MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

February 11, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, February 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.

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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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 8, 2019.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

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:

| January 28, 2019 | Board Retreat | 5:30 pm |
|------------------|-----------------|---------|
| January 28, 2019 | Regular Meeting | 7:30 pm |

| Moved by: | Bissir | nger | | | Seconded by: | Schei | • | | |
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| | | | | VC | OTE | | | | |
| Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P | Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P |
| Bissinger | $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ | | | | Ralph | \square | | | |
| Blundo | | | | | Scher | | | | |
| Fronte | | | | | Stankus | | | | |
| Hallowell | \square | | | | Steinberg | | | | |
| Molinelli | | | | | | | | | |

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

One Agenda Item

1. Travel Pre-Authorization

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve travel expense preauthorizations for the following:

| Mary Jo Callanan | Robert Donahue | Diane Fallon |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Tom Gallione | Jimena Ladino | David Librera |
| Amy Lombardo | Heather Lutz | Aarti Mallya |
| John Puccio | Alex Toth | |

| Moved by: | Bissin | nger | | | Seconded by: | Scher | • | | |
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| | - | | | VC | TE | 47 | | | |
| Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P | Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P |
| Bissinger | | | | | Ralph | | | | |
| Blundo | | | | | Scher | \square | | | |
| Fronte | $\overline{\checkmark}$ | | | | Stankus | \square | | | |
| Hallowell | \square | | | | Steinberg | \square | | | |
| Molinelli | $ \overline{\mathcal{A}} $ | | | | | | | | |

VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 3

1. Overnight Trips

- **a. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley Region High School District robotics team members, advisors and if necessary, chaperones, to travel to <u>Waterbury</u>, <u>CT</u> to compete in the Northeast District Waterbury event from March 8 10, 2019.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley Region High School District robotics team members, advisors and if necessary, chaperones, to travel to <u>Bethlehem, PA</u> to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Regional event from April 4 6, 2019.
- **c. RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley Region High School District robotics team members, advisors and if necessary, chaperones, to travel to <u>Detroit</u>, <u>MI</u> to compete in the FIRST Robotics Championship from April 23 28, 2019.

2. Change of Out-of-district Placement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the placement of student ID #808792 at the half-day program at Holmstead School, Ridgewood, NJ for the 2018-2019 school year effective January 24, 2019, tuition is pro-rated to \$13,233.68. The student will continue with BOCES CTE half-day program approved on November 5, 2018.

3. 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 #809640 admitted to High Focus Center, Glassboro, NJ on February 1, 2019. Two hours of services per day at \$55 per hour will be provided by Professional Education Services Inc. for approximately six to eight weeks.

| Moved by: | Bissir | nger | | | Seconded by: | Schei | | | |
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| | | | | VC | TE | | | | |
| Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P | Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P |
| Bissinger | Ø | | | | Ralph | V | | | |
| Blundo | \square | | | | Scher | | | | |
| Fronte | \square | | | | Stankus | abla | | | |
| Hallowell | | | | | Steinberg | | | | |
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VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES - CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1-4

1. New Hire

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Danielle Nelson, long-term replacement physical education teacher at Pascack Valley High School due to the resignation of Roy Nygren from April 1 – June 18, 2019, at the annual salary of \$51,500, pro-rated, BA, step 1, with health benefits.

2. Mentor

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Andrea Padelsky, physical education teacher, as a mentor for Danielle Nelson, long-term replacement physical education teacher at Pascack Valley High School from April 1 – June 18, 2019.

3. 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: |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Christina Rossi- | PVHS | Total Leave Period: |
| Oosting | mathematics | May 13 – June 18, 2019 |
| | teacher | Paid using 26 sick days |
| | | FMLA/NJFLA |
| | | None |
| | | Leave of Absence |
| | | None |

4. SAT Prep Course Instructors

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following teachers for the district's evening SAT prep course for 2018-2019:

| Name | Amount |
|-------------------------|---|
| Brett Conrad | $$2,000 \text{ per } 9 \text{ week session } x \ 2 = $4,000 - \text{Verbal}$ |
| Katlyn Lewis | \$2,000 per 9 week session x 2 = \$4,000 - Math |
| Jamie Marootian | $$2,000 \text{ per } 9 \text{ week session } x \ 2 = $4,000 - \text{Verbal}$ |
| Christina Rossi-Oosting | $$2,000 \text{ per } 9 \text{ week session } \times 2 = $4,000 - \text{Math}$ |

| Moved by: | Bissir | ıger | | | Seconded by: | Schen | • | | |
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| | | | | VC | TE | | | | |
| Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P | Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P |
| Bissinger | 7 | | | | Ralph | \square | | | |
| Blundo | | | | | Scher | | | | |
| Fronte | | | | | Stankus | | | | |
| Hallowell | | | | | Steinberg | \square | | | |
| Molinelli | | | | | | | | | |

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES - NON-CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1-5

1. Substitute Teachers

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

| Name | Type | |
|-----------------|------|--|
| Tyler Johnson | New | |
| Michelle Kossar | New | |

2. Athletic Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Craig Nelson as assistant coach for the Pascack Valley High School football team.

3. Athletic Appointments

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Colleen Manley as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School girls lacrosse team for a stipend of \$6,035, step 1, for the 2018-2019 spring season.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, revise the approval of <u>Jennifer Maione</u> as co-assistant coach for the Pascack Valley High School girls lacrosse team for a stipend of \$3,485, 50% of step 1, for the 2018-2019 spring season.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve <u>Kyle Schneider</u> as staff supervising the weight room at Pascack Valley High School.

4. ABA Behavior Consultant - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Cynthia Baez as part-time ABA Behavior Consultant for Region II for the 2018-2019 school year, at the rate of \$50 per hour.

5. Rescind Approval - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, rescinds their approval of Megan LoCicero as a part-time ABA Instructional Assistant for Region II for the 2018-2019 school year, previously approved on January 28, 2019.

| Moved by: | Bissin | nger | | | Seconded by: | Schei | | | |
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| | | | | VC | OTE | | | | |
| Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P | Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P |
| Bissinger | Ø | | | | Ralph | \square | | | |
| Blundo | \square | | | | Scher | $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ | | | |
| Fronte | \square | | | | Stankus | $\overline{\square}$ | | | |
| Hallowell | | | | | Steinberg | | | | |
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X. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1-5

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 February 11, 2019 | \$1,048,295.15 |
|---|----------------|
| Payroll as of January 31, 2019 | \$1,510,302.47 |
| Total | \$2,558,597.62 |

2. Authorizing Participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

WHEREAS the district is required to participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for FY20, based on the projection received and the fiscal accountability regulations in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to proceed with the enrollment requirements as required in order that the District may participate as mandated.

3. Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal 2019 Nonpublic Security Aid

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the supplemental appropriation for fiscal 2019 nonpublic security aid, which increases the total entitlement to \$76,800 from the original entitlement of \$38,400.

4. 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 |
|---------|---|----------|---|
| 1/29/19 | Orange & Rockland | \$10,000 | Robotics |
| 1/29/19 | Creston Electronics | \$1,000 | Robotics |
| 2/4/19 | IACE Italian American Committee on Education | \$1,410 | Cover cost of AP Italian Exam @ PVHS |

5. Amend Long Range Facilities Plan

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, authorize submission of a project application for the Pascack Hills High School Electrical Distribution Project (State Project Number 3960-040-19-1000) and approve an amendment of the Long Range Facility Plan to revise and add the following project for State Department of Education approval:

| Location | Project |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pascack Hills High School | Electrical Distribution Project |

The District will not be seeking State aid for this project.

| Moved by: | Bissir | nger | | | Seconded by: | Schei | • | | | |
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| VOTE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P | Bd. Mbr. | Aye | Nay | Abs. | N/P | |
| Bissinger | V | | | | Ralph | \square | | | | |
| Blundo | | | | | Scher | \square | | | | |
| Fronte | | | | | Stankus | \square | | | | |
| Hallowell | | | | | Steinberg | | | | | |
| Molinelli | | | $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ | | | | | | | |

Ms. Molinelli abstained from item #4.

Mr. Scher asked if we hit the number of students necessary to mandate participation in SEMI. Ms. Baxley responded that we did.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee Report was given by Ms. Bissinger. The preliminary budget was discussed. The committee decided to utilize all available banked cap. Next year's capital projects were discussed and it was noted that Special Education costs are rising significantly.

Ms. Molinelli shared that she met with McLarin Corp who has invited our students to attend an engineering expo to help them find out more about engineering on March 31, 2019. They also asked math, science and physics teachers to come to the expo to discuss ways to infuse engineering into the curriculum.

Mr. Steinberg commented on the Parkland shooting anniversary and Ms. Molinelli asked for a moment of silence to mourn the loss of the students and teachers.

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. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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:
 - a. Possible HIBs.
- 3. The Board will adjourn.
- 4. Official action will not be taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Blundo to adjourn the public session and enter into an executive session at 7:45 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

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