

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

October 28, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, October 28, 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 media center at 6:30 p.m. by Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President.

Present: Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
Mr. Joseph Blundo
Mr. Brian Hallowell
Mr. Kenneth Ralph
Mr. Arnold Scher
Mr. James Stankus arrived at 6:52 p.m.
Mr. David Steinberg arrived at 6:54 p.m.

Absent: Mr. Michael Fronte

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>*

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT 6:30 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Blundo to enter into an executive session at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. 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 HIBs.
 2. Personnel matter
3. The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
4. Official action may or may not be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Blundo to reconvene into the public meeting at 7:24 p.m. Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

At this time the meeting resumed in the auditorium.

Also present at that time were:

Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Sean Sheikowitz – PHHS student representative

Kaila Saladino – PVHS student representative

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 and October 25, 2019.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Dr. P. Erik Gundersen

Happy Diwali! We have seen Diwali on display in the Media Center at both PV & PH. A sincere thank you to Kareena Shah one of our PV students for taking the lead in working with our media center specialist and aides to set up a celebratory, informative and delicious cultural display. This was done in an effort to educate our students and staff members on the meaning of Diwali. I, along with the mayor of Hillsdale had the opportunity to visit the media center today and taste some of the delicious food that is made for Diwali. I look forward to future celebrations!

Equity and Inclusivity training is continuing throughout the district this month. We have had a committee of teachers participating with the North Jersey Consortium on Equity and small groups of teachers have participated in implicit bias training – in district. Also, I must thank the teachers who spearheaded training for our staff during our October professional development day. Finally, we are working with our municipal leaders to continue to promote Unity in the Valley efforts!

Earlier this month I had the opportunity to visit the National Press Club in Washington DC for the League of Innovative School Meeting. The topic of equity in innovation is a driving force of the League. In addition, our participating as a pilot district for the League's "Real World Learning Initiative" has resulted in some powerful tools for teachers to use in the classroom to educate students about the careers they may experience after high school and college.

We are continuing to pilot several app solutions regarding student wellness. Several alumni are working with us to test their solutions in our district and we are also beginning to work with a Finnish company to monitor and improve school culture and climate using an app. More to follow as we continue to investigate these potential solutions.

We continue to be moving forward with the difficult work that we are engaged in and I sincerely thank the Board for its support with our efforts to improve student outcomes and experiences for all students.

Thus concludes the Superintendent's Report for October 28, 2019.

Student Reports:

Kaila Saladino – Pascack Valley High School

Classroom Items:

The PV Preschool is off to a great start. The high school students have taken on the role of teacher, educating the children about the first couple of letters of the alphabet, as well as performing educational lessons about apples, fire safety, and the fall season. We look forward to future lessons for our preschool students.

The World Language Department will host the World Language Honors Ceremony on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. We will recognize Pascack Valley students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy and induct students into the Chinese, French, Italian and Spanish Language Honor Societies. All are welcome to attend! Refreshments will be served!

On Monday, November 4, fourteen students from Mr. Sherman's Advanced Video Production classes will be traveling to Los Angeles to get a better look at careers in the film and media industry. A few places they will be visiting are Warner Brothers Studios, Universal Studios, iconic film museums and landmarks. The students are very excited about the trip and can't thank the Board of Education enough for their continued support of the Video Production program.

Co-Curricular Items:

The Interact Club has been very busy planning and hosting events. We have completed a Food Drive to stock the local food pantries, The Bag A Lunch, Help A Bunch project for Table to Table, and a Bake Sale to raise funds for Christmas presents for the children at the Center for Hope and Safety.

The PV Network and PAW Club worked collaboratively to raise funds for Tevaland Sanctuary Farm. The members of the clubs held a bake sale before school. They raised over \$300 for the 150 animals living on the farm.

The Pascack Valley National Honor Society will be running its annual Thanksgiving food drive starting in November. This year, we are committed to compiling and providing

ten full Thanksgiving meals to local families. Any Thanksgiving food donations or monetary donations are welcome.

Athletic Items:

The Pascack Valley Regional Gymnastics Team won the Bergen County Tournament for the 2nd year in a row. This a tremendous accomplishment for the team to repeat as County Champs. In addition, the Gymnastics Team took second in the North 1 League Tournament. The athletes should be commended on a job well done after a long season of hard work, sportsmanship, and commitment.

Congratulations to the Pascack Valley Boys Soccer team for winning the Big North Conference Patriot Division. Congratulations also to the Pascack Valley Football team for winning the Patriot Gold Division. Earning the League Titles for both teams was a team effort over the course of truly successful seasons. Congratulations to both teams on earning League Titles.

Congratulations to Pascack Valley's Jake Williams on being named the Male Athlete of the Week by The Record (northjersey.com) for the week of October 21. Jake's contributions to the Football team have been pivotal to the team's success throughout the season. Congratulations to Jake and the entire Football Team on this well deserved honor.

Fun Fact:

Be sure you come out to see the annual Halloween Talent Show on October 30th at 7pm in the PV Auditorium.

Thus concludes my report to the Board of Education for October 2019.

Sean Sheikowitz – Pascack Hills High School

Classroom Items:

Trip to MetLife Stadium - Ms. Gamgort's Business Students enjoyed a day at MetLife Stadium on October 10th where forty seven students had the opportunity to meet with executives to discuss the business aspects of running a sports team. The class found it really fun to be able to apply sports to what they're learning inside the classroom!

Trip to Hamilton - New Jersey The art and photography students at Hills had the opportunity to visit the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey on October 17th. This awesome spectacle gave students the chance to see how professionals are even applying the skills they are learning in their own art and photography classes!

Trailblazer Trip to Rutgers University today, October 28th, - The Pascack Hills school newspaper called The Trailblazer took a trip to Rutgers University where they had the opportunity to listen to several professional keynote speakers who advised them on how to make our school newspaper the best it could be! They also had the chance to hear

about the New Voices Bill that NJ is trying to pass which protects student journalists' first amendment rights.

WCL and Montvale PD Organized Health-Class Event - The WCL and Montvale PD orchestrated the fatal vision goggle driving activity during grade 10 and 11 PE classes all day today, October 28th, in order to teach students about the dangers of driving under the influence. The Hills community would like to give a special shoutout to WCL PD Sgt Jim Foley for taking the time to organize this event!

Co-Curricular Items:

Leadership Summit On October 10th - The members of the Pascack Hills GSA participated in the all-day Leadership Summit at Bergen Community College, where students apart of the LGBTQ+ community as well as straight allies met to discuss problems with prejudice within the school communities of Bergen County as well as some ideas for how to fix those issues!

Out of the Darkness Walk - The PH Cares club hosted a successful second Out of the Darkness Walk at Saddle Brook. The walk was to raise awareness for suicide prevention as well as to raise money for the America Foundation for Suicide Prevention. In total, the PH Cares club was able to raise \$1,555 so far! If you would like to donate, you can visit afsp.donordrive.com.

Bergen County Choir Congratulations to Madeline Leibman, Ariel Sharon, Shariyan Then, and Edward Walker on being accepted into the 2019-2020 Bergen County Choir on October 25th — a choir that only accepts singers with the best voices in the county! Good job guys!

Environmental Club Trip to Bergen Community College today, October 28th - Leaders of the Environmental Club along with Mr. Shields were on hand at BCC to receive a grant from the Bergen County Utilities Authority for their work on developing a single station recycling program at Hills. Good job guys!

Athletic Items:

A Win for PVR Gymnastics - Congratulations to the PVR gymnastics team on repeating as county champions! Also, a huge congratulations to Hills senior Maya Horowitz and Hallie Wikfors for competing in the last league championship meet of their amazing high school careers! The Hills community is so proud of you girls!

1st Team All-League Cross Country - Congratulations to 1st Team All-League Cross Country recipient Sylvie Najarian, Miranda Luo, Olivia Chin, and Chris Gamgort! We are so proud of all of your efforts and how much you've contributed to the Pascack Hills Cross Country team over the season!

Girls Tennis Takes a Win - Girls Tennis wins the division title in a 3-way tie with Mahwah and Ramsey. Hills replaced 5 of 7 starters from last seasons lineup and beat both Ramsey and Mahwah in the 2nd match of the season this year. Great job ladies!

Girls Volleyball Takes a Win - Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball team on moving on the county semifinals for the third time in ten years after winning the second set 25-22

and match 2-0. The Hills community is so proud of you guys and how much work you've put into this accomplishment!

Academic Awards:

NHS Inductees - The Pascack Hills community would like to congratulate all of our new National Honors Society inductees on their induction that was held in the PHHS auditorium on October 23rd.

NJ STEM League Award - The Pascack Hills STEM Team took the first place prize in the NJ STEM League competition at Northern Valley Old Tappan on October 25th. Special shout out to seniors Nick Dimassimo and Kelly McCarty!

Pascack Hills Debate Earns Awards- Congratulations to Hills Varsity debaters Sydney Schair and Jared Solon for earning the Second Place prize at the recent Varsity Debate at Ramsey High School on October 24th, as well as a congratulations to Jared Solon for earning a third place speakers award.

Fun Fact:

On October 12th, members of the Pascack Hills class of 1969 toured the campus as part of their 50th reunion weekend. The Hills community was excited to welcome them back for a visit!

Joke of the Day:

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite!

Thus concludes my report to the Board of Education for October 2019

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:

October 14, 2019	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
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Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Scher

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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

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

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 2

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 pre-authorizations for the following:

<u>Enrico Attanasio</u>	<u>Courtney Rems</u>	<u>Francesca Silvano</u>
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2. Policies and Regulations – Second Reading and Adoption

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, adopt the following policies and regulations:

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy/ Reg Number
Board Member Participating in Committee Meetings by Teleconferencing or Video Conferencing Equipment	<u>P 0155.1</u>
Earned Sick Leave Law	<u>P 1642</u>
Extra Credit	<u>P 2330.1</u>
Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities	<u>P 3159</u>
Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances	<u>P 3218</u>
Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances	<u>P 4218</u>
Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures	<u>P 6112</u>
School and Facility Names	<u>P 7250</u>
School District Security	<u>P 7440</u>
Student Transportation	<u>P 8600</u>
Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility	<u>P 8630</u>
Transportation of Special Needs Students	<u>P 8670</u>
Parent Organizations	<u>P 9210</u>
Media Relations	<u>P 9400</u>
Earned Sick Leave Law	<u>R 1642</u>
Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances	<u>R 3218</u>
Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances	<u>R 4218</u>
Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures	<u>R 6112</u>

4. Substitute Teacher

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

5. Athletics Appointment

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Steven Schneider as assistant coach for the Pascack Valley High School wrestling team for the 2019-2020 winter season, and to apportion the two assistant coach stipends as follows:

Name	Step	Percentage	Stipend
Gary Beyer	3	13%	\$ 978.25
Frank Cagnina	3	100%	7,525.00
Dan Murtaugh	3	7%	526.75
Steven Schneider	2	80%	5,688.00

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Caitlin Ernest as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School girls lacrosse team for a stipend of \$6,155, step 1, for the 2019-2020 spring season.

6. ABA – Behavior Consultants – Region II

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Kaytlin Callaghan as a part-time ABA Behavior Consultant for Region II for the 2019-2020 school year, at the rate of \$50 per hour.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Ashley Worthington as a part-time ABA Behavior Consultant for Region II for the 2019-2020 school year, at the rate of \$50 per hour, effective October 21, 2019.

7. ABA – Instructional Assistant – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Hannah Giordano as a part-time ABA instructional assistant for Region II for the 2019-2020 school year, at the rate of \$20 per hour.

4. Approval of the Following Reports

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

a. <u>Cafeteria</u> Account	September 2019
b. <u>e-Learning</u> Account	September 2019
c. <u>Capital</u> Project Account	September 2019
d. <u>Student Government</u> Account – PH	September 2019
e. <u>Student Government</u> Account – PV	September 2019
f. <u>Athletic Account</u> – PH	September 2019
g. <u>Athletic Account</u> – PV	September 2019

5. Transfers

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve transfers for the month of September.

6. 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
10/16/19	Class of 1969	\$975	SGA General Account

7. Approval of Change Order 005 Athletic Field Upgrades at Pascack Hills High School – Rochelle Contracting Co., Inc.

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve change order 005 submitted by Rochelle Contracting Co., Inc. of Landing, New Jersey. This change order is an increase in the amount of \$328.94, for miscellaneous repairs to the existing sprinkler system and netting. Furthermore, this change order has been reviewed and approved by Environetics Group Architects, P.C.

Original Contract Amount	\$2,382,100.00
Net Change By Previously Authorized Change Order(s)	160,326.44
Subtotal	2,542,426.44
Contract Increased by Change Order	328.94
Revised Contract Amount	\$2,542,755.38

8. Approval of Change Order 001 Field Turf Replacement at Pascack Hills High School – FieldTurf USA, Inc.

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve change order 001 submitted by FieldTurf USA, Inc. of Calhoun, Georgia. This change order is an increase in the amount of \$4,363.75 for additional work due to unforeseen field conditions with the subgrade. Dispose of approximately 750 square feet of sediment laden turf, install fill material in settled areas, and repair sinkhole. Furthermore, this change order has been reviewed and approved by Environetics Group Architects, P.C.

Original Contract Amount	\$417,357.90
Net Change By Previously Authorized Change Order(s)	0.00
Subtotal	417,357.90
Contract Increased by Change Order	4,363.75
Revised Contract Amount	\$421,721.65

9. IDEA FY 2019 – 2020 Amendment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the IDEA, Part B grant amendment for 2019-2020 to include carryover funds of \$4,385.00 to be set aside for non-public schools.

10. Equipment Disposal

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the disposal, donation, sale, or recycling an obsolete HP Designjet 800PS plotter model C779C.

11. NJSIAA Annual Dues & Tournament Entry Fees

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the 2020-2021 NJSIAA Annual Dues and Tournament Entry Fees as follows:

Annual Dues	\$2,500
Sport	Entry Fee
Cross Country (individual)	20
Golf (team)	150
Tennis (team)	120
Tennis (individual)	20
Bowling (team)	120
Bowling (individual)	20
All Other Sports	
Team Entry Fee	90
Individual Entry Fee	16
Relay Entry Fee	25

X. OLD BUSINESS

Board Committee Reports: Curriculum & Instruction, and Technology

Mr. Stankus gave a report on the October 24th meeting. He reviewed each of the items that had been discussed.

Dr. Gundersen reported that school boards had taken place last week and Ms. Bissinger attended along with Ms. Baxley, Mr. DeMaio and Mr. Bachenheimer. Barry and Tom presented at the conference and it was a very productive convention.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hallowell asked when we would get our first harvest of honey. Dr. Gundersen explained that the bees would not be installed until the spring.

Dr. Gundersen went on to say that Big Pink is happening tomorrow. It is a fundraiser volleyball game between Hills and Valley for the benefit of breast cancer awareness. Mr. Scher asked for an update report on wellness. Dr. Gundersen responded that he will be reporting on that during the next mini retreat.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary