

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

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

March 26, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Pascack Valley High School Auditorium.

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

The meeting was called to order in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President.

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

Absent:     Mr. Brian Hallowell  
              Ms. Tammy Molinelli

Also Present:     Mr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent  
                         Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
                         Student Representatives: Olivia Lein – PHHS; Amelia Moran – PVHS  
                         Ms. Claudia Gibbs, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

**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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### **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 12, 2017.

### **IV. ROUTINE MATTERS**

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen

Today our students are reminding adults about what it means to take civil action in the expressed desire that such action will result in positive change. I am speaking of our student leaders at both Pascack Valley and Pascack Hills High Schools who – on their own – planned and implemented two different – but respectful and thoughtful student walkouts in the wake of the Parkland shooting incident in Florida. A number of our students were also represented in related marches this weekend.

Our district is not endorsing any particular political viewpoint on the matter, but what we have and will continue to support is our students' collective desire to analyze facts, develop opinions, listen respectfully to others, and ultimately refine and communicate those viewpoints in a way that is impactful, intelligent, and thoughtful. Our students made us proud.

I have had the opportunity to meet with the mayor and councils for Montvale and Woodcliff Lake to give my annual report on what is taking place in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District. I am pleased that the municipal governing bodies continue to express strong support for the work that we are doing as a district and share our sentiments regarding how proud we are of the growth our students are demonstrating.

Tonight we continue to recognize how our students are consistently exceeding our expectations in the arts, community activism, volunteerism, and athletics. We thank you

for being here this evening and for representing the Pascack Valley Regional High School District in such a positive manner.

Thus concludes the Superintendent's Report for March 26, 2018.

#### Student Reports:

Olivia Lein – Pascack Hills High School

On February 27th the Pascack Hills DECA team competed in the State DECA competition in Atlantic City. An impressive 60 students competed for the opportunity to earn spots for the National competition. When it was over, 12 Hills students qualified and will move on to Nationals in Atlanta in late April.

At the NJ Regional Science Fair on March 9th, an amazing 9 Hills students were awarded 1st place in their respective categories. All in all, 24 Hills students won awards. 3 students Natalia Murillo, Rebecca Volkov, and Jade Greenberg qualified for the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh in May. Congratulations to these students along with Dr. Edelberg and Ms. Macke on this impressive showing.

The Hills theater program may have yet again put on the best show in the history of the program. RENT took the stage by storm earlier this month in front of large audiences in each of the four shows. Actors, stage crew and musicians all worked feverishly to put on an amazing production.

Recently Hills students took time to pen handwritten cards and letters to students at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The cards and letters were mailed down in an effort to show support to the students directly impacted by the February 14th tragedy. On March 14th, a large majority of Hills students participated in a National walk out to pay tribute to the victims and voice concerns about congress inaction.

The Hills Music department recently hosted 2 inter-district concerts, one for band and one for chorus. Students from Fieldstone and Woodcliff Lake Middle School took the stage with Hills students and performed magnificently. Also, on March 22nd, the Hills orchestra took a bronze medal at the West Essex music festival.

On March 16th, the Hills Junior class hosted the Junior Prom at the Park Ridge Marriott. More than 250 students attended. From all accounts, a great time was had by all.

In sports, the spring season is off to a slow start thanks to the weather. However, as we speak, the girl's lacrosse team, softball team, and baseball team are taking advantage of great weather in much warmer climates as they prepare for the opening of the season on April 1st.

That officially concludes my March report.

### Amelia Moran – Pascack Valley High School

Pascack Swimming had another extremely successful season. The boys ended their season against Livingston in the first round of the State Sectional Tournament with a season record of 5-6. The girls were victorious against Livingston in the first round, but fell to Montclair in the second round of States. They ended their season with a record of 9-2 and won their 8th straight Big North League Championship title. During their final meet against Montclair, the 200 Free Relay team of Emma Wentland, Jen Malocha, Danni Freeman, and Haleigh Marzano lowered their school record for the 3rd time this season. They competed in the Individual State Meet of Champions coming in 35th in the entire state. Haleigh Marzano also competed in the 200 Individual Medley earning 21st place and the 100 Breaststroke earning 17th place in the entire state of New Jersey.

On Thursday, March 15, five students from Pascack Valley flew to Madrid to participate in the third year of the district's Spanish Exchange Program. During their time in Spain, students stayed with families and attended classes at IES Infante Don Fadrique. They were also able to visit the cities of Madrid, Toledo, Córdoba, and Seville. In May, twelve students and two teachers from IES Infante Don Fadrique will visit Pascack Valley.

The Interact Club held two bake sales to raise funds for Pony Power during the month of February, and we just recently began planting flowers for the new garden at PV.

Pascack Valley recently earned a \$2,000 grant for a school garden through Whole Kids Foundation. The grant was prepared by Julianne Downes, Kristen Lindstrom, Michela Piccoline, Aarti Mallya, and Noemi Rodriguez. The goal is to create an interactive and edible garden with cross-disciplinary applications. The Family and Consumer Science Department, Early Childhood and Education Preschool classes, the Environmental Club, and various science classes will work closely through this interdisciplinary opportunity focusing on farm-to-table cooking, organic foods, composting, proper nutrition, and microbiology, symbiosis, photosynthesis, and ecology concepts.

In Mr. Sherman's Video Production classes, students spent the last two weeks competing in the New Jersey 10 Day Film Challenge. On Day 1, teachers from over 50 schools received the new prompt, which includes a character, line of dialogue, prop, and backstory. Students then have 10 school days to write, shoot, and edit a three to four minute film. On March 27, Mr. Sherman's two Advanced Video Production Classes will be visiting ABC studios in New York. They will be touring the news studio and the *Live with Kelly and Ryan* set. You can catch an entire recap of this trip, in addition to other events going on at PV, this Thursday on an all new PVTV News.

Congratulations to this year's wrestling team on one of the most successful seasons in PV's history. The team had a 22-5 overall record, including the 600th win in program history. The team was BCCA Group B Champs, Big North League Champs, and for the first time North 1 Group 3 State Sectional Champs. Seniors Robbie Natelli and Casey Lewis each recorded their 100th career victories. Tommy Chiellini was a



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

**2. North Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA)**

**WHEREAS**, Jimin Kim, a freshman at Pascack Hills High School, has been selected to the North Jersey School Music Association, Region I Junior High School Symphonic Band, and,

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

**3. Dance Team**

**WHEREAS**, the following students from Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools had winning performances at The Dance Team Union National Championships held in Orlando, Florida. The dance team won National Championship status in two categories: Small Varsity POM Division and Varsity Team Performance Division:

|                   |                    |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Jordan Campanella | Samantha Cohn      | Jillian Eberson          |
| Aimee Gershberg   | Brianna Harnett    | Madison Miller           |
| Vanessa Pikulski  | Jaclyn Squicciarri | Nicole Tarabocchia       |
| Sarah Viceconte   | Coach Dena Noone   | Coach Valentina DeSantis |

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

**4. Cheerleading**

**WHEREAS**, the following students from Pascack Valley High School are the Big North National Cheerleading Champions:

|                    |                          |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Julie Allmers      | Carly Borges             | Kaitlyn Conti            |
| Nicole Criscuolo   | Sarah Daniels            | Christa Dimitry          |
| Hailee Donne       | Megan Garrett            | Allison Garrett          |
| Melissa Jennings   | Cassandra Leibfried      | Elexis Levine            |
| Nicolette Luisi    | Isabella Marchese        | Lauren Martinez          |
| Erica Masseria     | Dani Menendez            | Brielle Padovan          |
| Allianna Pessolano | Megan Sgroi              | Sophie Ward              |
| Jillian Wong       | Head Coach Kacey Terzini | Coach Christine Martinez |

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

**5. Pole Vault**

**WHEREAS**, Melissa Purcell, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, won the North 1 Group 3, State Sectional Pole Vault Championship; the Bergen County Championship and set a new pole vault record of 12'6 ¼"; placed third in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Meet of Champions, placed fourth in the Eastern States Championships, and made 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-County and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District, recognize and commend Melissa for her outstanding achievement.

**6. The Record - Athletes of the Week**

**WHEREAS**, Kelly Petro, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, was selected as Athlete of the Week by *The Record* for basketball. She had eight points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds in a win over Hackensack; three points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals in the victory over Indian Hills; and eight points, five assists and six rebounds in the win over River Dell in the Bergen County Tournament round of 16, and,

**WHEREAS**, Casey Lewis, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, was selected as Athlete of the Week by *The Record* for wrestling. Casey competed against Sparta High School in the 195-pound class, recorded three wins, all by pin, in one week and lead Pascack Valley High School to its first sectional title in Pascack Valley's school history. He also recorded his 100<sup>th</sup> career victory, and,

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

**7. 2,500 Saves in Ice Hockey**

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Brennan, a senior at Pascack Valley High School and goaltender for the ice hockey team, has saved 2,500 shots in his four year high school career, and,

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

**8. 1000 Basketball Points**

**WHEREAS**, Brianna Wong, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, scored 1,000 points during her basketball career at PV, 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.

**9. Bowling Champion**

**WHEREAS**, Henry Tipping, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, is Group 4 North, State Sectional Individual Bowling Champion, and,

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

**10. Wrestling**

**WHEREAS**, the following students from Pascack Valley High School won the North 1, Group 3 State Sectional Wrestling Champions:

|                   |                            |                     |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| James Allmers     | Jacob Aversa               | Matthew Beyer       |
| Thomas Chiellini  | George Dvoynos             | Daniel Finch        |
| Logan Giordano    | Sean Krumbine-Bresnak      | Casey Lewis         |
| Evan Liu          | William Morris             | Robert Natelli      |
| Zachary Olson     | Luke Petaccia              | Tyler Pizzi         |
| Jake Prusha       | Anthony Romana             | Nolan Shields       |
| Stephen Soravilla | Mitchell Sorreta           | Kiriakos Tsokanos   |
| Bradley Zirlin    | Head Coach Thomas Gallione | Coach Frank Cagnina |
| Coach Gary Beyer  | Coach Daniel Murtaugh      |                     |

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

**11. Region I Wrestling Champion – 160 lbs.**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Chiellini, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, is the Region I Wrestling Champion in the 160 lbs. category, and,

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

**12. Wrestling – 100 wins**

**WHEREAS**, Robert Natelli, a senior at Pascack Valley High School, achieved 100 wins in wrestling, and,

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

**13. Bergen County Wrestling Coach of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas Gallione, Head Wrestling Coach at Pascack Valley High School, has been chosen by the Bergen County Coaches Association as Bergen County Wrestling Coach of the Year, and,



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

**BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS**

**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 – 5

**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>Erik Gundersen</u>  | <u>Wendy McDonald</u> | <u>Matt Morone</u> |
| <u>Timothy Wieland</u> |                       |                    |

**2. 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 following harassment, intimidation and bullying report: 99014\_PVHS\_02212018.

**3. Cooperative Sports Program Agreement**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Cooperative Sports Program agreements for the following sports for the 2018-2019 school year:

| <b>Sport</b> | <b>Host School</b>         | <b>Cooperating School(s)</b>                        |
|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| Gymnastics   | Pascack Hills High School  | Pascack Valley High School                          |
| Ice Hockey   | Pascack Valley High School | Park Ridge High School<br>Pascack Hills High School |
| Swimming     | Pascack Valley High School | Pascack Hills High School                           |



**3. Park Academy Consultants – Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Practical Life Focus, LLC to provide 12 additional life skills sessions to Park Academy for the 2017-2018 school year, at a cost of \$2,000.

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

**IX. HUMAN RESOURCES – CERTIFICATED**

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 Shawn Buchanan as Supervisor of Athletics and Physical Education at Pascack Valley High School for the 2018-2019 school year, Step 1, \$118,192, with health benefits. Salary may be adjusted upon completion of PVRSA contract negotiations.

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

Mr. Steinfeld read item 1 into the record. Mr. Gundersen congratulated Mr. Buchanan.

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

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 4

**1. 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 2017-2018 school year:

| <b>Name</b>                    | <b>Type</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Lindsey Hageman</u>         | New         |
| <u>Annalisa Siracusa-Hilmo</u> | New         |
| <u>Michael Murphy</u>          | New         |

**2. Co-curricular Appointment**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Frank Andrisani as a Peer Program Advisor for the 2017-2018 school year, for a stipend of \$1,730.

**3. Athletic Appointments**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the listing of athletics appointments for Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools, attached for board review, for the spring season of the 2017-2018 school year.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Amanda Reynolds as assistant coach for girls lacrosse for Pascack Valley High School for the spring season of the 2017-2018 school year.

**4. Volunteer**

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

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>School</b> | <b>Activity</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <u>Alfredo Torres</u> | PVHS          | Boys Lacrosse   |
| <u>Chris Guinta</u>   | PVHS          | Baseball        |



**4. Approval of the Following Reports**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following reports:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| a. <u>Cafeteria Account</u>               | February 2018 |
| b. <u>e-Learning Account</u>              | February 2018 |
| c. <u>Capital Project Account</u>         | February 2018 |
| d. <u>Student Government Account</u> - PH | February 2018 |
| e. <u>Student Government Account</u> - PV | February 2018 |
| f. <u>Athletic Account</u> – PH           | February 2018 |
| g. <u>Athletic Account</u> – PV           | February 2018 |
| h. <u>Compensating Balance</u>            | February 2018 |

**5. Reject PV HS Music Wing Renovation and Roof Replacement**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) advertised for bids for the Music Wing Renovation and Roof Replacement at Pascack Valley Regional High School (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2018, the Board received four (4) bids for the Project, as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids are excessive as to price, as they substantially exceed the cost estimates prepared by the Architect for this Project and, as such, are unreasonable as to price;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

The Board hereby rejects the bids received for the Music Wing Renovation and Roof Replacement at Pascack Valley Regional High School pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(a), as the bids substantially exceed the cost estimates and, as such, are unreasonable as to price on the basis of the cost estimates prepared on behalf of the Board.

**6. Approval of Tentative Budget**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District approves the tentative 2018-2019 school year budget as follows:

|                      |  |                     |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| General Fund         |  | \$55,449,436        |
| Special Revenue Fund |  | \$612,816           |
| Debt Service         |  | \$1,990,650         |
| <b>Total</b>         |  | <b>\$58,052,902</b> |

The amount to be raised by taxation is:

|              |  |                     |
|--------------|--|---------------------|
| General Fund |  | \$47,765,133        |
| Debt Service |  | 1,990,650           |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>\$49,755,783</b> |

**7. Transfers**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve transfers for the month of February.

**8. Donations**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the following donation:

| Date       | Donor                 | Donation     | Club or Group      |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| March 2018 | Diane Audino (Boggio) | \$200        | Milestones Program |
|            | <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$200</b> |                    |

**9. Altice Service Agreement Upgrade – OTS and Internet**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Service-Agreement upgrade with Altice to provide OTS and internet service at Pascack Hills High School, Pascack Valley High School and the Administration office for a three year term commencing July 2018 in the amount of \$7,801.22 monthly.

**10. Altice Service Agreement Upgrade – Fiber Network**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Service-Agreement upgrade with Altice to provide Private Fiber Network service at Pascack Hills High School, Pascack Valley High School and the Administration office for a three year term commencing July 2018 in the amount of \$3,000 monthly.

**11. Award Contract – Banking Services - Valley National Bank**

**WHEREAS**, The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education went out for Request for Proposals for Banking Services in March 2018: and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2018 the Board received four (4) proposals for the software and

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has evaluated the proposals with a selection committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board accepts the recommendation of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, the Board awards the contract for Banking Services for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with said proposal. The Board hereby reserves the right to extend the contract in its sole discretion in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.

**RESOLVED** that the Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such contract and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution. The School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary shall cause a Notice of Award to be published in the official newspaper of the Board summarizing the award and indicating that the resolution and contract are on file in the Business Office and available for public inspection.

**BE IT FURTHER 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 designate Valley National Bank as the bank for deposits and withdrawals for the following accounts: Payroll, Payroll Agency, Unemployment, General Fund, Cafeteria, eLearning, Petty Cash, Capital Projects, Student Activities, and Athletics and approve the use of a safe deposit box at Valley National Bank for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve the following designated signatures on the above accounts; business administrator, board president, school treasurer, Pascack Valley High School principal and Pascack Hills High School principal for 2017-2018 school year.

**12. Participation In The NJEDGE Cooperative Pricing System**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, NJEdge.Net, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in the EdgeMarket Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;



**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2018, the governing body of Pascack Valley Regional High School District, situated in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**TITLE**

This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the EdgeMarket Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District, on behalf of Pascack Valley Regional High School District is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**13. Amend the Long Range Facilities Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an amendment of the Long Range Facility Plan to revise and add the following Projects for State Department of Education approval:

- a. Breezeway Security Enclosure at Pascack Valley HS
- b. Breezeway Security Enclosures at Pascack Hills HS

**14. Capital Project**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the following projects to the State Department of Education as “other” Capital Projects.”

- 3960-050-18-3000 Breezeway Security Enclosure at Pascack Valley HS
- 3960-040-18-1000 Breezeway Security Enclosures at Pascack Hills HS

**15. Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (“Aces”) - Electric**

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES

Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

**WHEREAS**, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

- **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

#### **16. Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (“Aces”) Bid - Gas**

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

**WHEREAS**, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

**17. 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 1820 to Gentle Ride Medical for the 2017-2018 school year.

| Route # | Route           | Base   | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|-----------------|--------|------|----------|-------------|
| 1820    | AB Smith School | 120.00 | 35   | 155.00   | 10,230.00*  |

\*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 061 to Ombali LLC for 2017-2018 school year.

| Route # | Route            | Base   | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|------------------|--------|------|----------|-------------|
| 1821    | Banyan HS        | 155.00 | 40   | 155.00   | 10,075.00   |
| 1824    | SBJC, Maywood    | 149.00 | 40   | 189.00*  | 7,938.00*   |
| 1825    | Washington South | 140.00 | 40   | 180.00*  | 7,380.00*   |

\*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 Q171823 to ACE Transportation during the 2017-2018 extended school year.

| Route # | Route         | Base   | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|---------------|--------|------|----------|-------------|
| Q171823 | SBJC, Maywood | 163.00 | 40   | 203.00*  | 14,413.00*  |

\*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 Q171824 to We Care Transportation during the 2017-2018 extended school year.

| Route # | Route                                    | Base   | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|--|--------|------|----------|-------------|
| Q171824 | Windsor Bergen<br>Academy 1:1, Ridgewood | 119.00 | 40   | 159.00*  | 18,921.00*  |

\*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 Q171827 to Star Transportation during the 2017-2018 extended school year.

| Route # | Route                          | Base  | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|--------------------------------|-------|------|----------|-------------|
| Q171827 | You Shall Thrive,<br>Ridgewood | 73.00 | 30   | 73.00    | 6,570.00    |

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract Q171829 to American First Choice Transportation during the 2017-2018 extended school year.

| Route # | Route            | Base   | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|------------------|--------|------|----------|-------------|
| Q171829 | Sage Day, Mahwah | 160.00 | 29   | 160.00   | 9,760.00*   |

\*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 Q171830 to Galaxia Express during the 2017-2018 extended school year.

| Route # | Route                                  | Base  | Aide | Per Diem | Annual Cost |
|---------|--|-------|------|----------|-------------|
| Q171830 | Academy 360 Upper-<br>Thursday PM Only | 89.00 | 30   | 89.00    | 1,335.00    |

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

Mr. Scher asked how much over budget the bids were for the music wing. Ms. Baxley responded.

He also asked why the breezeway costs are so different between the two schools and Ms. Baxley and Mr. Gundersen explained the reasons.

He asked why there were so few capital equipment requests in the budget.

Mr. Steinfeld read the donation into the record.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Meeting: Student Activities**

The student activities committee met tonight. Mr. Scher gave a brief report regarding sports and spring events. Mr. Blundo told the board that Park Ridge is going to join the district for the ice hockey program. This will help with transportation.

Ms. Bissinger gave a report on Robotics. On March 17, the group got to the quarter finals in Bridgewater. They won the safety award and the excellence in engineering award. One of the students is a semifinalist for the dean's list award. This week Robotics were in Montgomery High School. They were in the number four alliance, got to the semifinals and won the safety award. Mr. Killian was named a Woody Flowers Award finalist.

Mr. Scher asked about the virtual day that is being used for the snow day. He wanted to know why the district couldn't change the last day of school. Mr. Gundersen explained that graduation is locked into the calendar and they have reserved venues for events.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIV. 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.

Anthony DeRosa addressed the board, recognized the wrestling team and dance team and congratulated Mr. Buchanan. He told the board that a few parents asked to speak with the Hillsdale police department about school security. Our schools were designed for fire egress and that now works against security. Mr. Gundersen said a number of parents have asked specific questions about security and have given positive feedback about adding additional SLEO IIIs.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Mr. Scher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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