

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

March 11, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, March 11, 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. Joseph Blundo
 Mr. Michael Fronte
 Mr. Brian Hallowell
 Mr. Kenneth Ralph
 Mr. Arnold Scher
 Mr. James Stankus
 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.

VI. POLICY

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 4

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>Ana Adams</u>	<u>Barry Bachenheimer</u>	<u>P. Erik Gundersen</u>
<u>Nancy Ricca</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: 1984_PHH_02142019.

3. New Co-curricular Clubs

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve new co-curricular clubs, Panasonic Challenge, at Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

4. Affirmative Action Team

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, forms and authorizes the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the needs assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan for 2019-2021. The team members are:

Dr. Barry Bachenheimer	District Affirmative Action Officer
Ms. Eva Merk	Supervisor of Special Services
Mr. Tim Wieland	Asst. Principal - PHHS
Ms. Debbie Squicciarri	Asst. Principal - PVHS
Ms. Leah Jerome	Teacher - PVHS
Ms. Heather Lutz	Teacher - PHHS
Mr. Robert Salgado	Teacher - PHHS
Ms. Olivia Jones	BOE Student Representative/PVHS Student
Mr. Matthew Friedman	BOE Student Representative/PHHS Student
Ms. Luanne McGlone	Executive Secretary - CIA Office

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

VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Item

1. Bedside/Home Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bedside tutoring for student ID #808027 admitted to High Focus Center in Paramus, NJ on February 21, 2019. Services are being provided by Professional Education Services Inc. for 10 hours per week at \$55 per hour for approximately six to eight weeks.

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 assignments beginning March 14 for approximately three to four weeks:

Name	Department	School	Additional Period
Dana Corasaniti	World Language	PVHS	1 additional period per day
Angie DeLima	World Language	PVHS	1 additional period per day
Francesca Silvano	World Language	PVHS	1 additional period per day

Moved by: Blundo 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"/>
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VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES – CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 3

1. New Hire

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Christina Morin, leave replacement mathematics teacher at Pascack Hills High School for Lauren Bucco from April 1 – June 18, 2019, at the rate of \$322.50 per diem, without health benefits.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Mary Ann Fusco, short-term replacement Italian teacher at Pascack Valley High School for Barbara Borghi from March 12 for approximately five weeks, at the rate of \$257.50 per diem, without health benefits

2. Leave of Absence Agreement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an agreement between the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education and the Pascack Valley Regional Education Association for the leave of absence of Argine Safari, music teacher for Pascack Valley High School from January 17, 2019 through June 30, 2019, with pay and benefits as stipulated in the agreement.

3. Leave of Absence (Modified)

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:
<u>Lauren Bucco</u>	PHHS Mathematics Teacher	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> From: March 29 – June 28, 2019 To: April 1 – June 28, 2019 Paid using 22 sick days, 5 personal days <u>FMLA/NJFLA</u> From: May 20 – June 28, 2019 To: May 16 – June 28, 2019 <u>Leave of Absence</u> None

Name	Position	Requests:
Michela Piccoline	PVHS Science Teacher	Total Leave Period: January 21, 2019 – June 18, 2019 Dates unchanged Paid using 37 sick days, 4 personal days <u>FMLA/NJFLA</u> From: March 18 – June 14, 2019 To: March 22 – June 18, 2019 <u>Leave of Absence</u> None

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"/>
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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. 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 Sharon McGuire, assistant payroll, for the purpose of retirement effective April 30, 2019.

2. Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Niharika Bhatia as a new substitute teacher for the district for the 2018-2019 school year.

3. 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 advisors for the 2018-2019 school year:

Name	School	Club	Stipend
Adam Ostrowski	PHHS	Panasonic Challenge	\$1,400
James Kennedy	PVHS	Panasonic Challenge	\$1,400

4. Volunteer

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Michael J. O'Brien as a volunteer for the Pascack Hills High School baseball team for the 2018-2019 spring season.

5. Providers for Special Education – Region II

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare Inc. as a provider for Region II districts for the 2018-2019 school year for the following services:

Mental Health Risk Assessment Screenings	\$250
Psychiatric Evaluations	\$500

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Med Psych Association of New Jersey Inc. as a provider for Region II districts for the 2018-2019 school year for the following services:

Mental Health Risk Assessment Screenings	\$250
Professional Development	\$500

6. Occupational Therapist – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Elana Rosenbaum of the agency, EZ Therapy Handwriting LLC, as an occupational therapist, at the individual hourly rate of \$85 and the group hourly rate of \$95, for the 2018-2019 school year effective March 6, 2019.

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

Mr. Scher asked for an explanation of the Panasonic Challenge. Mr. Gundersen explained this extra curricula activity.

X. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 9

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 March 11, 2019	\$1,327,423.17
Payroll as of February 28, 2019	\$1,533,192.67
Total	\$2,860,615.84

2. Approval of Pace Purchasing Cooperative

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve membership in the Pace Purchasing Cooperative for the 2019-2020 school year.

3. Computer Solutions Inc. – Contract Renewal 2019-2020

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent approves the renewal agreement for software support with Computer Solutions Inc. for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$13,008.

4. Approval of Maximum Public Relations and Professional Services Expenditures

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.2 (a), 1 the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for public relations and each type of professional service for 2019-2020 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby establish the maximum expenditure amounts for the 2019-2020 school year as follows: Public relations at the sum of \$50,000, legal services at the sum of \$125,000, audit services at the sum of \$50,000, architectural/engineering services at the sum of \$525,000.

5. Addendum to Agreement to Provide Services and/or Equipment-Nonpublic School Security Aid Program for Fiscal 2019

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the addendum to the agreement to provide services and/or equipment to St. Joseph's Regional High School under the Nonpublic Security Aid Program for Fiscal 2019. The addendum describes how the supplemental appropriation awarded for nonpublic security aid will be expended for the 2018-2019 school year.

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
2/26/19	Ramsey Fuel Partners LLC	\$500	PH Math or Science
2/26/19	Moz Enterprise LLC	\$500	PH Math or Science

7. Submission of Project to State Department of Education

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, authorize submission of the following project applications for the Pascack Hills High School as a Level IV Other Capital Projects, not requesting EFCFA ROD state grant funding:

- Unisex ADA Upgrades to Toilets at Pascack Hills High School (State project Number 3960-040-19-3000)
- Proposed HVAC Replacement Project at Pascack Hills High School (State Project Number 3960-040-19-2000)
- Mercury Abatement at Pascack Valley High School (State Project Number 3960-050-19-2000)

8. Amend Long Range Facilities Plan

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the amendment of the Long Range Facility Plan to revise and add the following projects for State Department of Education approval:

- Unisex ADA Upgrades to Toilets at Pascack Hills High School.
- Proposed HVAC Replacement Project at Pascack Hills High School
- Mercury Abatement at Pascack Valley High School

9. Special Education Transportation

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract Q18198 to We Care School Transportation during the 2018-2019 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q18198	Sage Day, Mahwah	115.00	40	115.00	18,975.00

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Hallowell

VOTE

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Mr. Steinberg asked what CSI was. Ms. Baxley explained that it was the software company for the business office.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Blundo congratulated both girls' basketball teams. He then went on to give the policy committee report. Many policies had small language changes. There was a change to the preseason weather related policy. It was proposed that we follow the state athletic association recommendation. The state has mandated a Narcan certified person to be in the facility for any school sponsored event.

Also, the earned sick time law, regardless of part time or full time designation, is a new issue. We are working to find how best to implement this law. There is a recommendation to change the policy for service animals. There was also a discussion about facility naming and the criteria that will be necessary.

Ms. Bissinger reported on Robotics. They won last weekend.

Ms. Molinelli stated that the Pascack Hills musical was outstanding.

Mr. Ralph gave a committee report for the finance committee. Everyone can have a copy of the full budget. We will be using all banked cap available to us this year.

Mr. Gundersen commended Olivia Jones on her basketball team's performance and the DECA competition. Nine students made it to the international competition. He congratulated Matthew Friedman personally for his achievements.

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 7:47 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela Baxley", written over a horizontal line.

Pamela Baxley
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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