

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

October 22, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 8:10 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Auditorium.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President.

Present Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President
 Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
 Mr. Joseph Blundo
 Mr. Brian Hallowell
 Ms. Tammy Molinelli
 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

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Steinfeld led all those present in a salute to the flag.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Hallowell to enter into an executive session at 7:02 p.m. Ms. Bissinger seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. 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. School security update.
3. The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
4. Official action may or may not be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to return into the public meeting at 7:59 p.m. Mr. Hollowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

At this time the meeting resumed in the auditorium.

Also present at that time were:

Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
Matthew Friedman – Pascack Hills High School Representative
Olivia Jones – Pascack Valley High School Representative

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 October 19, 2018.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent’s Report: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen

Earlier this month, Mr. Zeller and I attended the Digital Promise, League of Innovative Schools Fall Summit. The focus of our work centered around our participation in a challenge collaborative that is striving to create solutions that will allow teachers to connect their units of study to careers and real-world experiences. This work, called the Real World Learning

The PH Cares Club participated in the “Out of the Darkness” walk yesterday morning, raising almost \$1500 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We are so proud of our students for supporting such an important cause.

Today starts the first day of Penny Wars, a week-long grade-based competition run by the SGA which aims to raise money for the Grace Mission Charity Home in Haiti. The Pascack Hills community is already supporting the education of three children at the home, and hopes to expand and support as many kids as possible.

Meanwhile, in sports, the XC program has continued to have an extremely successful season. This past Saturday at the XC Group Championships, the varsity girls came in 1st and the boys came in 2nd for the Group C race. Sophomore Sylvie Najarian and senior Dillon Jensen each came in first place in their respective races.

Our girl’s tennis team has also had an exciting month, in NJ state tournament action on October 9th, the girls avenged two regular season losses and beat Ramsey 3-2. Additionally, our gymnastics team took home the title of County Champs on October 19th. Lastly, today marks the annual Dig Pink Volleyball tournament vs Pascack Valley in support of the Side Out Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness. We are all so excited to see what our athletes have in store as the fall season comes to a close next month.

This officially concludes my October report.

Olivia Jones – Pascack Valley High School

The Environmental Club had its annual Halloween costume drive at Meadowbrook's Harvest Festival on 10/12 and donated over 60 gently used costumes to be reused.

The Environmental Club received a grant for \$950 from the Bergen County Utilities Authority on October 12 to be used in funding the Pascack Valley edible garden project. There to receive the award were advisors Kristen Lindstrom & Michela Piccoline, and students Cassidy Smith, Naria Zuluaga, Julianna Xhaferi, Nicole Ingannamorte, and Shaina Julis.

On October 17, The STEM League team competed against 18 schools at Northern Valley Old Tappan High School. The team is comprised of Eric Dougherty, Ryan McBride, Skylar Murphy, John Patalano and Nico Prospero. This was an all-day event where students solved a problem, designed prototypes, tested their devices, analyzed data, made mathematical computations, and finally chose one of the prototypes for their final design challenge. Students interviewed with current and retired engineers who acted as judges. The STEM League started three years ago with a goal of raising awareness for the application of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

The PV World Cultures Club has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through a variety of activities: 1) Salsa & Bachata lesson 2) Movie Night "Coco" & empanadas 3) A Taco Sale coming up... After we close this theme, we will start celebrating Italian Heritage Month, so stay tuned!

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

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 3

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 pre-authorizations for the following:

<u>Enrico Attanasio</u>	<u>Margarita Elkin</u>
<u>Eva Merk</u>	<u>Mark Russo</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: 163510 PHH 10012018.

3. School Self-assessment Reports under the Anti-bullying Act

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the 2017-2018 School Self-assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act for the Pascack Hills High School, Pascack Valley High School, and the Park Academy.

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"/>	Scher	<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"/>	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"/>	Steinfeld	<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"/>					

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 student Peer Leaders, advisors, and if necessary chaperones, for an overnight trip to YMCA Camp Ralph Mason, Hardwick, NJ for Peer Leadership training, from November 17-18, 2018.

2. Bedside/Home Instruction

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bedside tutoring for student ID #810746 who was placed at NY Presbyterian Hospital on October 10, 2018. Services will be provided by LearnWell Plymouth, MA billed at \$47 per hour for 10 hours per week with a preparation fee of 33%, for an estimated weekly cost of \$780.20 per week, through a date to be determined.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bedside tutoring for student ID #807697 who was placed at NY Presbyterian Hospital on October 3, 2018. Services will be provided by LearnWell Plymouth, MA billed at \$47 per hour for 10 hours per week for six weeks and a preparation fee of 33%, for an estimated total cost of \$3,760.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bedside tutoring for student ID #808648 who was placed at Children's Specialized Hospital starting October 15, 2018. Services will be provided by Educational Services Commission of New Jersey billed at \$69 per hour for 10 hours per week for eight weeks for an estimated total cost of \$5,520.

3. Supplemental Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Heather O'Campo, home instructor, to provide supplemental instruction for student ID #809503 for 1.5 hours per week starting October 10, 2018 through June 16, 2019 as per the student's IEP.

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

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES – NON-CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 4

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 revised Federal/NJ family leave request:

Name	Position	Requests:
Tina Romanger	Custodian	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> October 29, 2018 – February 7, 2019 Paid using 36 sick days <u>FMLA/NJFLA</u> December 24 – February 7, 2019 <u>Leave of Absence</u> None

2. Substitute Custodian

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

3. Athletic Appointments

a. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the listing of athletics appointments for Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools, attached for board review, for the spring season of the 2018-2019 school year.

b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Brianna Musco as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School girls basketball team for a stipend of \$3,225, ½ of step 1, for the 2018-2019 winter season. Ms. Musco will replace Mr. Marini who was previously approved as assistant coach for the boys basketball team.

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>	September 2018
b. <u>e-Learning Account</u>	September 2018
c. <u>Capital Project Account</u>	September 2018
d. <u>Student Government Account</u> – PH	September 2018
e. <u>Student Government Account</u> – PV	September 2018
f. <u>Athletic Account</u> – PH	September 2018
g. <u>Athletic Account</u> – PV	September 2018
h. <u>Compensating Balance</u>	September 2018

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 September.

6. Shared Services Agreement – SLEO IIIs

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Montvale and Pascack Valley Regional High School District concerning the hiring and placement of special police officer SLEO IIIs at Pascack Hills High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

7. E-Rate Elite Services, Inc. - Funding Year 2019

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the agreement between E-Rate Elite Services, Inc. and Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education for the Funding Year 2019.

8. Amended Agreement Interstate Waste Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the amended agreement with Interstate Waste Services for trash removal and recycling services for July 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

9. Pascack Valley High School – 1st Annual School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for the 2018-2019 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27-11.2), and at the recommendation of the

XI. NEW BUSINESS

The Policy Committee met and six different policy changes were discussed. A state mandate on employee background checks referred to as “pass the trash”, IIIB cases that occur on school busses which require investigation where it was determined that the sending district is responsible, modifications to the student restraint policy, the USDA nutrition policies which were not adopted as Pascack Valley Regional High School District does not participate, petty cash and “under the influence” policies were all reviewed.

Ms. Bissinger reported that the Curriculum Committee met last Tuesday. The science curriculum is in an evaluation year. Revision to the technology curriculum is underway to add more diversity to the tech classes. Additions may include robotics and game design, architectural design, broadcast and production advanced classes and a possible Capstone Class for eleventh and twelfth grade. Special education is in an evaluation year to ensure that they are in alignment with the NJ Learning Standards.

The district closed the Genesis grade book as a pilot and it didn't upset the students.

Mr. Scher commented that both Pascack Valley and Pascack Hills have a news program on YouTube that comes out of a video class. The links to those news feeds will be sent in the next news brief.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary