

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

December 5, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 4:08 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 4:08 p.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President.

Present: Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
Mr. Joseph Blundo
Mrs. Maura Ellis
Mr. Brian Hallowell
Ms. Tammy Molinelli
Mr. Arnold Scher
Mr. David Steinberg

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Ralph

Also Present: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent
Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Representatives: Alexandra Gluck – PHHS; Kelly Petro – PVHS
Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Steinfeld said a few words about the passing of Jack Farrell. He praised his family for the organ donation.

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 July 22, 2016.

Name	Program	School	Additional Time
Allison Schultz Robert Salgado	LLD Program	Pascack Hills	Approximately 60 hours total, split by both teachers
Moriyah Squitieri Christina Vicinanza	Park@PVR	Pascack Valley	Approximately 60 hours total, split by both teachers

3. Park Academy Consultant – Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Sensory TKD, to provide Tae Kwon Do classes for the students of Park Academy for the 2016-2017 school year, not to exceed an annual amount of \$2,000.

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Ellis

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

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES – CERTIFICATED STAFF

One Agenda Item

1. 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 modified Federal/NJ family leave requests:

Name	Position	Requests modified from/to:
Cristina Schneider	PVHS Guidance Counselor	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> From: February 6 – June 12, 2017 To: January 28 – June 5, 2017 Paid using 20 sick days and 4 personal days <u>FMLA/NJFMLA</u> From: March 14 – June 2, 2017 To: March 7 – June 5, 2017 <u>Leave of Absence</u> From: None To: None

Moved by:	Ellis	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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ellis	<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"/>
Hallowell	<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"/>
Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES – NON-CERTIFICATED STAFF

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 4

1. Change of Salary

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a salary of \$71,000, prorated, for Mary Camporeale, district Data Services Information Manager, due to the change in job description effective January 1, 2017.

2. Additional Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional hours for teacher aides as needed to accompany students during extra-curricular activities at Pascack Hills High School, at the usual hourly rate, as follows:

Name	Event	Hours
Janet Donaghy	PHHS Choir Practice December 5, 2016	Up to 3 hours
Janet Donaghy	PHHS Choir Concert December 7, 2016	Up to 4 hours
Cynthia Candrilli	PHHS Choir Practice December 5, 2016	Up to 3 hours
Cynthia Candrilli	PHHS Choir Concert December 7, 2016	Up to 4 hours

3. Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Troy Childress as a substitute teacher for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District for the 2016-2017 school year.

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.

Mr. Previtali from River Vale discussed a letter that he sent to Mr. Bachenheimer regarding the new grading system. He read some of his concerns to advise the board and asked for more information and data showing the efficacy of the new system. He asked several questions with regard to the approach and wondered how the change was board approved.

Mr. Steinfeld and Mr. Gundersen spoke to his comments and advised him to meet with Mr. Bachenheimer who would respond to the questions directly. After the meeting with Mr. Bachenheimer, Mr. Previtali could ask further questions of the board.

Ms. Adams discussed PARCC results. The list of high schools from best to worst was commented on. Pascack Valley Regional did not score well. She asserted that while she is not a fan of PARCC, we spend an inordinate amount of time teaching to it. She is curious why we are not doing well. Mr. Gundersen responded that we have never encouraged our teachers to teach to the test. He went on to say that at the last presentation our curriculum director addressed this issue. He referred Ms. Adams back to the presentation which is on the website. He also commented that most of our highest achieving students did not participate. Having a large percentage of students not participate did have an impact on our ranking.

XIV. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Scher to enter into an executive session at 4:51 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

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.

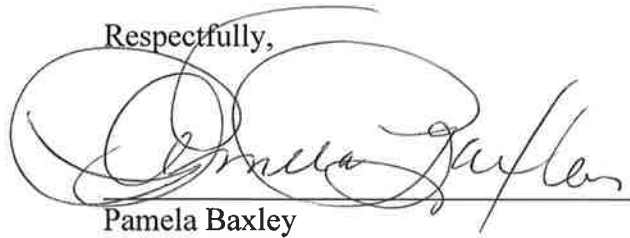
WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has been formed pursuant to applicable New Jersey Statutes; and

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela Baxley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pamela Baxley
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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