

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

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

July 13, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Pascack Hills High School Media Center.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order in the Pascack Hills Media Center at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President.

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

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.



**V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to five minutes, according to the Pascaack 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 – 11

**1. Travel Pre-Authorization**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascaack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve travel expense pre-authorizations for the following:

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Dominique Paladino</u> | <u>Noemi Rodriguez</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|

**2. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Reports**

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

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>PH-7 2016-2017</u> | <u>PH-8 2016-2017</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|

**3. Contract for Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascaack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the contract for Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, which has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent as required by law.

**4. Payment of Merit Bonus to the Superintendent**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascaack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the payment of merit bonus to P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent for attaining merit goals for the 2016-2017 school year, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent as required by law.

**5. Appointment of American Disabilities Act Coordinator**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascaack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Dr. Barry Bachenheimer as American Disabilities Act Coordinator for the 2017-2018 school year.



**VII. EDUCATION**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 5

**1. Chaperone**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Joseph Pantalone as a paid chaperone for the trip for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Robotics team to attend the FIRST Indiana Robotics Invitational Tournament in Indianapolis, IN from July 13 – 15, 2017. The trip was previously approved by the board of education on June 5, 2017.

**2. Overnight Trip**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Pascack Hills High School softball and baseball players, coaches and if necessary, chaperones, to compete in the Ripkin Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 24-27, 2018.

**3. Out-of-district Placement**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve out-of-district placement of student ID #807207 at Fusion Academy in Englewood, NJ for the 2017-2018 school year, tuition is \$24,334.

**4. Independent Child Study Team Evaluators – Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve independent child study team evaluators that will provide evaluations and direct services for Region II districts for the 2017-2018 school year, as follows:

| <b>School Psychologists</b> | <b>Evaluation Rate</b> | <b>Hourly Service Rate for Counseling and/or attending CST Meetings</b> | <b>School Clearance</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Wendy Rudis                 | \$450                  | \$65  | N/A                     |
| Steven Myers                | \$450                  | \$65  | \$250                   |
| Jolie Siegel                | \$450                  | \$65  | N/A                     |
| Sean Fitzmaurice            | \$450                  | \$65  | N/A                     |
| Jessica Perez               | \$450                  | \$65  | N/A                     |
| Denise Alex                 | \$450                  | \$65  | N/A                     |
| Jessica Manieri             | \$450                  | \$65  | N/A                     |

| <b>School Social Workers</b> | <b>Evaluation Rate</b> | <b>Hourly Service Rate for Counseling and/or attending CST Meetings</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Elyse Elisano                | \$350                  | \$65  |

| <b>School Social Workers</b> | <b>Evaluation Rate</b> | <b>Hourly Service Rate for Counseling and/or attending CST Meetings</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Tara Flannery                | \$350                  | \$65  |
| Tamar Keller Moczarski       | \$350                  | \$65  |
| Joanna Katz                  | \$350                  | \$65  |

| <b>Learning Consultants (LDTCS)</b> | <b>Evaluation Rate</b> | <b>Hourly Rate for attending CST Meetings</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Claire Fahy                         | \$450                  | \$65  |
| Joyce Fitzmaurice                   | \$450                  | \$65  |
| William Luderer                     | \$450                  | \$65  |
| Jill McManus                        | \$450                  | \$65  |
| Danielle Macaluso                   | \$450                  | \$65  |
| Tracey Mastice                      | \$450                  | \$65  |
| Bracha Rand                         | \$450                  | \$65  |

| <b>Speech Therapists</b> | <b>Evaluation Rate</b> | <b>Hourly Service Rate for Speech Therapy and/or attending CST Meetings</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Linda Giovanni           | \$450                  | \$70 Individual/\$80 Group  |
| Ellen Gruber             | \$450                  | \$70 Individual/\$80 Group  |
| Laura Harney             | \$450                  | \$70 Individual/\$80 Group  |
| Leah Pinkas Fand         | \$450                  | \$70 Individual/\$80 Group  |
| Alicia Vuoncino          | \$450                  | \$70 Individual/\$80 Group  |

**5. Therapy and Other Services – Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve J & B Therapy, LLC to provide the following services to Region II districts for school year 2017-2018:

| <b>Service</b>                                 | <b>Rate</b>         |
|--|---------------------|
| Occupational, Physical, and/or Speech Therapy  | \$88.00 /hour       |
| LDTCS, Psychologist and/or Behavioral Services | \$90.00/hour        |
| Behavior Plans & Functional Behavior           | \$90.00/hour        |
| Evaluations (LDTCS, Psychological, OT, PT, ST) | \$405.00/evaluation |
| Reading Specialists                            | \$80.00/hour        |
| Home Instruction Services                      | \$65.00/hour        |
| Bilingual Evaluations                          | \$750.00/evaluation |



| Name                | Department         | School | Additional Periods                   |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Jonathan Moran      | Physical Education | PVHS   | 5 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Liam O'Neil         | World Languages    | PVHS   | 5 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Ali Petaccia        | Science            | PVHS   | 2 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Deb Ragone          | Special Services   | PVHS   | 5 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Rob Salgado         | Special Services   | PHHS   | 3 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Mary Scorese        | Science            | PHHS   | 5 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Will VanKersen      | Special Services   | PVHS   | 5 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Kate Vargo          | Special Services   | PHHS   | 2 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Melissa Velez       | Physical Education | PVHS   | 5 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Christina Vicinanza | Special Services   | PVHS   | 5 add'l periods per week - full year |
| Jim Whitfield       | Science            | PHHS   | 4 add'l periods per week - full year |

**4. Staff Assignment Changes**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve changes of assignment for 2017-2018 school year:

| Name             | Previous Assignment                          | 2017-2018 Assignment                  |
|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Caitlin Murphy   | Mathematics Teacher<br>District              | Mathematics Teacher<br>PVHS           |
| Angie DeLima     | World Language<br>Teacher<br>District        | World Language<br>Teacher<br>PVHS     |
| Terry DelGuidice | World Language<br>Teacher<br>PVHS            | World Language<br>Teacher<br>District |
| Lisa McKay       | Behaviorist (Non-<br>bargaining)<br>District | Behaviorist (PVREA)<br>District       |

**5. Summer Professional Development Hours**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve summer hours for members of the teaching staff of Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School for participating in the Multi-tiered System of Supports workshop for mathematics and science.

Moved by: Bissinger                      Seconded by: Hallowell

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 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"/> |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |           |                                     |                          |                          |                          |



Mr. Steinfeld read item 2 into the record.

Mr. Scher asked if there was an exit interview with Ms. Van Der Sluys. Mr. Gundersen replied that there was no exit interview but that she was leaving because she had received a position closer to home.

**IX. HUMAN RESOURCES – NON-CERTIFICATED**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 6

**1. PVRSSA 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 Support Staff Association for the period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020.

**2. Additional Days for Ten-month Employee**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve four additional days of work at the usual rate for Karen Marchisin, secretary for the Park Academy.

**3. Co-curricular Appointments**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the co-curricular appointments for Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School, for the 2017-2018 school year.

**4. Staff Assignment Changes**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following changes to assignments for the 2017-2018 school year:

| Name          | Previous Assignment |                                     | 2017-2018 Assignment |                  |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Ellen Doyle   | Instructional Aide  | OOD, Ridgefield Jr./Sr. High School | Instructional Aide   | Milestones @ PVR |
| Janet Donaghy | Aide/Job Coach      | PHHS                                | Instructional Aide   | PHHS             |
| Curtis Peters | Instructional Aide  | OOD, New Bridges                    | Instructional Aide   | PHHS             |
| Jane Rodes    | Aide/Job Coach      | PVHS                                | Instructional Aide   | PVHS             |



**2. 2017-2018 IDEA Contract W/BCSS/Non-Public School Services**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, enter into an agreement with Bergen County Special Services to administer services to students with disabilities parentally placed in non-public schools for the 2017-18 school year.

**3. 18-21 Year Olds Life Skills and Extended School Year Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District currently operates Milestones@PVR, a program that provides services beyond grade 12 for students with mild to moderate learning and language disabilities who are deemed eligible for services after high school, and

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to move Milestones@PVR from Pascack Hills High School to 63 Patterson Street, First Floor, Hillsdale, NJ 07642-2015,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approves the relocation of Milestones@PVR to 63 Patterson Street, First Floor, Hillsdale, NJ 07642-2015 effective August 30, 2017.

**4. Summer Authorization**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, authorize the award of special education transportation contracts necessary for IEP compliance during the period between June 2017 through August 2017 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these contracts be confirmed at the next public meeting of the Board.

**5. Reallocation of Expenditures in the 2016–17 Budget/ Transfers**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to do account transfers that may be needed to close the fiscal year with Board confirmation at the next regular meeting in September 2017.

**6. IDEA FY 2017 – 2018 Allocation Notice**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the IDEA Part B FY 2018 funding in the amount of \$449,541.00 for the 2017-2018 school year, and

**RESOLVED** that a proportionate share of the grant in the amount of \$63,330.00 be set aside to provide services to students with disabilities parentally placed in non-public schools.

Moved by: Bissinger                      Seconded by: Hallowell  
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 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"/> |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |           |                                     |                          |                          |                          |

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

Committee Report:

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Scher asked that when the Building & Grounds Committee looks at the upcoming renovation for the music wing they also do some small improvements in the theatre area....painting and flooring. Mr. Gundersen explained that this will be part of the concept that we will incorporate into the renovation.

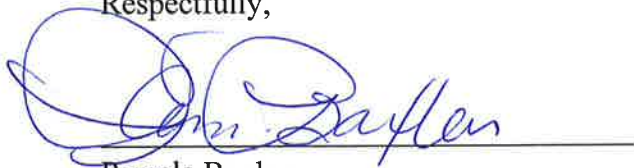
**XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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