

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

April 1, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Media Center.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order in the media center at 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President.

Present Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President
 Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
 Mr. Joseph Blundo
 Mr. Michael Fronte
 Mr. Arnold Scher
 Mr. James Stankus
 Mr. David Steinberg

Absent: Mr. Brian Hallowell
 Mr. Kenneth Ralph

Also present: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent
 Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Student Representatives: Matthew Friedman – PHHS; Olivia Jones – 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.

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 pre-authorizations for the following:

<u>Corin Gamgort</u>	<u>Paul Henry</u>	<u>Robert Salgado</u>
<u>Mary Scorese</u>		

2. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Executive Report

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, affirm the findings of the following harassment, intimidation and bullying incident: 199033_PVH_0312019.

3. Policy and Regulation – 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
Conduct of Board Meeting	<u>P 0164</u>
Unsafe School Choice Option	<u>P 2415.06</u>
Health and Physical Education	<u>P 2422</u>
Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation for School-Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities	<u>P 2431.3</u>
Educational Program Evaluation	<u>P 2610</u>
Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing	<u>P 4219</u>
Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	<u>P 5111</u>
Administering an Opioid Antidote	<u>P 5330.04</u>
Service Animals	<u>P 5337</u>
Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	<u>P 5600</u>
Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses	<u>P 5611</u>
Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees	<u>P 5612</u>
Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses	<u>P 5613</u>
Transgender Students	<u>P 5756</u>
School District Security	<u>P 7440</u>

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy/ Reg Number
Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses	<u>P 8461</u>
Memorials	<u>P 8860</u>
Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education	<u>R 2460.8</u>
Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	<u>R 5111</u>
Administering an Opioid Antidote (New)	<u>R 5330.04</u>
Substance Abuse	<u>R 5530</u>
Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	<u>R 5600</u>
Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses	<u>R 5611</u>
Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees	<u>R 5612</u>
Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses	<u>R 5613</u>
School District Security	<u>R 7440</u>
Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses	<u>R 8461</u>

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

Mr. Scher asked if there were any major changes to the policies. Mr. Blundo responded.

Mr. Stankus asked why we are revisiting changes that were previously made. Mr. Gundersen said better guidance from the NJ Department of Education was now available.

Mr. Blundo asked why the travel was necessary.

VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 2

1. Overnight Trip

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an overnight trip for Pascack Hills High School DECA students, advisors and if necessary, chaperones, to

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

6. Donation

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

Date	Donor	Donation	Club or Group
3/11/19	The Walter Henry Freygang Foundation	\$2,000	Robotics

7. Apple Laptop Sale

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the bulk sale of approximately 2500 pieces of 13" MacBook Air, Early 2015 - 1.6 GHz Intel Core i5 processors, with 8GB RAM, and 256GB Flash Storage, in as is condition, which is no longer needed for school purposes.

8. Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Apple Products Award

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (“ESCNJ”), as Lead Agency for the ESCNJ cooperative pricing system (system identifier #65MCESCCPS), has awarded a contract for Apple technology products (bid number MRESC 15/16-78), effective May 13, 2016 following the public solicitation of sealed bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-15, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1; and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District is a member of the ESCNJ cooperative pricing system and is authorized to make purchases from contracts awarded by the ESCNJ pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Apple, Inc. is offering zero (%) financing for the lease purchase of such computers; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Instructional Technology has documented that the computers best meet the needs of the Pascack Valley Regional High School district

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District hereby authorizes the lease purchase of Apple technology products through ESCNJ Contract (MRESC 15/16-78) from *Apple, Inc. 5505 W. Parmer Lane, MS 578-ROA Austin, TX 78727-6524*, and in accordance with the Lease Purchase Agreement and Equipment Schedule hereto for the computers and equipment from Apple, Inc. and approve the lease/purchase of Apple computers, extended warranties and related supplies for a sum of \$2,381,834.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Lease Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Board and any other documents necessary to implement the Agreement consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments shall be subject to the annual appropriation of funds sufficient to meet the required payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is hereby directed to file the Agreement with the Executive County Superintendent pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:26-10.

9. Award the Pascack Hills Electrical Distribution Project - Post & Kelly Electric Co. Inc.

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) advertised for bids for the Electrical Distribution Project for Pascack Hills High School (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2019, the Board received bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the purported low bidder, Pesh-E-Lectric, Inc., submitted a defective bid insofar as it failed to include the requisite documents for its listed roofing subcontractor, which is a non-waivable material defect; and

WHEREAS, the next purported low bidder, Post & Kelly Electric Co. Inc., submitted a base bid in the amount of \$126,730; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Post & Kelly Electric Co. Inc. is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board's desire to award the contract for the Project to Post & Kelly Electric Co. Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby rejects Pesh-E-Lectric bid for being materially defective.
2. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Post & Kelly
3. Electric Co. Inc. for a total contract sum of \$126,730.

This award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed A-101, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, and an A-201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

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 for the Project. 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.

10. Appointment of Broker of Record-Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors as the broker of record on the State Health Benefits Program also known as the School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) effective April 1, 2019.

11. Asbestos Abatement Contract for the Pascack Valley Music Room Renovation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement with SAI Environmental Services, LLC for the Asbestos Abatement Contract at Pascack Valley for the Music Room Renovation Project for \$38,000.00.

12. Transportation Joint Services and Agreements between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the South Bergen Jointure Commission

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education approve the Joint Transportation Services and Transportation Agreements between the South Bergen Jointure Commission (Host District), an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency located in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ., and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Joiner District) for the purpose of shared costs with other

districts in transporting our district students to and from non-public schools and the Bergen County Vocational and Technical School campuses, including summer sessions, if applicable, in accordance with the N.J.S.A. Chapter 27:6A-10.1-3; Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 beginning July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

13. Transportation Joint Services and Agreements between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the Northwest Bergen Council – Region I

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education approve the Joint Transportation Services and Transportation Agreements between the Northwest Bergen Council- Region I (Host District), an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency located in Mahwah, NJ, and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Joiner District) for the purpose of shared costs with other districts in transporting our district students to and from non-public schools and the Bergen County Vocational and Technical School campuses, including summer sessions, if applicable, in accordance with the N.J.S.A. Chapter 27:6A-10.1-3; Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 beginning July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

14. Special Education Transportation – Region II

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract Q181919 to 4 Diamond Transportation LLC during the 2018-2019 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q181919	CP Center, Fairlawn	200.00	50.00	250.00*	19,000.00*

*includes aide cost

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 1916 to Valley Transportation, LLC for the remainder of 2018-2019 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
1916	Children’s Therapy Ctr., Oakland	300.00	48.00	348.00*	18,444.00

*Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 067 to We Care Transportation Inc. for remainder of 2018-2019 school year which includes the Bulk Bid Reduction of 2%.

Ms. Molinelli and Ms. Bissinger will be going to the president's dinner.

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.

Ms. Strassberg from Woodcliff Lake addressed the board about the drama programs. There are no drama classes in the program of study. She asked if there are any graphic design courses offered. Mr. Gundersen responded to her questions and concerns. It all comes down to staffing and the number of interested students. We do offer graphic design courses.

She would like to be able to come to the board meetings but she can't make it on Mondays.

XIV. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to enter into an executive session at 4:31 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

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. Disciplinary hearing.
3. Official action may or may not be taken when the board reconvenes to Public Session.

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to reconvene into the public meeting at 5:48 p.m. Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

3. Settlement Agreement

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the “Board of Education”) conducted a disciplinary hearing on the continued suspension of student bearing identification number 808290;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that there is factual support for the disciplinary charges;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby continues the suspension until the next regularly scheduled meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be present on any of the Board of Education’s school campuses before, during and after the regularly scheduled school day during the period of his/her suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board of Education and shall not be present for or attend any Board of Education sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the Pascack Valley Regional High School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the suspension shall be reviewed at every subsequent regularly scheduled board meeting to determine whether the suspension will be continued until the next regularly scheduled meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student shall not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony and all graduation activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an alternate education shall be provided to the student during his/her suspension.

