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.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

One Agenda Item

1. Minutes

Molinelli

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:

8:00 p.m.

Moved by:	Bissir	nger		VC	Seconded by:	Hallo	well		
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$				Ralph				\square
Blundo	\square				Scher				
Ellis					Steinberg				
Hallowell	\square				Steinfeld				

Regular Meeting

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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November 21, 2016

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.

Ms. Carol Lee Adams addressed the board to thank them for the free senior tickets to the concert. She also commented on the transgender policy. She asked how the board quantifies a young student. Also she commented that if a student is a practicing transgender, it is no longer a confidential matter because his fellow students are aware. Mr. Gundersen replied and also explained that tonight they are voting on revisions to the original policy only. Ms. Adams read sections of the policy and took issue with certain wording that was used, citing different legal cases. Mr. Gundersen discussed her concerns and stated that the ultimate goal of the policy is to engage in a productive dialogue with the parents, the student and the staff.

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 preauthorizations for the following:

Craig Buckley	Erik Gundersen	William Koenig
Ryan Postman	Nancy Ricca	Mark Russo
John Uhl		

2. BOE Policies - Second Reading and Adoption

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, adopt the following policies:

Name of Policy	Policy Number
Title I – Education Stability for Children in Foster Care	P 2415.30
Transgender Students	P 5756

3. Job Description

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, approve the revised job description for Data Services Information Manager.

Moved by:	Ellis				Seconded by:	Bissi	nger		
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VII. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 3

1. Occupational and Physical Therapy

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve occupational and physical therapies for student 807903, provided by the Ridgefield Public Schools at the rate of \$100 per session as per the student's IEP.

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 Community Based Instruction assignments for special education teachers for the 2016-2017 school year:

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

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Hallowell	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$				Steinfeld	\square			
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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	PVHS	Total Leave Period:
Schneider	Guidance	From: February 6 – June 12, 2017
	Counselor	To: January 28 – June 5, 2017
		Paid using 20 sick days and 4 personal days
		FMLA/NJFMLA
		From: March 14 – June 2, 2017
		To: March 7 – June 5, 2017
		Leave of Absence
		From: None
		To: None

Moved by:	Ellis				Seconded by:	Bissi	nger		
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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	Up to 3 hours
	December 5, 2016	
Janet Donaghy	PHHS Choir Concert	Up to 4 hours
	December 7, 2016	
Cynthia Candrilli	PHHS Choir Practice	Up to 3 hours
	December 5, 2016	
Cynthia Candrilli	PHHS Choir Concert	Up to 4 hours
	December 7, 2016	

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.

4. Athletic 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 Andrew Lewis as head coach for the Pascack Valley High School volleyball team effective November 29, 2016.

5. Co-curricular Appointment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Stephanie Tomaselli as the SGA Bookkeeper for Pascack Valley High School for a stipend of \$5,000, prorated, effective January 1, 2017.

6. Volunteer

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Michael Herman as a volunteer for the district Robotics team for 2016-2017.

Moved by:	Bissin	nger			Seconded by:	Ellis			
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Mr. Steinfeld read item #4 into the record.

He also answered Mr. Blundo's question regarding the additional duties of Ms. Camporeale.

X. FINANCE

Finance Report

One Agenda Item

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 December 5, 2016	\$886,738.91
Payroll as of November 30, 2016	\$1,461,756.06
Total	\$2,348,494.97

Moved by:	Ellis				Seconded by:	Bissi	nger		
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Consent Agenda for Items 2 – 6

2. Submission of the Athletic Field Upgrades at Pascack Hills High School to the Dept. of Education

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Athletic Field Upgrades at Pascack Hills High School (State Project # 3960-040-17-1000) to the State Department of Education as an "Other" Capital Project."

3. Submission of the District Administration Office Relocation to the Dept. of Education

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the District Administration Office Relocation (State Project # 3960-040-17-2000) to the State Department of Education as an "Other" Capital Project."

4. Revised Nonpublic Allocations for the 2016-2017 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the revised Nonpublic Allocations for the 2016–2017 school year.

Nonpublic Nursing Aid	\$42,570
Nonpublic Textbook Aid	\$20,635
Nonpublic Technology Aid	\$9,308
Nonpublic Security Aid	\$23,650

5. Submission of the amendment to the NCLB Grant

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, authorize the submission of an amendment to the fiscal year 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II, Part A Grant for expense reallocation and carryover in the amount of \$1,281.00, of which \$305.00 will be allocated to St. Joseph High School.

6. Special Education Transportation – Region II

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 048 to Taher Transportation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
1502	Venture, Hackensack	174.99	30	174.99	31,498.20

Moved by:	Ellis			Seconded by:	Bissinger				
VOTE									
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	Ø				Ralph				\square
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Mr. Steinfeld asked Ms. Baxley to explain items 2, 3, & 5. She gave brief explanations for each.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Molinelli recognized Ms. Ellis as a mentor and thanked her for her guidance and support.

Mr. Blundo asked if approving policy changes before a new governing board came in to office was proper. He wanted to know if the board should wait to introduce policies until the next term. Mr. Gundersen explained that it is in our best interest to wait so there is no conflict. Mr. Steinfeld wants to get clarification from counsel.

Mr. Gundersen also said they will be recognizing Ms. Ellis and Mr. Murphy at a future board meeting.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bissinger gave the report for the technology committee. She spoke of the new district website which will be done by July 1st. She informed the board about the new domain name for the district. The projector project was discussed and she informed the members of the goal to have a mounted projector and Apple TV in each classroom.

Ms. Bissinger also began a discussion about the meeting with the Hillsdale Borough regarding shared technology services and addressed ways of improving digital citizenship.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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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

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 matters to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. An HIB report
 - b. Update on legal matters.
 - c. Collective bargaining.
- 3. The Board will move to a Board Retreat.
- 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 5:30 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

At this time the meeting resumed in the cafeteria.

VI. Policy

One Agenda Item

4. Settlement Agreement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the settlement agreement in a lawsuit bearing docket no. 2:16-cv-03383-SDW-LDW.

Moved by:	Bissinger			Seconded by:	Ellis				
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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
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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.

Pamela Baxley

Respectfully,

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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