

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

February 27, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Cafeteria.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order in the Pascack Hills High School Cafeteria at 8:00 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

Absent: Mr. Joseph Blundo
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.

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.

Please be advised that pursuant to Policy 0168 Recording of Board Meeting, the Board of Education meetings will be digitally video recorded and posted for public viewing on the district website within 48 hours of a board meeting and retained for one year.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen

Congratulations to our scouts and athletes who are being recognized this evening for their outstanding accomplishments! Your accomplishments are reflective of the dedication and hard work you have exhibited over many years. We appreciate you representing our district in such a positive way and thank you for a job well done!

Feedback surveys have been issued to students, staff and most recently parents. The district will be using this feedback to guide us in making potential modifications to our Pascack schedule, assessment methods, and communication systems. I look forward to sharing this information with the Board and the community in the coming weeks.

This past month our regional school districts joined together to present our 2nd annual speaker series featuring New York Times bestselling author and acclaimed speaker, Jessica Lahey. Ms. Lahey summarized current research on teaching, competence, praise, failure and offered parents practical advice for fostering self-motivation. As a follow-up, Mr. Weiland and Ms. Rossi will be conducting a book study of Ms. Lahey's book, "The Gift of Failure." The book study will take place tomorrow at 7:30pm at PVIIS.

The Hills/Valley Coalition will be hosting our district's next featured speaker, Dr. Kevin Sabet. Dr. Sabet, Director of the Drug Policy Institute at the University of Florida, writes and speaks of "Reefer Madness" where he speaks of the scientific truths and dangers of marijuana use – particularly for today's adolescent. He will be speaking at PVHS at 7pm on May 3rd.

Our mission is to prepare our students for what they can expect when they enter college and embark on their career. One element of this is to challenge more of our students to the rigors of college level coursework. I am excited to have Dr. Bachenheimer and our principals here this evening to provide us with a status report, share some good news, and explain how such opportunities will continue to grow for our students at PV and PHHS.

Thus concludes the Superintendent's Report for February 27, 2017.

Student Reports:

Alexandra Gluck – Pascack Hills High School

Today both the boys' and girls' basketball team play in the first round of the state tournament. The boys' basketball team had a particularly successful season with a 22-3 record, the number one seed in the state tournament, and the Big North Patriot Division title. The wrestling team finished with a respectable 15-11 record with Joe Keller taking second

place at 120lbs & John Giardina taking third place at 113lbs in the district wrestling tournament.

The Pascack girls swimming team won the conference championship for the 6th year in a row!

Senior Jeanna Pic represented Hills at the National Girls and Women in Sports recognition program held at Seton Hall University in late January. Winter sports are coming to a close and the spring sports are beginning this Friday.

Last week was the DECA State Competition in Atlantic City New Jersey. We have 3 individuals and two teams moving onto nationals in Anaheim California in April. Also at DECA, Ms. Corin Gamgort was honored at the opening ceremonies with the "Outstanding New DECA Advisor" Award. Ms. "G" has worked extremely hard to quickly put the Hills DECA program on the map and is recognized around the state as a very competitive team.

In preparation for the fast approaching prom season, students involved in Becca's Closet are collecting prom dresses to be distributed to underprivileged high schools.

Hills sophomore journalist, Mia Espino's article, "Proud Daughter of a Police Officer" was published in the Jan/Feb Issue of NJ Blue Now.

Congratulations to the staff of The Trailblazer. The Hills school newspaper was recently recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association with a Gold Medalist Certification.

On February 15th, 17 talented Hills musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The induction ceremony included beautiful performances from each of the inductees.

Congratulations to freshman Miranda Luo on being selected for All North Jersey Junior Band.

And finally, The Hills Spring Musical "Big Fish" opens this Thursday night and promises to be a great show. There will be individual shows Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, with the final show at 2pm on Sunday afternoon.

Kelly Petro – Pascack Valley High School

On Wednesday, February 15, The Environmental Club invited a guest speaker Aviva Chill from Ethical Choices Program to come discuss healthy eating and the ethics of American agriculture. She presented ways students can modify their diet to reduce risks of heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

The PV World Culture Club members have become even more global throughout their understanding and appreciation of how different cultures celebrate various holidays- known and unknown alike. Arts and crafts, food, music, dance, legends and storytelling are just a few of the keys utilized to achieve our goal.

Pascack swimming had another successful season. The boys' team made it to the state sectional tournament as the eighth seed and lost a hard fight meet against the fifth seed Union City ending their season with a record of 4-6. Additionally, they were third at the league championship. The girls' team made it to the state sectional quarterfinals as the fifth seed. They were victorious against the fourth seed Montclair winning 87-83 and fell to the number one seed, Morristown, ending their season with a record of 9-3. They were fourth in the county meet of champions and took home first in their league for the seventh consecutive season.

The Spanish NHS hosted a bake sale this afternoon. All proceeds will be used to purchase a blanket and toys for a boy in Westwood battling cancer.

The Class of 2020 had a movie night on February 15 showing *The Notebook*, which features an elderly man retelling the story of falling in love to his wife who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Half the proceeds were donated to the Alzheimer's Association. It was a very successful night.

The PV French Honor Society will begin a donation drive in March, to benefit their service project organization, Hope For Haiti (<http://hopeforhaiti.com>), which benefits this Caribbean country, the poorest in the western hemisphere. Haiti has been affected by natural disasters, such as the 2010 earthquake and last year's Hurricane Matthew; as well as a lack of educational resources, unclean living conditions, and limited access to healthcare.

The PV French students are excited to host 17 students from our partner school in France, Lycée Amiral de Grasse, from April 19 to 30. This will be the third visit from our partner school since 2014. Three chaperones will accompany the high school-age students, who will stay with PV students' families. The French students will spend four days attending class at PVHS with their American counterparts; and, also tour New York City, and surrounding areas, with their teachers on other days. A "Meet & Greet" is tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 26; during the Pascack Period, in the PV Cafeteria, where all administrators, faculty, and students may get to know our guests from France.

PV Choir's Talent Night took place on February 3. Thirty-nine students worked together with 4 adults to put on this event. We were able to raise \$1,110 for next year's choir trip. Thank you for all who made this such a successful night.

One Agenda Item

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:

February 6, 2017	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	7:30 p.m.
February 6, 2017	<u>Executive Meeting</u>	7:35 p.m.

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Molinelli
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	<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"/>					

V. STUDENT RECOGNITION

1. Girl Scout Gold Award

WHEREAS, the following seniors at Pascack Hills High School earned their Girl Scout Gold Award:

LeAnne Drum	Chloe Espino	Jillian Michales
Jennifer Ryan	Amanda Sailer	

To receive the Girl Scout Gold Award each Girl Scout must complete two Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador Journeys, or complete one Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador Journey and have earned the Silver Award. They must plan and implement an individual "Take Action" project that reaches beyond the Girl Scout organization and provides a sustainable, lasting benefit to the girl's larger community.

It requires a minimum of 80 hours of work in planning and completing the project. Plans must be developed with the aid of an advisor, then a project proposal must be submitted and approved by the girl's local council before starting the project, a final report is submitted and approved after the project's completion, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend these students for their outstanding achievement.

2. Eagle Scout Award

WHEREAS, Evan Michales, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, earned his Eagle Scout Award. The rank of Eagle Scout may be earned by a Boy Scout who has been a Life Scout for at least six months, has earned a minimum of 21 merit badges, has demonstrated Scout Spirit, and has demonstrated leadership within his troop. Additionally, he must plan, develop, and lead a service project that demonstrates both leadership and a commitment to duty. After all requirements are met, he must complete an Eagle Scout board of review, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize and commend Evan for his outstanding achievement.

3. Female Athlete of the Week

WHEREAS, Brianna Wong, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, has been selected as Female Athlete of the Week for basketball. Brianna had 21 points, eight rebounds and four steals to lead the Indians to a 78-54 win over Wayne Hills. Two days later, she had 23 points, six rebounds and four steals in a 46-24 victory over Ramapo. She also had 13 points, seven rebounds and four steals in a 55-24 win over Northern Highlands, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Brianna for her outstanding achievement.

4. Bergen County Boys Bowling Champions Group 3-4

WHEREAS, the following students from Pascack Valley High School won the Bergen County Boys Bowling Championship – Group 3-4 with a total of 5,930 total pins.

Brian Biml	Trevor Lauber	Scott Morris
Thomas Smith	Brian Sumereau	Henry Tipping
Coach Judith Lucia		

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend these students and their coach for their outstanding achievement.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

VI. PRESENTATION

Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment – Dr. Barry Bachenheimer, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Mr. Gundersen commended Dr. Bachenheimer and the principals.

Mr. Steinfeld commented that college readiness is an important focus for the district.

VII. 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.

IX. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 5

1. Overnight Trip

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Valley High School newspaper students and teacher for a trip to attend Journalism Education Association (JEA) National Journalism Convention in Seattle, Washington from April 6 – 9, 2017.

2. Physicians and Providers for Evaluations

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following providers for evaluations for the 2016-2017 school year:

Psychiatric Evaluations

Name	Rate per Evaluation
Morton Fridman, M.D	\$550
Esther Fridman, M.D.	550
Mark P. Faber, M.D.	550
Mercedes Paine, M.D.	550
Sonia Oquendo, M.D.	550
Justin K. Paltrowitz, M.D.	550
Nancy Tancer, M.D.	550

Clearance Letters

Name	Rate per Evaluation
Morton Fridman, M.D	\$250
Esther Fridman, M.D.	250
Sonia Oquendo, M.D.	250
Justin K. Paltrowitz, M.D.	250
Nancy Tancer, M.D.	250
West Bergen Mental Healthcare LCSW, LPC, Psychologist	153
West Bergen Mental Healthcare A.P. Nurse	204
West Bergen Mental Healthcare Psychiatrist	319

Neurological Evaluations

Name	Rate per Evaluation
Damon M. Fellman, M.D.	\$450
Joseph Holahan, M.D.	450

3. Child Study Team Evaluators

RESOLVED that the Pascaack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following providers for evaluations and/or services for the 2016-2017 school year:

Speech Therapists

Name	Rate per Evaluation	Rate per Service
Leah Fand	\$450	\$65
Linda Giovanni	450	65
Ellen Gruber	450	65
Laura Harney	450	65
Nancy Minnuni	450	65
Allison Parisi	450	65
Maria Tommasi	450	65
Alicia Vuoncino	450	65
ITG Innovative Therapy Group	450	65

Learning Consultants (LDT/C)

Name	Rate per Evaluation
Chris Fahy	\$450
Danielle Macaluso	450
Tracey Mastice	450
Jill McManus	450
ITG Innovative Therapy Group	450

Psychologists

Name	Rate per Evaluation	Rate per Service
Denise Alex	\$450	\$65

Name	Rate per Evaluation	Rate per Service
Dr. Sean Fitzmaurice	450	65
Jessica Maneri	450	65
Dr. Steven Myers	450	65
Jessica Perez	450	65
Wendy Rudis	450	65
Jolie Siegel	450	65
ITG Innovative Therapy Group	450	65

School Social Workers

Name	Rate per Evaluation
Elyse Elisano	\$350
Tara Flannery	350
Joanna Katz	350
Tamar Keller-Mozarski	350
ITG Innovative Therapy Group	350

4. Home/Supplemental Instruction

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following teachers to provide supplemental instruction for student ID #807588 from February 22 – April 28, 2017 as per the student’s IEP:

Name	Subject	Hours
Kevin Kibala	Conceptual Physics	1 hr./wk.
Brett Conrad	American Studies	1 hr./wk.
Heather O’Campo (math home instructor)	Algebra 2/Trig	1 hr./wk.

- 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 #807246 for 2 hours daily for approximately six weeks starting January 27, 2017.

5. Additional ABA Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional applied behavioral analysis services for student ID #809083 as follows:

Service	Hourly Rate	Total
1 hour weekly ABA Consult/at school – 2 weeks	\$134	\$268
10 hours weekly ABA at home – 2 weeks	\$80	\$1,600

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Hallowell

VOTE

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

X. HUMAN RESOURCES – CERTIFIED

One Agenda Item

1. New Hire

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Vincent Paolini, leave replacement guidance counselor at Pascack Valley High School for Taylor Henzel from May 2, 2017 through November 2, 2017, at the per diem rate of \$400, without health benefits.

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Scher

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

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES – NON-CERTIFIED

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 6

1. New Hire

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve John Rainey, part-time, Monday – Friday day custodian for Pascack Valley High School, effective March 6, 2017, for 20 hours weekly at the annual salary of \$27,698, without health benefits.

2. Additional Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional hours as needed for Cynthia Candrilli, instructional assistant, to accompany a Pascack Valley High School student during their participation in stage crew, at her usual hourly rate, for approximately five hours.

3. Athletic Resignations

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Ryan Hansen as assistant coach for football at Pascack Hills High School for the 2017-2018 school year.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the resignation of Alexander Braunstein as assistant coach for lacrosse at Pascack Hills High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

4. Co-curricular Appointment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Tara Flannery and Christie Rossig as co-advisors for Camp Raspberry at Pascack Valley High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

5. Substitute Teachers

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Type
<u>Thomas Murray</u>	New
<u>Joann Wood</u>	New

3. Extraordinary Aid

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent appropriates \$312,584.00 (Extraordinary Aid) to increase the following:

Account	Description	Amount
11.000.100.566.05.000	Tuition in State	\$150,000.00
11.140.100.100.05.000	Substitute Account	\$162,584.00
	Total	\$312,584.00

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(d), the appropriation of these extraordinary aid amounts does not require approval from the Commissioner of Education.

4. 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 055 to ABC Transportation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
1630	Valley Access @ NVDHS	117	9	126.00*	9,702.00*
1631	Project Search – Holy Name Hospital	117	39	117.00*	8,892.00*

*Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 1628 to ACE Transportation for the summer of 2016-2017 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
1628	New Bridges MS&HS	249	65	314.00*	23,864.00*

*Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 1629 to Gentle Ride Medical Transport for the 2016-2017 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
1629	New Milford Knight School	90	0	90.00	6,750.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q1719 to Star Transportation, LLC for the 2016-2017 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q1719	New Alliance (mid- day)	89	30	89.00	8,900.00

Moved by: Bissinger Seconded by: Scher

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
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Ralph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Ms. Bissinger reported that the committee met this evening to discuss the budget, upcoming capital projects and enrollment.

Negotiations Committee

Ms. Bissinger reported that negotiations are ongoing.

Mr. Stankus went to the Pascack Valley PFO meeting. The PFO needs members because membership has been declining. Over the past four years the PFO at Pascack Valley has granted over \$100,000 for scholarships.

Mr. Scher asked about the status of the Wellness Center. Parents have donated funds and want to continue to expand and grow the center. Mr. Gundersen said the guidance advisory committee has been meeting and the supervisor has allocated funds in his upcoming budget for wellness. The board is prepared to support, within reason, recommendations from that committee.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Carol Lee Adams from Montvale informed the board that the state of MD has introduced legislation to protect children from the effects of too much screen time. She referred to the articles that she had forwarded to the board for consideration of additions to the health policy to include vision and screen time protections.

She went on to discuss an email she sent to the board regarding the impact of computer usage on exam scores. She provided the link to the full report. She asked if we are considering putting together a health committee to look into this. Mr. Gundersen reported that they have had informal discussions regarding posture and sleep issues with regard to technology usage. Her articles are useful and we are looking into it. With regards to the impact of educational achievement, the studies she referenced were regarding computer usage for note taking. The technology we use is integrated into the curriculum it is not for note taking. The West Point study focused on the distraction when using the tablets for taking notes. We have completely infused technology into the curriculum.

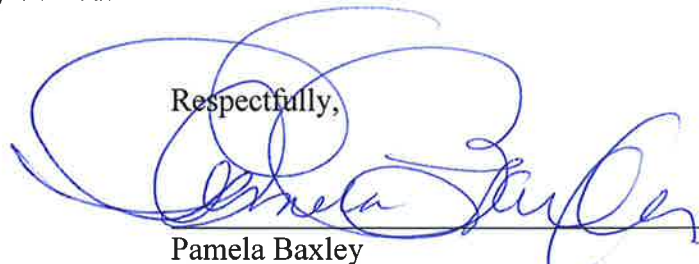
Ms. Adams commented that there have only been two winter events this year. She gets calls from senior citizens looking for students to shovel. "Snow Angels" a program to linkup students and seniors would be a good idea. The students could perform the service as a fundraiser or service project. It doesn't have to be free.

Mr. Derosa from Hillsdale commented that the town has considered a program to help seniors with snow shoveling.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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