MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

January 3, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8:12 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 8:12 p.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President.

Present: Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President

Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President

Mr. Brian Hallowell Ms. Tammy Molinelli Mr. Kenneth Ralph Mr. Arnold Scher Mr. James Stankus Mr. David Steinberg

Absent: Mr. Joseph Blundo

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 led all those present in a salute to the flag.

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

Consent Agenda for Items 1-3

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:

December 19, 2016	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
December 19, 2016	Executive Meeting	6:32 p.m.

2. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MR. ALFRED J. MURPHY – BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred J. Murphy was elected to serve as a Hillsdale representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education starting July 2008 and did serve until July 2016, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy did faithfully attend and actively participate at the Executive and Public meetings of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education during that period of time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy did serve as Vice President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education for one year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy did serve as Chairperson of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Curriculum, and Policy Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy did serve as a committee member of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Building and Grounds, Communication, Administrator Negotiations, Supervisor Negotiations, Support Staff Negotiations, and Technology Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy did serve as a liaison for the Pascack Valley High School Parent Faculty Organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy, during that same period of time, did provide his ideas, opinions and thoughts, as well as leadership and guidance, to the Board and each of the committees that he served on;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Alfred J. Murphy on behalf of the superintendent, board members, students and citizens of our four sending districts for his efforts on their behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Board of Education members individually and jointly thank Mr. Alfred Murphy for his contributions and camaraderie over this timeframe and does wish him well in his other endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution recognizing Mr. Alfred Murphy be spread upon the minutes of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

3. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MRS. MAURA ELLIS – BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maura Ellis was elected to serve as a River Vale representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education starting July 1997 and did serve until December 2016, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis did faithfully attend and actively participate at the Executive and Public meetings of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education during that period of time; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis did serve as Chairperson of the Pascack Valley Regional Board/Staff Relations Committee, Building and Grounds, Finance, Policy, and Referendum Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis did serve as a committee member of the Pascack Valley Regional Alternate Fundraising, Communication, Administrator Negotiations, Supervisor Negotiations, Teacher Negotiations, and Technology Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis did serve as a representative of the Pascack Valley Regional District to the New Jersey School Board Association Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis, during that same period of time, did provide her ideas, opinions and thoughts, as well as leadership and guidance, to the Board and each of the committees that she served on;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does express its sincere appreciation to Mrs. Maura Ellis on behalf of the superintendent, board members, students and citizens of our four sending districts for her efforts on their behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Board of Education members individually and jointly thank Mrs. Maura Ellis for her contributions and camaraderie over this timeframe and does wish her well in her other endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution recognizing Mrs. Maura Ellis be spread upon the minutes of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

Moved by:	Bissir	nger			Seconded by:	Schei	•		
	-			VC	DTE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	\square				Scher	\square			
Blundo				abla	Stankus	\square			
Hallowell	\square				Steinberg	\square			
Molinelli	\square				Steinfeld	\square			
Ralph	\square								

Mr. Steinfeld read items 2 and 3 into the record and commented that this was the end of an era. Al Murphy was a hard worker and model citizen in how he has been involved civically. He never lost his sense of humor or vision for the school district. Maura Ellis is the last of the original board members since Mr. Steinfeld joined the board. She has provided guidance and never hesitated to speak her mind. She brought a great perspective to the board. Mr. Steinberg and Ms. Bissinger agreed.

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 1-2

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:

Barry Bachenheimer	Borislaw Bilash	Elise Burns
Dana Corasaniti	David Frangiosa	Gale Mangold
Lisa McKay	Philip Paspalas	Robert Salgado
Bonnie Slockett	Debra Squiccimarri	Alana Van Der Sluys
Tim Wieland	Matthew Will	

2. Custodian Holiday Calendar 2017-2018

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the 2017-2018 custodian holiday calendar.

Moved by:	Bissin	nger			Seconded by:	Hallo	well		
				VC	TE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	Ø				Scher	Ø			
Blundo					Stankus	\square			
Hallowell					Steinberg				
Molinelli					Steinfeld				
Ralph	$\overline{\checkmark}$								

VII. HUMAN RESOURCES - CERTIFICATED STAFF

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 3

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 Federal/NJ family leave request:

Name	Position	Requests:
<u>Michela</u>	PVHS science	Total Leave Period:
<u>Piccoline</u>	teacher	March 6 – June 16, 2017
		Paid using 25 sick and 3 personal days
		FMLA/NJFLA
		April 20 –June 16, 2017
		Leave of Absence
		None

2. Retirement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Christian Wilhjelm, instrumental music teacher at Pascack Hills High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2017.

3. New Hires

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve <u>Fran Zakutansky</u>, leave replacement science teacher at Pascack Valley for Michela Piccoline, from March 3, 2017 for the balance of the 2016-2017 school year, at the per diem rate of \$400, plus \$43.25 per day for an additional period, without health benefits.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Dr. William Joosten, leave replacement guidance counselor at Pascack Hills High School for Cristina Schneider, from January 25, 2017 for the balance of the 2016-2017 school year, at the per diem rate of \$400, modified from the resolution of November 7, 2016, without health benefits.

Moved by:	Bissir	nger			Seconded by:	Schei	•		
	***			VC	TE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	\square				Scher	\square			
Blundo				\square	Stankus				
Hallowell	$\overline{\checkmark}$				Steinberg	\square			
Molinelli					Steinfeld	\square			
Ralph	\square								

Mr. Steinfeld read the retirements into the record and commented that Mr. Wilhjelm has built a legendary program at the school. Mr. Gundersen agreed and said that this had been a difficult decision for Mr. Wilhjelm who had developed an amazing program at the school.

VIII. 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 Jan 3, 2017	\$429,035.06
Payroll as of December 31, 2016	\$1,514,937.47
Total	\$1,943,972.53

2. Secretary's and Treasurer's Financial Reports

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's unaudited 2016/17 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period November 2016.

3. Ratification of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification – Budgetary Line Item Status

RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that as of November 2016 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2-11(c)4 that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education certifies that as of November 2016 after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial report, in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(b).4.

4. 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 November as per the attached.

Moved by:	Bissir	nger			Seconded by:	Hallo	well		
	-			VC	TE	27			
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Bissinger	\square				Scher				
Blundo				\square	Stankus				
Hallowell	\square				Steinberg				
Molinelli					Steinfeld				
Ralph	\square								

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gundersen announced that Ms. Safari's last day was today and that the Commissioner of Education came today to visit the school and was impressed with the climate of the building. We will miss Ms. Safari but great things should come as a result of this sabbatical.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Anthony De Rosa from Hillsdale welcomed Mr. Stankus.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Ms. Molinelli seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Pamela Baxley

Respectfully,

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Notice: With advance notice we can provide personal assistance for the disabled. Please contact 201-358-7005.