

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

May 1, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Faculty Cafeteria.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order in the Pascack Hills Faculty Cafeteria at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President.

Present: Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President
Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
Mr. Joseph Blundo
Ms. Tammy Molinelli
Mr. Kenneth Ralph
Mr. Arnold Scher
Mr. James Stankus
Mr. David Steinberg

Absent: Mr. Brian Hallowell

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.

Meeting Regulations

During this regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited. The second opportunity will occur just prior to adjournment, when residents may address general comments to the Board with time limits being at the discretion of the President.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings, including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard, if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the President unless the majority of the Board present and voting, rule otherwise.

Comments and questions shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to sit down.

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MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Scher to enter into an executive session at 6:47 p.m. Mr. Steinberg seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

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 matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a) Review of staff
 - b) Collective bargaining agreement
3. The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
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 7:50 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

At this time the meeting resumed in the auditorium.

Also present at that time were:

Student Representatives: Alexandra Gluck – PHHS; Kelly Petro – PVHS
Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

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 and April 21, 2017.

Mr. Steinfeld thanked Ms. Bissinger for running the last meeting in his absence and congratulated the Pascack Pioneers on their win in the world competition,

IV. STUDENT RECOGNITION

1. 2016 – 2017 Outstanding Support Staff Member – District Offices

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District has commissioned a committee within the district to establish a selection process to choose a support staff member of the year to be recognized for the district offices and each high school, and

WHEREAS, the nominating committee has selected Alex Toth for distinguishing himself through exceptional contributions in his work efforts to the district, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2016-2017 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for the district offices, Alex Toth, District Maintenance Coordinator.

2. 2016 – 2017 Outstanding Support Staff Member – Pascack Hills High School

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District has commissioned a committee within the district to establish a selection process to choose a support staff member of the year to be recognized for the district offices and each high school, and

WHEREAS, the nominating committee has selected Matthew Miller for distinguishing himself through exceptional contributions in his work efforts to the district, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2016-2017 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for Pascack Hills High School, Matthew Miller, Security Officer.

3. 2016 – 2017 Outstanding Support Staff Member – Pascack Valley High School

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District has commissioned a committee within the district to establish a selection process to choose a support staff member of the year to be recognized for the district offices and each high school, and

WHEREAS, the nominating committee has selected Javier Diaz for distinguishing himself through exceptional contributions in his work efforts to the district, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2016-2017 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for Pascack Valley High School, Javier Diaz, Custodian.

4. 2016 – 2017 Teacher of the Year – Pascack Hills High School

WHEREAS, The Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program, jointly sponsored by the Bergen County Association of School Administrators, and the Bergen County Education Association, has established a selection process for the Bergen County Teacher Recognition Program in our district, and

WHEREAS, the nominating committee has selected Kaitlyn Mahaffey for distinguishing herself through exceptional contributions to her students, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Kaitlyn Mahaffey, social studies Teacher.

5. 2016 – 2017 Teacher of the Year – Pascack Valley High School

WHEREAS, The Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program, jointly sponsored by the Bergen County Association of School Administrators, and the Bergen County Education Association, has established a selection process for the Bergen County Teacher Recognition Program in our district, and

WHEREAS, the nominating committee has selected Andrew Lewis for distinguishing himself through exceptional contributions to his students; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, Andrew Lewis, Spanish Teacher.

6. 2016 – 2017 Educational Services Professional of the Year – Pascack Hills High School

WHEREAS, The Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program, jointly sponsored by the Bergen County Association of School Administrators, and the Bergen County Education Association, has established a

selection process for the Bergen County Teacher Recognition Program in our district, and

WHEREAS, the nominating committee has selected Francis Cherichello for distinguishing himself through exceptional contributions to his students, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2016-2017 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Francis Cherichello, Guidance Counselor.

7. 2016 – 2017 Educational Services Professional of the Year – Pascack Valley High School

WHEREAS, The Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program, jointly sponsored by the Bergen County Association of School Administrators, and the Bergen County Education Association, has established a selection process for the Bergen County Teacher Recognition Program in our district, and

WHEREAS, the nominating committee has selected Christie Rossig for distinguishing herself through exceptional contributions to her students; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2016-2017 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, Christie Rossig, Student Assistance Counselor.

8. Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award

WHEREAS, Lauren Martinez, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, and Kyle Hammalian, a junior at Pascack Hills High School, are recipients of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award. This award recognizes exceptional high school juniors who exhibit exceptional performance and potential in the areas of academics, athletics, community services, good citizenship and leadership, and,

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

Steve Kalish a graduate of West Point, the organization which sponsors the Eisenhower award, presented the award.

9. National Hispanic Recognition Program Award

WHEREAS, Holly Aloï, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, received the National Hispanic Recognition Program award for scoring in the top 2.5% on the PSAT/NMSQT among all the Hispanic and Latino test takers, and,

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

10. Sister Rose Thering Fund Essay Competition

WHEREAS, Alexa Char, a junior at Pascack Hills High School, won second place in the Annual Sister Rose Thering Fund Essay Competition, and Timothy Beldon, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, received Honorable Mention in the Annual Sister Rose Fund Competition, and,

Sister Rose Thering devoted her life to reducing prejudice and promoting dialogue among all people. This year's essay focused on peace and asking students how they, too, can be "agents of peace." There are four First Place monetary prizes awarded, one for each high school grade level, and four Honorable Mention awards, one for each grade level.

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

11. 2017 AATF (American Association Teachers of French) Creative Writing Award

WHEREAS, Susanna Koons, French Honor Society Member and a senior at Pascack Valley High School, is the recipient of the 2017 American Association of Teachers of French Outstanding Senior Award. Susanna's essay, in French, was chosen from 84 entries nationally, and is printed in their newsletter, *L'Elan*. This year's essay topic was: *If you had a time machine, in which era would you go and why?*

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

12. Honors Orchestra of America, All-State Band, All-State Orchestra, and All-Eastern Band

WHEREAS, Julian Stiles, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, was selected to perform with Honors Orchestra of America, All-State Band as first horn, All-State Orchestra, and All-Eastern Band. Julian recently won for both horn and piano at the International Music and Arts Society's Talented Young Musician Olympia Competition, as a top prize winner he will perform the horn at Carnegie Hall, and on piano at Weill Recital Hall. He also received the highest rating at the New Jersey Music Teachers Association piano festival at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, and,

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

13. New Jersey Principals & Supervisors Association's Student Leadership Award

WHEREAS, Matthew Urrea, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, received the New Jersey Principals & Supervisors Association's Student Leadership Scholarship Award. Each applicant submitted an essay entitled "The Importance of Student

Leadership in School Activities”, a resume indicating leadership positions the applicant held and contributions to their school while in these position. A letter of recommendation from their principal and activities advisor also had to be submitted, and,

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

14. 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards – National Medalist

WHEREAS, Nicholas Metz, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, received a National Medal in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. National Medalists represent less than 1% of submissions to the 2017 Scholastic Awards. This year, students submitted more than 330,000 works of art and writing, and,

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

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

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 – 3

1. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Reports

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, affirm the findings of the superintendent for the following harassment, intimidation, and bullying reports:

<u>PH-4 2016-2017</u>

<u>PH-5 2016-2017</u>

2. PVREA Agreement

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, adopt the Agreement between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the Pascack Valley Regional Education Association for the period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020.

5. 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 Federal/NJ family leave request:

Name	Position	Requests modified from/to:
<u>Taylor Henzel</u>	PVHS Guidance Counselor	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> From: April 17 – October 20, 2017 To: March 30 – October 13, 2017 Paid using 19 sick, 3 personal days <u>FMLA/NJFLA</u> From: May 15 – October 13, 2017 To: <u>Leave of Absence</u> From: None To: March 30 – April 5, 2017

6. Tenured Administrator Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of tenured administrators for the 2017-2018 school year.

7. Tenured Supervisor Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of tenured supervisors for the 2017-2018 school year.

8. Tenured Teacher Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of tenured teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

9. Tenured Non-Bargaining Staff Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of tenured non-bargaining staff for the 2017-2018 school year.

10. Non-tenured Supervisors Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of non-tenured supervisors for the 2017-2018 school year.

11. Non-tenured Teacher Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of non-tenured teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

3. Amendment to Long-Range Facility Plan

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent approves the amendment of the Long Range Facility Plan to revise and add the following projects:

Project	COST PER SQ.FT.	SQ.FT.	Total Construction	Total Project
PVHS Science Wing HVAC Upgrades:	\$35	17,143	\$600,005.00	\$738,006.15
18-21 Year Old Life Skills Program:	\$50,000	1	\$50,000.00	\$61,500.00
Total			\$650,005.00	\$799,506.15

4. Transportation Renewal Contracts for Home to School Transportation – Public High Schools for the 2017-2018 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following transportation renewal contracts for the 2017-2018 school year with the Scholastic Bus Company, Fair Lawn, NJ as stated below:

School (Public School - Home to School)	Route #	Contract Renewal 2016-2017	Contract Renewal 2017-2018	0.30% Maximum CPI Increase 2017 vs. 2018
Pascack Hills H.S., Montvale, NJ.	Multi #H2 Route #s (1,2,3,4,)	\$230.08 per diem \$41,414.40 (1) rte. \$165,657.60 (4) rtes Annual	\$230.77 per diem \$41,538.64 (1) rt. \$166,154.57 (4) rtes. Annual	0.30%
Pascack Hills H.S., Montvale, NJ	1A	\$237.91 per diem \$42,823.80 (1) rte. Annual	\$238.62 per diem \$42,952.27 (1) rte. Annual	0.30%
Pascack Valley H.S., Hillsdale	Multi #VUN1 Route #s (9, 10, 11)	\$230.08 per diem \$41,414.40 (1) rte. \$124,243.20 (3) rtes. Annual	\$230.77 per diem \$41,538.64 (1) rt. \$124,615.92 (3) rtes. Annual	0.30%
Pascack Valley H.S., Hillsdale	12	\$257.17 per diem \$46,290.60 (1) rte. Annual	\$257.94 per diem \$46,429.47 (1) rte. Annual	0.30%
Bergen County Academies, Hackensack, NJ	Multi #BAH Route #s BA08, BA09, BA10	\$134.95 per diem \$24,291.00 (1) rte. \$72,873.00 (3) rtes. Annual	\$135.35 per diem \$24,363.87 (1) rte. \$73,091.61 (3) rtes. Annual	0.30%

Moved by: Molinelli 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"/>	Scher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blundo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hallowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steinberg	<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"/>	Steinfeld	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Bissinger reported that the robotics team was part of the winning alliance at the world championships in St. Louis. They also won the Entrepreneurship Award.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

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.

Ms. Carol Lee Adams from Montvale discussed a proposed health policy regarding the adverse effects of technology on student health. She referenced a 60 Minutes show on brain hacking which is purposely addictive and an article from the Washington Post on "Tech's Neck". She provided the board copies of the articles. She also commented on opiate abuse. She wanted to give a ticket to the 75th anniversary celebration for the Walter Hoving Home at Florentine Gardens to a board member.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Blundo seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley
 Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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