

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

March 18, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, March 18, 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. James Stankus
 Mr. David Steinberg

Absent: Mr. Arnold Scher

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:

Teresa DelGiudice	Philip Paspalas	Brooke Schwartzman
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2. Job Description

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the new job description of Information and Systems Coordinator.

3. Summer Help Rates

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following hourly rates for summer 2019:

Positions	Rate
Custodian/Technology Summer Help – 1 st Year	\$11.00
Custodian/Technology Summer Help – Returning	\$12.00

4. BOE policies and Regulations – First Reading

First reading of the following Pascack Valley Regional High School District board of Education policies and regulations:

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

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy/ Reg Number
School District Security	P 7440
Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses	P 8461
Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs	P 8561
Memorials	P 8860
Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education	R 2460.8
Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	R 5111
Administering an Opioid Antidote (New)	R 5330.04
Substance Abuse	R 5530
Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	R 5600
Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses	R 5611
Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees	R 5612
Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses	R 5613
School District Security	R 7440
Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses	R 8461

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 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 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 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. Steinberg asked when the second reading would be. Mr. Gundersen responded.

VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 3

1. Overnight Trip

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Hills High School track team members, coaches, and if necessary, chaperones, to attend the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA for April 25 – 27, 2019.

2. Additional Periods

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional period assignments at Pascack Hills High School:

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Ralph
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 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 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"/>					

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES – NON-CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 3

1. Substitute Teacher

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

2. Co-curricular Appointments (Revised)

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	\$1,500
James Kennedy	PVHS	Panasonic Challenge	\$1,500

3. Independent CST Evaluator – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Wendy Rudis as an independent child student team evaluator for Region II for the 2018-2019 school year, at the hourly rate of \$450 per evaluation and \$75 hourly rate for CST meetings.

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Ralph
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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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"/>					

X. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 4

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 18, 2019	\$622,885.36
Payroll as of March 15, 2019	\$1,491,159.45
Total	\$2,114,044.81

2. Approval of Tentative Budget

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District approves the tentative 2019-2020 school year budget as follows:

General Fund	\$	\$57,588,902
Special Revenue Fund	\$	682,833
Debt Service	\$	1,999,400
Total	\$	\$60,271,135

The amount to be raised by taxation is:

General Fund	\$	\$49,577,550
Debt Service	\$	1,999,400
Total	\$	\$51,576,950

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2019-2020 school year budget includes banked cap in the amount of \$857,114 to support increased costs associated with transportation, related services and out of district tuitions for special needs student initiatives. The implementation of these initiatives will be completed by the end of the year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

3. 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 application for the Pascack Hills High School as a Level IV Other Capital Projects, not requesting EFCFA ROD state grant funding:

Electrical upgrade at Pascack Valley High School (State project Number 3960-050-19-1000)

4. 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 project for State Department of Education approval:

Electrical upgrade at Pascack Valley High School (State project Number 3960-050-19-1000)

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 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"/>					

XI. OLD BUSINESS

The Curriculum & Instruction, and Technology Committee met last Tuesday to discuss the structure of the group and merging with the tech committee. Mr. Stankus reported that there will be two large group meetings per year with smaller department groups held more often. Revisions in the curriculum were also discussed.

Health, Wellness & Safety Committee: Mr. Gundersen reported that the committee will be meeting soon.

Buildings and Grounds Committee reported by Mr. Hallowell that the five year plan for facilities were reviewed and the committee focused on the 19-20 school year plans in detail. Current projects were also reviewed. He gave the board a synopsis of the current projects and their status.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bissinger reported that the Robotics competition was held at Bridgewater High School last weekend. The team lost by one point and ended in second place. Hanna Epstein was named as a dean’s list finalist.

Mr. Gundersen announced that one of Julianne Downs’ students choked on a piece of chicken last week. Julianne responded using her training and implemented the Heimlich maneuver ten times. The outcome was positive and Mr. Gundersen congratulated Ms. Downs. She did a wonderful job.

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. Falanga from Woodcliff Lake who has three children in the district addressed the board. Her ninth grader has Down syndrome. He is having a difficult time. The district has filed a due process claim against them. Last week this board created an equity plan. One group of students that should be considered by that committee is students with disabilities. Inclusion for those students is considered the current best practice. She believes that these students are shuffled into LLD programs in this district and therefore do not enjoy the full set of electives. Science for these students is not held in a science classroom. The district has been resistant to her son’s inclusion in general education

classes. Teachers have been given no preparation or tools to deal with him. She had three goals when approaching the board. They are, to make the board aware of this problem, to inform them that in NJ there are resources available to aid in inclusion and to ensure that the new affirmative action team seek input from parents of students with disabilities.

Steven Falanga also shared that his story is not unique. He believes that there are others within the district with LDD that are not happy. There are children in this building that do include his son at lunch in the gym, yet, the parents were advised that the children in LLD prefer to eat alone in their group. The district didn't start with how to include this child. He would like to challenge the board to take a holist review of these classes. The district, in his opinion, has an antiquated philosophy in special services.

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:
 1. Possible HIBs.
3. The Board will adjourn.
4. The Board will not return to the Regular Board Meeting, will take no action, and will adjourn from executive session.

