MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

January 3, 2017

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday. January 3, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Auditorium.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m. by Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator.

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Baxley led those present in a salute to the flag.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER III.

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.ORGANIZATION OF BOARD

IV. OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

1. Certification of Election Results for Annual School Board - November 8, 2016

Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board of Education (Three-Year Term)

Tammy Molinelli – Woodcliff Lake

James Stankus – River Vale

1413 votes 1599 votes

2. Oath of Office: Administered to newly re-elected Board Members by Ms. Pamela Baxley, Board Secretary:

Tammy Molinelli – Woodcliff Lake, James Stankus – River Vale

3. ROLL CALL

Ms. Janet Bissinger

Mr. Brian Hallowell

Ms. Tammy Molinelli

Mr. Kenneth Ralph

Mr. Arnold Scher

Mr. James Stankus

Mr. David Steinberg

Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld

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

Absent: Mr. Joseph Blundo

4. Nomination and Election of President

The Board Secretary requested nominations for the office of President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, according to board policy code number 0152.

A motion was made to nominate Jeffrey Steinfeld for President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education

Moved by: Hallowell			Seconded by:	Steinberg				
VOTE								
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	
Bissinger				Scher	\square			
Blundo				Stankus			\checkmark	
Hallowell	\square			Steinberg				
Molinelli				Steinfeld				
Ralph								

Mr. Stankus abstained

THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT WILL OCCUPY THE CHAIR

5. Nomination and Election of Vice President

The President requested nominations for the office of Vice President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, according to board policy code number 0152.

a. A motion was made to nominate Janet Bissinger for Vice President of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

Moved by:	Scher			Seconded by:	Molinelli			
VOTE								
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	
Bissinger	Ø			Scher				
Blundo				Stankus			\square	
Hallowell	\square			Steinberg	\checkmark			
Molinelli				Steinfeld	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$			
Ralph								

Mr. Stankus abstained.

6. N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

The President read aloud the following code of ethics which applies to all School Board Members:

School Board Members shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Consent Agenda for Items 7 – 37

7. Appointment of Professional Services

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education requires the professional services of Attorneys, Accountants/Auditors and Architects, and

WHEREAS, the nature of the services to be performed meet the definition of "professional services" set forth in the Public School Contract Law, and

WHEREAS, funds are available to obtain such professional services, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contract Law N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-5 authorizes the awarding of contracts for professional services by resolution of the Board of Education without publicly advertised competitive bids;

ACCORDINGLY, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education authorizes the award of the following professional services appointments and contracts:

- a. That the firm of Fogarty & Hara, Counsellors at Law, Fair Lawn, NJ, be appointed Board of Education attorneys to provide legal services for the period January 3, 2017 to the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, and as per the following hourly rates: \$175 for a partner and \$155 for an associate. There is no increase in the hourly rates.
- b. That the firm of Nisivoccia LLP, Mt. Arlington, NJ, be appointed Board of Education auditors and accountants to provide auditing and accounting services for the period January 3, 2017 to the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, at the following hourly rates: \$150-\$165 for partners, \$130-\$150 for in-charge accountants, and \$75-\$130 for other staff. There is no increase in the hourly rates.
- c. That the firm of Environetics Group Architects, PC, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, be appointed Board of Education architects to provide architectural services for the period January 3, 2017 to the next reorganization meeting, at fees negotiated for each individual project, at the following hourly rates: \$160 for principals, \$150 for associate principals, \$145 for senior project managers, \$85 for assistant project managers, \$125 for senior project architects, \$100 for project architects, \$75 for job captains, \$65 for design and technical staff, and \$55 for junior technical staff. There is no increase in the hourly rates.

These professional services contracts are made and awarded without competitive bidding as the services will be rendered by persons experienced in the practice of a process requiring specialized knowledge and resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a brief notice of this action shall be printed once in *The Record* as required by law, within ten (10) days of its passage, stating its nature, duration, service, and amount and that the resolution and contract are on file in the office of the Board of Education in the following form:

This resolution and contracts are on file and available for public inspection at the Board of Education's office, located at 46 Akers Avenue, Montvale, NJ.

8. Approval of Insurance Agency

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:-5.10, it is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve Burton Agency, Inc., 44 Bergen Street, Westwood, NJ, to administer insurance provided through the North East School Board Insurance Group for the period January 3, 2017 to the next re-organization meeting.

9. Approval of Willis of New Jersey, Inc.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:-5.10, it is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve Willis of New Jersey, Inc., of Morristown, NJ to administer the dental insurance and flexible spending account for the period January 3, 2017 to the next re-organization meeting.

10. Approval of The Omni Group

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:-5.10, it is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve The Omni Group of Rochester, NY to be the third party plan administrator for the tax shelter plans for the period January 3, 2017 to the next re-organization meeting.

11. Approval of Environmental Consulting Services

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:-5.10, it is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the contract for environmental consulting services submitted by Health & Safety Services, Inc., of Hammonton, NJ, for the period January 3, 2017 to the next reorganization meeting.

12. Appointment of Bond Counsel

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.10, it is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the appointment Lisa A. Gorab, Esq., of the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, as bond counsel for the period January 3, 2017 to the next re-organization meeting.

13. Appointment of Financial Advisors

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.10, it is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the Appointment of Ms. Robbi S. Acampora, of the firm Phoenix Advisors, LLC., as financial advisor for the period January 3, 2017 to the next re-organization meeting.

14. Approval of Purchases Utilizing State Contracts, Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, WSCA (Western States Contracting Alliance), Admin Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture, PEPPM (Pennsylvania Education Purchasing Program for Microcomputers), Hunterdon County Educational Services and Keystone

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the procurement of goods and services through state agency for the 2017-2018 school year.

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that the Board of Education without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to purchase goods and services utilizing state contracts, Middlesex Regional, WSCA, Admin Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture, PEPPM, Hunterdon County Educational Services and Keystone.

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent for the period January 3, 2017 to the next reorganization meeting as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education does, hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State of the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various vendors.

15. Appointment of Board Secretary

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-5, approve the appointment of Pamela Baxley as Board Secretary for the 2017 –2018 school year.

16. Appointment of Assistant Board Secretary

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-5, approve the appointment of Mrs. Brenda Kirk as Assistant Board Secretary for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

17. Approval of Bollinger Insurance - Student Accident Insurance

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Bollinger Insurance of Short Hills, NJ, to administer student accident insurance for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

18. Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Pamela Baxley as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

19. Appointment of District 504 Officer

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Mr. Sean Struncis as 504 Officer for the district for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

20. Appointment of Anti-Bullying Coordinator and Specialists

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointments of Mr. Sean Struncis, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator, and Mrs. Gale Mangold, Pascack Hills High School Anti-Bullying Specialist, and Mrs. Christie Rossig, Pascack Valley High School Anti-Bullying Specialist for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

21. Appointment of Attendance Officers

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointments of Lillian Murray of Pascack Hills High School and Robert Buesser of Pascack Valley High School, as Attendance Officers for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

22. Appointment of Treasurer of School Moneys

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:13-14, approve the appointment of Ms. Deborah Carpino as Treasurer of School Moneys for the 2017–2018 school year.

23. Designation of Official Bank Depositories and Signatories

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as official bank depositories and signatories for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Northern Valley-Englewood Savings & Loan	Hillsdale, NJ		
Capital One Bank	Westwood, NJ		

24. Approval of Legal Depositories – Bank for Deposits/Withdrawals/Safe Deposit Box

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the Business Administrator to invest school district funds within statutory limitations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the district's participation in the Bergen County Banking Consortium (BCBANC) for the 2017 – 2018 school year and authorize the Business Administrator to serve as a trustee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education designate Capital One as the bank for deposits and withdrawals for the following accounts: Payroll, Payroll Agency, Unemployment, General Fund, Cafeteria, *e*Learning, Petty Cash, Capital Projects, Student Activities, and Athletics and approve the use of a safe deposit box at Capital One for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the designated signatures on the above accounts as outlined in the attached document, as recommended by the Superintendent.

25. Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Pamela Baxley as its Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a qualified purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:18A-2, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that pursuant to State Law N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 all purchases and contracts exceeding the bid threshold of \$40,000, shall be awarded by board resolution at a public meeting including all State Contract purchases that exceed \$40,000.

26. Adoption of Existing Curriculum

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt the existing curricula contained in the 2017 – 2018 Pascack Valley Regional Program of Studies for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

27. Approval of Legal Newspaper

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve *The Record* as the designated legal newspaper circulating within the district, for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

28. Appointment of School Physician

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Dr. Michelle Mayer, 595 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 4, Woodcliff Lake, NJ, as school physician for the district, for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

29. Annual Approval of Board Expenses for NJSBAC and BCSBA

WHEREAS, the NJ School Boards Association Conference (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBAC") will be held in October and Bergen County School Boards Association (Hereinafter referred to as "BCSBA"); and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") has determined that Board member participation in the NJSBAC and BCSBA is both educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that Board member participation in the NJSBAC and BCSBA promotes the delivery of instruction and furthers the efficient operation of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to the NJSBAC and BCSBA is expected to exceed the state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in the NJ Office of Management and Budget (NJOMB) circular letter 06-02.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds any travel and related expenses related to Board member attendance at the NJSBAC and BCSBA in October and for the 2016 – 2017 school year, as well as reimbursement for same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds any travel and related expenses particular to the NJSBAC and BCSBA which exceed the State travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter 06-02 to be necessary and unavoidable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds any such necessary and unavoidable expenses related to attendance at the NJSBAC and BCSBA to be justified and therefore reimbursable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned district employees will be reimbursed for travel related expenses at the designated 2017 – 2018 payment periods, in compliance with state statutory and federal regulatory requirements.

30. Approval of Bidding Agreement – Educational Data Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agreement with Educational Data Services to provide bidding services for a fee of \$9,500 for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

31. Purchases Exceeding Bid Threshold of \$40,000

RESOLVED by the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that pursuant to State Law N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 all purchases and contracts exceeding the bid threshold of \$40,000, shall be awarded by board resolution at a public meeting including all State Contracts purchases that exceed \$40,000; therefore the Board hereby authorized purchases in excess of \$40,000 via State Contract with the vendors as listed:

VENDORS		
Apple	Dyntek	Shaws Complete Security
Atra Janitorial Supply	Hertz Furniture	Software House International
Academic Superstore	Hewlett Packard Financial	TechXTend
CDW-G	Howard Industries	TTI
Chas F. Connolly Dist	IBM Corp	United Business Systems
Cisco	IPS Global	Van-Con, Inc.
C. J. Vanderbeck &	Juniper Networks	
Son	_	
Commercial Interiors	Lightpath	
Direct		
Cooper Electric	Ocean Computer	
Supply Co.		
Dell/ASAP Software	Promedia	
Dell Marketing L.P.	RFP Solutions	

32. Supplemental Insurance

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Aflac as a provider of voluntary supplemental insurance to district employees for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

33. Nursing Services to Non-Public Students

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, renew the service contract with Catapult Learning to provide non-public nursing services for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Such services shall be rendered pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 226 of the Laws of 1991, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education. Fees are determined by state allocation for non-public nursing services.

34. Approval of Maximum Travel and Related Expenditures

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by state and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education had previously established a maximum amount for the pre-budget year 2016-2017 as \$130,000.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has expended \$53,588 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date; and

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby establish the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2017-2018 school year as \$170,000.

35. Annual Travel Pre-Authorization

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve pre-authorization of travel expenses for the following:

Teachers who travel between schools as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the end of the term at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Teachers who travel to free conferences and workshops sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education, or educational associations, will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Supervisors who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Administrators who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Child Study Team members who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Technology Department employees who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

Region II employees who travel to meetings and other events as required by their job description will be reimbursed for their mileage at the NJ OMB Circular established rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned district employees will be reimbursed for travel related expenses at the designated 2017-2018 payment periods, in compliance with state statutory and federal regulatory requirements, not to exceed \$4,000 per employee for regular business travel.

36. Tax Shelters

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following companies to provide Tax Shelter Annuity salary reduction agreements for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Axa Equitable	Legends	MetLife
Oldham	Valic	Vanguard

37. Standing Obligations

It is recommended by the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education accept, ratify, and adopt all commitments, rules, and bylaws.

Moved by:	Bissir	iger		Seconded by:	Scher	-	
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Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.
Bissinger	\square			Scher	$ \overline{\mathbf{A}} $		
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Molinelli	\square			Steinfeld			
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V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Molinelli to adjourn into the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. Ms. Bissinger seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

Pamela Baxley

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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