

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

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

November 7, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:30 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 Faculty Cafeteria at 7:30 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. Kenneth Ralph  
Mr. Arnold Scher  
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.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Scher to enter into an executive session at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Cafeteria 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 matter to be discussed is as follows: a possible HIB incident.
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 8:00 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 November 6, 2016.

Mr. Steinfeld commented on the school musical and expressed his congratulations to the cast.

### **IV. ROUTINE MATTERS**

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:

October 24, 2016	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	7:30 p.m.
October 24, 2016	<u>Executive Meeting</u>	7:33 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"/>	Ralph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blundo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steinberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hallowell	<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"/>
Molinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Teacher Assessment Panel Discussion** – Dr. Barry Bachenheimer, Ms. Jane Conboy, Mr. Brett Conrad, Dr. David Frangiosa, Ms. Janet Goodman, Ms. Kaitlyn Mahaffey, Mr. Matthew Morone

The teachers each answered questions posed by Dr. Bachenheimer regarding the methods they used in their classrooms. They also responded to comments, concerns and questions from board members. The supervisors gave updates on current issues within their departments.

- 2. Pascack Hills High School Athletic Complex Construction Project** – Mr. Erik Gundersen gave a presentation to the board on the proposed plan for the athletic complex at Pascack Hills including the preliminary time frame and cost projections.

**VI. 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.

**VII. 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 pre-authorizations for the following:

<u>Enrico Attanasio</u>	<u>Kaitlyn Mahaffey</u>	<u>Margaret Narin (2)</u>
<u>Virena Rossi</u>	<u>Margaret White</u>	





- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Michael Niego, as School Security Officer at Pascack Valley High School, effective November 8, 2016, at an annual salary of \$40,000, prorated, without benefits.
  - d. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Elwood Stalter, Jr., as School Security Officer at Pascack Valley High School, effective November 8, 2016, at an annual salary of \$40,000, prorated, without benefits.
2. **Substitute Teacher**
- RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Alexander Braunstein as a substitute teacher for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. **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 Curtis Peters, to provide support for a student to participate in basketball practice, games, and playoffs, for approximately 2.5 hours per day for 85 days at his usual hourly rate.
4. **Co-curricular 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 Mary Camporeale as Pascack Valley High School SGA Bookkeeper effective December 31, 2016.
5. **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 Curtis Peters as assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School girls basketball team for the 2016-2017 season.
6. **Athletic Appointments**
- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Matthew Marini as the assistant coach for the Pascack Hills High School girls basketball team, at step 3, \$7,100, for the 2016-2017 season.
  - b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Casey Gotliffe as the assistant coach for the Pascack Valley High School boys tennis team, at step 3, \$5,600, for the 2016-2017 season.







4. **Transfers**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve transfers for the month of September as per the attached.

5. **Pascack Valley High School – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for 2016-2017 School Year**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27-11.2) and at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill for the **Pascack Valley Regional High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ.**

The **first** of two annual drills for the **2016-2017 school year** was conducted on **October 11, 2016 at 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.** in the **front of the school building.**

**WHEREAS**, the Scholastic Bus Company's staff of school bus drivers for **routes #9, 10, 11, & 12**, participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill; and which included the supervision of **Mr. John Puccio**, and **Ms. Debbie Squicciarri**, **Assistant Principals** of Pascack Valley High School.

6. **Pascack Hills High School – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for 2016-2017 School Year**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27-11.2) and at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill for the **Pascack Hills High School, 225 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ.**

The **first** of two annual drills for the **2016-2017 school year** was conducted on **October 19, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** at the **main entrance of the high school.**

**WHEREAS**, the Scholastic Bus Company's staff of school bus drivers for **routes #1, 1A, 2, 3, & 4**, participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill; and which included the supervision of **Mr. Tim Wieland**, **Assistant Principal**, and **Ms. Charleen Schwartzman**, **Math Teacher.**

7. **Submission of 2015 – 2018 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Pascack Valley Regional High School District are consistent with these requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid; and

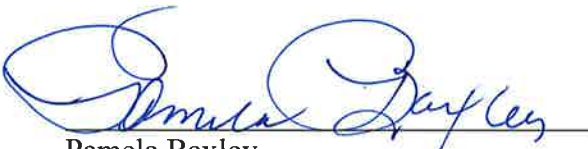


over 50% of the students did not favor the new method. Mr. Stankus felt that teachers wouldn't approach the board and give a negative spin on a new initiative. Students are not given an option to opt out of a nontraditional classroom. He was glad that some of the board members had raised relevant questions. Recording the meetings makes it essential that you do get the proper feedback from parents according to Mr. Stankus.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. Mr. Hollowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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