-Curricular Items

Miss Bergen County's Outstanding Teen

At the very start of the school year, Pascack Hills Junior Diana Natalicchio was named "Miss Bergen County's Outstanding Teen"! She will move on to the state level of this talent, fitness, and interview competition in January. The Pascack Hills community is so proud of her and all of her accomplishments!

Back to School Night

On September 19th, Pascack Hills hosted its annual back-to-school night! We had an amazing turnout, and all of the parents of the Pascack Hills Community had the opportunity to learn more about what their students will be learning inside the classroom from their teachers. In addition, many clubs and organizations of Pascack Hills had high sales in the fundraising that occurred at back to school night!

NHS Food Drive

The students apart of the Pascack Hills National Honors Society is sponsoring a food drive benefiting The River Vale Food Pantry for the month of September! During this time, the NHS students will be collecting any and all non-perishable food items for donation in order to help better the lives of many families both locally and regionally!

Athletic Items

PHHS Girls Soccer Takes a Win!

The Pascack Hills girls' soccer team takes down Northern Valley Demarest on September 18th in a 4-3 match that went into double overtime! This is a huge win for the program. Congratulations ladies!

Sofia Abbruzzesi Named Player of the Game!

Pascack Hills girls' soccer team member #5 Sofia Abbruzzesi was named Player of the Game for the Pascack Hills vs. Northern Valley Demarest match on September 18th by Fios1 Sports. She was interviewed and explains how she won the game-winning goal with 4 minutes and 40 seconds left in double overtime. Good job Sofia!

PHHS Girls Volleyball Takes a Win!

The Pascack Hills girls' volleyball team won the Gold bracket at the Clarkstown South volleyball tournament on September 21st! It was an exciting day for the team filled with so much improvement, talent, and good-spirits! Congrats girls!

Academic Awards

None.

Fun Fact

Fun Fact: The Pascack Hills class of 2020 continued an annual tradition of painting their cars on opening day with fun Hills Pride slogans! Students took pictures before the school day began to show their excitement for being Seniors!

Thank you, and thus concludes my report to the Board of Education for September 2019.

Kaila Saladino – Pascack Valley High School

Classroom Items

Classroom Item #1 = Pascack Valley Chamber Choir took part in the 9/11 ceremony in Hillsdale. Pascack Valley chamber choir members did a beautiful job performing three patriotic songs and moved many of those present to tears. It was a touching night of remembrance and our students felt proud of being a part of this special night.

Classroom Item #2 = The PV Preschool will host its Open House on September 26 and the first day of Preschool is October 8. Good luck to all Preschool students on a wonderful school year.

Co-Curricular Items

Co-curricular Item #1 = The Interact Club held its first meeting and began planning the events for the upcoming school year. The first project that the club has begun is our annual food drive for the local food pantries.

Co-curricular Item #2 = The Class Council for 2022 sold green merchandise such as necklaces and bandanas prior to the first home football game to help spread school spirit. On September 25, the sophomores will host a Cuban Eddie's empanada sale during Pascaack Period and on September 26 will have a fundraiser at Mooyah. Be sure you support the Sophomore Class Council at both upcoming fundraisers.

Athletic Items

Athletic Item #1 = Congratulations to Coach Amy Lombardo on earning her 100th career victory on September 5 when Pascaack Valley Girls Soccer beat Northern Highlands to open the season. This was a remarkable victory, highlighted by Coach Lombardo's career milestone. Congrats to Coach Lombardo and the entire Girls Soccer team.

Athletic Item #2 = Congratulations to Coach Jeff Jasper on two exceptional honors. Coach Jasper was named to the NJ.com Top 99 New Jersey High School Coaches of All Time. The NJ.com list covers the entire history of high school athletics for New Jersey. This is a tremendous honor that celebrates Coach Jasper's overall impact on not only athletics at Pascaack Valley, but also the history of the entire state. Also, Coach Jasper is being recognized by the Dan Finn Foundation, giving Coach Jasper the Bob Hurley Award for Excellence. This prestigious award reflects the standard of excellence Coach Jasper has created in the classroom and on the court at Pascaack Valley for over 40 years. Congratulations to Coach Jasper on both well deserved honors.

Athletic Item #3 = Stephen Begen, starting quarterback for the Pascaack Valley Football team, is a Week 2 nominee for the USA Football Heart of a Giant Award, presented by the Hospital for Special Surgery and the New York Giants. Stephen will now compete against fellow Week 2 nominees to become one of the finalists that will have the opportunity to win a \$10,000 equipment donation for PV's Football program. You can vote at <https://usafootball.com/hoagvote/> Voting closes on October 6. Good luck to Stephen and congratulations on this tremendous nomination.

Academic Awards

Academic Awards - All

The Smoke Signal recently received two glowing critiques from major national journalism organizations. The National Scholastic Press Association gave The Smoke Signal a First Class Rating with a mark of distinction in the Content and Coverage category. In addition, Quill and Scroll gave The Smoke Signal its top rating of superior in all five categories and recognized it as a George H. Gallup Award winner, making it one

hourly rate of \$60, 5.5 hours per week, for the 2019-2020 school year, effective September 27, without health benefits.

2. 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:
Moriyah Squitieri	PVHS Special Services	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> December 23, 2019 – March 27, 2020 Paid using 20 sick days <u>FMLA/NJFLA</u> January 20 – March 27, 2020 <u>Leave of Absence</u> None

3. Substitute Nurse for Overnight Trip

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Charina Ballesteros to travel as a licensed nurse on the Pascack Valley choir trip to Lisbon, Portugal from April 16-20, 2020 at the rate of \$320 per day.

4. Substitute Teachers, Custodian

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following substitutes for the district:

Name	Type of Substitute
<u>Karen Jones</u>	New – Substitute Teacher
<u>Christopher Tocci</u>	New – Substitute Custodian

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Kelly Sullivan, part-time aide at Milestones, as a substitute teacher for Milestones at her usual hourly rate, outside of her scheduled hours, for the 2019-2020 school year.

5. Co-curricular Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following co-curricular appointments:

Club or Activity	Advisor(s)	School	Stipend
<u>Environmental Club</u>	Kristen Lindstrom Michela Piccoline	PVHS	\$765 765

Club or Activity	Advisor(s)	School	Stipend
<u>Musical Orchestra Director</u>	Kevin Lynch	PHHS	\$3,520

6. 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 Mark Bannon as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School boys lacrosse team for the 2019-2020 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 Craig Buckley as head coach for the Pascack Valley High School boys lacrosse team for the 2019-2020 spring season.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Matthew Will as assistant coach for the Pascack Valley High School lacrosse team for the 2019-2020 spring season.

7. Athletic Appointments

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Daniel Apice as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School boys' basketball team for a stipend of \$7,525, step 3, for the 2019-2020 winter season.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Lindsay Jachens as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School girls' lacrosse team for a stipend of \$7,110, step 3, for the 2019-2020 spring season.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Matthew Will as head coach for the Pascack Valley High School boys' lacrosse team for a stipend of \$9,440, step 3, for the 2019-2020 spring season.

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 2019-2020 school year:

Name	School	Activity
<u>Barbara Bressler</u>	District	Robotics
<u>Melissa Gargiulo</u>	PVHS	Theatre
<u>Christine Lafferty</u>	District	Robotics
<u>Steve Mertz</u>	District	Robotics

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 July 2019 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 July 2019 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. Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training Agreement Between Region II and Non-Member Districts

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and the Non-Member Districts for Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Allendale	Cliffside Park	Cresskill	Demarest
Dumont	Englewood	Franklin Lakes	Glen Rock
Mahwah	Midland Park	Oakland	Ramsey
Ridgewood	River Edge	Saddle River	South Hackensack
Teaneck	Tenafly	Upper Saddle River	Waldwick
Wall Township	West Milford	Woodcliff Lake	Wyckoff
Northern Highlands		Northern Valley	

5. Interstate Waste Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the second year of the agreement with Interstate Waste Services for trash removal and recycling services for the 2019-2020 school year.

6. Shared Services Agreement – Montvale SLEO IIIs

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Montvale and Pascack Valley Regional High School District concerning the hiring and placement of special police officer SLEO IIIs at Pascack Hills High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

7. Pascack Hills PFA Donation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, gratefully accept the donation of goods and services from the Pascack Hills PFA listed in the amount of

\$5,347 bestowed upon the Pascack Hills faculty for use in their 2019-20 teaching efforts.

Faculty	Project	Amount Granted
G.Mangold	HERO program during RESPECT Week	\$1,000.00
P.White	Reading event materials	\$ 300.00
N.Macke	Two CL4M Mini Centrifuges	\$ 998.00
S.Papa	Cardio rowing machine	\$1,600.00
D.Garretson	Canon zoom lens	\$1,349.00
V.Rossi	Additional book titles	\$ 100.00

Moved by: Scher

Seconded by: Bissinger

VOTE

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

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Scher asked how the air conditioning door situation is working at the schools. Dr. Gundersen explained that the D Wing project is not yet finished but is moving along.

Mr. Scher asked how the bee enclosure is coming along. Dr. Gundersen replied that the bees will not be installed until next spring but the enclosure is finished. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled in the spring.

Mr. Scher asked if we have gotten updates from Ms. Safari regarding her travels. The superintendent explained that she will be presenting to the board or providing information shortly.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Gundersen complimented the two student representatives on their reports.

Mr. Fronte saw the Pioneers engaged in fund raising on Saturday.


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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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