

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

February 25, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Cafeteria.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. by Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President.

Present Ms. Tammy Molinelli, President
 Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
 Mr. Joseph Blundo
 Mr. Michael Fronte
 Mr. Brian Hallowell
 Mr. James Stankus

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Ralph
 Mr. Arnold Scher
 Mr. David Steinberg

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.

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 June 12, 2018 and February 20, 2019.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen

This evening we had the pleasure of highlighting the accomplishments of students who have gone above and beyond with their athletic, co-curricular, and academic activities. Each of the students recognized have achieved greatness and we thank them for representing our district so well.

The four municipalities and our school district are collaborating together to launch our "Unity in the Valley" kickoff event on March 19 at 7 p.m. at Pascack Valley High School. Student musical groups, local clergy and students will reinforce the need to celebrate our diversity. A representative from the ADL will discuss the current state of affairs regarding acts of bias in our region. The evening will be capped off with a special visit and keynote address by NJ Attorney General Grewal – who will speak of his own personal experiences and highlight how schools, governments, and communities must rally together to create a more inclusive community for our young people. All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend!

This past month our district welcomed several school districts who were interested in observing our scheduling model – including the Pascack period as well as districts looking to learn more about our world language program and wellness center. We continue to be encouraged by districts who are looking to see how we are tackling some of the challenging topics facing education today.

Finally, I was notified late last week that English teacher and Pascack Valley's Human Rights' League Advisor, Diana McKenna, was just named a Women's History Month honoree by the Bergen County Commission on the Status of Women. We look forward to sharing more information on this exciting recognition as she is honored in March.

Thus concludes the Superintendent's Report for February 25, 2019.

Student Reports:

Pascack Hills Monthly Student Report for February – Matthew Friedman

CLASSROOM ITEMS

AP Environmental Science Explores the Museum of Natural History

On February 1st, the Pascack Hills AP Environmental Science class traveled to NYC to explore the Museum of Natural History. Visiting exhibits on oceans, biodiversity, and, of course, a quick stop at the magnificent dinosaurs, the field trip provided new insight into course material. The visit was fun and informative for all students who attended.

8 Story Building Testing in Honors Engineering

Students in Honors Engineering built models of eight-story buildings and retrieved data from shake tables to see how the buildings would uphold under earthquake conditions. The activity, which occurred on February 22nd as part of the course, is just one of many examples of the amazing real-world applications of the skills learned inside the classroom.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Camp Raspberry's Zootopia Event

On February 8th, Camp Raspberry hosted an amazing evening at Pascack Hills centered around the film Zootopia. The event featured a screening of the movie as well as film-related crafts. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction

On February 13th, 13 members of the Pascack Hills community were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. These talented students received their award for their dedication to music and the evening featured performances from the inductees. Congratulations to all who received the award!

Science Club Competition

On February 22nd, the Science Club competed in the state science bowl competition. The event was attended by schools from across the state and all who attended had a fantastic time.

ATHLETIC ITEMS

Leadership Award: Jamie Rossig

Pascack Hills senior, Jamie Rossig, was presented with an award for her leadership in sports on February 3rd. The award was presented as part of the National Women and Girls in Sports Day held at Seton Hall University. Congratulations, Jamie!

Basketball

Last week, the freshman boys basketball team beat the number one seed, in an exciting game against Don Bosco. Congratulations to our freshman boys, we can't wait to see what the future holds!

Liam Landau: State Champion

Liam Landau, a senior at Pascack Hills, is the 2019 state champion for pole vault, attaining the title with an astonishing 15' 16" vault. Congratulations, Liam!

FUN FACT

It is a Friday tradition at Pascack Hills for Mr. deMarrais and Mr. Wieland to play music for the students upon arrival and at the end of the day. In the morning, students are welcomed to the school by upbeat pop hits, and, at the end of the day, start off the weekend with "Wagon Wheel" by Darius Rucker and a wave from Mr. deMarrais and Mr. Wieland.

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

Pascack Valley Monthly Student Report for February – Olivia Jones

CLASSROOM ITEMS

The Pascack Hills & Pascack Valley World Language Departments will celebrate National Foreign Language Week beginning on Monday, March 4. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a Digital Poster Contest with the theme: Languages are the key to our World, a daily Twitter Challenge using #pvrhswdl and a daily Communication Challenge!

The Preschool Program is currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. You can find out all of the application information on the school website.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Ms. Lindstrom and the Environmental Club invited Anat Zamberg from Ethical Choices Organization to speak about food production practices and health implications of the typical American diet. Students were able to learn about the environmental impact of modern farming practices and became more educated of their food choices.

The Interact Club donated hats, gloves, and scarves for local shelters, in addition to holding a bake sale and collecting monetary donations to purchase gift cards for a local family affected by a house fire. Thank you to all who donated to this wonderful cause.

The PV World Cultures Club conducted a Valentine's Day fundraiser by selling friendship bracelets made in Guatemala with messages written in whatever language was chosen by the student that purchased the bracelet.

Camp Raspberry is a Pascack Valley and Pascack Hills student-run program that works with any children with special needs. These children will take part in crafts, games, snacks, and other activities. The club recently hosted its Valentine's-themed event at Pascack Hills on Friday, February 8th and it was a major success! The club's next event is this Saturday, March 2nd at Pascack Valley.

ATHLETIC ITEMS

The Pascack Valley Softball Team is hosting its 3rd annual, PV Softball Shamrock 5K run/walk on Sunday March 24, 2019! Registration will be open from December 15 through March 23. After March 23 at 6:00 p.m. runners can sign up on race morning. Parking and bib pick up on race day will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Meadowbrook Elementary School. The race will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the Stony Brook Swim Club in Hillsdale. If you are interested in running, donating, or have any questions contact Coach Lauren Bascik. See our race website and flier for further details.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Hillsdale/PVSoftballShamrock5K>

The Pascack Valley Regional Dance Team was named Team Performance National Champs. The team also won the battle round and took 3rd in large varsity pom. Congrats to the entire team for such remarkable performances at Nationals.

Boys Bowling Team won the League title for the 3rd year in a row and the Cheerleading team won the League title for the 2nd year in a row. Congratulations to both teams.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

On January 30, Bianca Belmonte, Brenna Collins and Julia Guskind competed in the Preliminary Challenge for the Panasonic Creative Design Challenge at NJIT in Newark. This year's Challenge is meant to mimic an open heart surgery. The team advanced to the Finals being held on April 16 at NJIT. The team will compete against 25 other New Jersey high school teams at the Finals. Our students are competing for bragging rights, the right to display the Panasonic/NJIT trophy for one year in our high school and each student on the team can win \$4,000 as a college scholarship. Please join us in wishing our students much success on the following four portions to this contest: Oral Presentation, Written Report, Engineering Logbook, and the Final Physical Performance to this wholistic design challenge.

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Hallowell
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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"/>					

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES – CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 2

1. 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 requests:

Name	Position	Requests:
Jenna Howard	PHHS Guidance Counselor	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> August 27 – December 13, 2019 <u>FMLA/NJFLA</u> August 27 – November 18, 2019 <u>Leave of Absence</u> November 19 – December 13, 2019

2. Additional Period Assignments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional period assignment for the 2018-2019 school year, effective February 11, 2019:

Name	Department	School	Additional Period
Kate Vargo	Special Education	PHHS	2 additional periods per week

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Hallowell
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Hallowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>					

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES – NON-CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 6

1. Change of Assignment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a change of assignment for Simone Borger, teacher assistant at Park Academy, from part-time to full-time, at the hourly rate of \$26.53, with benefits, effective February 26, 2019 for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. Additional Hours for Athletics

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional hours for four district 1:1 aides to accompany four students, as per their IEPs, to participate on the Pascack Hills High School track team for the spring season, at their usual hourly rate, as follows:

Number of Aides	Student IDs	Approximate Hours
Three 1:1 Aides	#809783, #810643, #809769	48 per student
One 1:1 Aide	#810645	120 per student

3. Substitute Custodians

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following substitute custodians for the district:

Name	Position	Type
<u>Gilmer Gomez</u>	Substitute Custodian	New
<u>Carlos Morales</u>	Substitute Custodian	New
<u>Salvador Saavedra</u>	Substitute Custodian	New
<u>Paul Widman</u>	Substitute Custodian	New

4. Athletic Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Roy Nygren as Pascack Valley High School head coach for boys soccer and assistant coach for boys basketball.

5. Athletics Appointment (Revised)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Jennifer Maione as co-assistant coach for the Pascack Valley High School girls lacrosse team for a stipend of \$3,485, 50% of **step 3**, for the 2018-2019 spring season.

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.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn the public session and enter into an executive session at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. The Board will not return to the public session.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary