

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

May 7, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, May 7, 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 Media Center Classroom at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President.

Present Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President
 Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President
 Mr. Joseph Blundo
 Mr. Brian Hallowell
 Mr. David Steinberg

Absent: Ms. Tammy Molinelli
 Mr. Kenneth Ralph
 Mr. Arnold Scher
 Mr. James Stankus

Also Present: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent
 Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Student Representative: Amelia Moran – PVHS
 Student Representative: Olivia Lein – PHHS

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. Hallowell to enter into an executive session at 7:42 p.m. Ms. Bissinger seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center Classroom at Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, 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 HIBs.
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 7:55 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

At this time the meeting resumed in the auditorium.

Also present at that time were:

Student Representatives: Amelia Moran – PVHS, Olivia Lein – PHHS

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 12, 2017 and May 4, 2018.

3. 2017 – 2018 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 Diego Giraldo 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 2017-2018 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for Pascack Valley High School, Diego Giraldo, Custodian.

4. 2017 – 2018 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 Kevin Killian 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 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Kevin Killian, Mathematics Teacher.

5. 2017 – 2018 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 Kenneth Sarajian 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 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, Kenneth Sarajian, Social Studies Teacher.

6. 2017-2018 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 Rose Welyczko 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 2017-2018 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Rose Welyczko, School Nurse.

7. 2017 – 2018 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 Dr. Frank Andrisani 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 2017-2018 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, Dr. Frank Andrisani, Guidance Counselor.

8. Eagle Scouts

Whereas the following students from Pascack Valley High School, attained the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America – Hillsdale Troop 108 and Hillsdale Troop 109:

Brian Biml	Xavier Cattelona	Matthew Curcurato
Andrew Ewing	Timothy Shepherd	Christian Stremmler
Myron Theilmeier	Sean Wertheim	Gregory Zoll

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

9. New Jersey State DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Competition

WHEREAS, the following students from Pascack Hills High School, won the following awards at the New Jersey State DECA Competition, and advanced to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

First Place International Conference Financial Services Team Decision Making	Natalia Murillo Samantha Snedeker
Advertising Campaign International Conference Qualifier	Vivek Gogineni Yash Khatiwala
Entrepreneurship – Independent Business Plan International Conference Qualifier	Jeremy Friedman Matthew Friedman
Entrepreneurship – Start-Up Business Plan International Conference Qualifier	Maxx Wexler
Food Marketing Series Medalist	Aimee Gershberg

Financial Services Team Decision Making International Conference Qualifier	Simon Castiel Katelyn Desautels
Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling International Conference Qualifier	Melanie Meisner
Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research International Conference Qualifier	Talia Boyajian Josh Kent
Hotel and Lodging Management International Conference Qualifier	Carly Haberfield

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

10. Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award

WHEREAS, Brianna Jacobson, a junior at Pascack Valley High School, and Ryan DiCaprio, 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 Brianna and Ryan for their outstanding achievement.

11. Sister Rose Thering Fund Essay Competition

WHEREAS, James Hong, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, won first place in the Annual Sister Rose Thering Fund Essay Contest sponsored by Seton Hall. Sister Rose Thering devoted her life to reducing prejudice and promoting dialogue among all people, and,

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

12. New Jersey Teachers' of English 2018 Writing Contest

WHEREAS, Amber Leung, a junior at Pascack Hills High School, is the recipient of the Silver Award presented by the New Jersey Teachers' of English 2018 Writing Contest, and,

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

13. All-State Treble Chorus

WHEREAS, Sarah Winston, a junior at Pascack Hills High School, has been selected to the All-State 2018-2019 Treble Chorus. Sarah will proudly represent Pascack Hills High School and perform in an ensemble made up of the best singers in the state, and,

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

14. Nokia North Jersey Regional Science Fair

WHEREAS, the following students from Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools took part in the Nokia North Jersey Regional Science Fair (NJRSF), which is a high school student science competition in which students, individually or in groups, present a wide variety of projects. Most of the projects are investigative in nature, posing and attempting to answer some questions or problems, either through experimentation and design, or in a theoretical sense. All area of science, math, and engineering are included.

Plant Sciences – Second Place	Celine Aliko - PH
Theobald Smith Society Award - Microbiology	Nicole Arden- PV
Biomedical Engineering – First Place	Brett Berger - PH
Human Genetics Award – First Place	Talia Boyajian - PH
Theobald Smith Society Award - Microbiology	Simon Castiel - PH
ISEF Award - Finalist Environmental Science – Second Place Stockholm Junior Water Prize –Water Environment Foundation Award	Anna Catalano – PV
Chemistry Award – Third Place	Mattheos Celikel – PH
Behavioral Science – Third Place	Aman Chaturvedi – PV
Rutgers Student Award	Yee Ying Cheng – PV
Biomedical Engineering – First Place	Michelle Cheng – PH
Behavioral Science – Second Place American Psychological Association Award	Lauren Cohen – PV
ISEF Award - Finalist Environmental Science – Second Place Stockholm Junior Water Prize – Water Environment Foundation	Sarah Daniels – PV
Theobald Smith Society Award - Microbiology	Katelyn Desautels – PH
Innovation Award	Kyle Dipasupil – PH
Plant Sciences – Third Place	Elisa Falanga – PH
Innovation Award	Ryan Goldstein – PH
ISEF Symposium Finalist ISEF Award – Alternate NJIT Academic Fellowship First Alternate Engineering – First Place	Jade Greenberg – PH
Rutgers Student Award	Leana Hacopian – PV
Plant Sciences – Second Place	Danny Jeong – PH
Environmental – First Place NASA Earth System Science Award	Amanda Kern – PH
Chemistry Award – Third Place	David Kim – PH
Human Genetics Award – First Place	Rachel Kuri – PH

Rutgers Student Award	Estelle Leibowitz – PH
NASA Earth System Science Award	Hannah Leili – PV
Rutgers Student Award Environmental – First Place NASA Earth System Science Award	Kelly McCarty – PH
Plant Sciences – Third Place	Karoline Menze – PH
NASA Earth System Science Award Rutgers Student Award	Nicole Misterek – PV
Microbiology – Second Place	Emily Moore – PH
ISEF Award ISEF Symposium Finalist Behavioral Science – First Place Innovation Award	Natalia Murillo – PH
Karen Kranz Memorial Award Behavioral Science – Second Place American Psychological Association Award	Sydney Nicklas – PV
Microbiology – Second Place	Kaia Paulsen – PH
Behavioral Science – Second Place American Psychological Association Award	Rachel Powell – PV
Animal Science – Third Place	Isabella Rossi – PV
Theobald Smith Society Award - Microbiology	Sarah Schmoyer – PV
Rutgers Student Award	Jared Solon – PH
Karen Kranz Memorial Award Behavioral Science – Second Place American Psychological Association Award	Justine Touzot - PV
ISEF Award ISEF Symposium Finalist Behavioral Science – First Place Innovation Award	Rebecca Volkov – PH
Animal Science – Third Place	Hallie Wikfors – PH

BE IT RESOLVED, that these students be recognized and commended for their 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>Steven Myers</u>	<u>Val Santo</u>
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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 reports: 120092_PVHS_03262018 and 120096_PVHS_03262018.

3. Sidebar

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the sidebar agreement addressing additional compensation for commercial driver's licenses and translation services between the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education and the Pascack Valley Regional Education Association.

4. NJSIAA Membership Renewal 2018 – 2019 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve membership in the NJSIAA and annual dues of \$2,150 per school for Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School for the 2018 – 2019 school year and agree to be governed by the constitution, bylaws and rules and regulations of the NJSIAA, including all rules governing student-athlete eligibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education adopt the rules and regulations of the Big North Conference, North Jersey Super Football Conference, and lacrosse and gymnastics leagues: NJILL, NJIGLL, and NNJIGL, for all approved scheduled events.

5. Summer Athletic Practice/Training

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve summer athletic practice/training for Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School during the NJSIAA summer recess period beginning June 10, 2018 through September 1, 2017. During this time period, board-approved coaches may instruct district student athletes that meet all NJSIAA eligibility requirements and have a valid

physical. Also, as per NJSIAA guidelines, approve and permit the required pre-season heat acclimatization period to begin prior to the August 8, 2018 start date.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blundo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

VIII. EDUCATION

One Agenda Item

1. Additional Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional hours for district teacher aides, at their usual hourly rate, as need to accompany students during extra-curricular activities, as per their IEPs, as follows:

Activity	School	Aides/Students	Approximate Hours
<u>High Note Music Festival</u>	PHHS	2 aides/6 students	5 hours per aide
<u>Arts Festival</u>	PHHS	2 aides/7 students	5 hours per aide
<u>Physics Class Trip</u>	PVHS	1 aide/1 student	5 hours per aide

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blundo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES – CERTIFICATED

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 3

1. National Teacher Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, the week of May 7 through May 11, 2018 has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week; and,

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

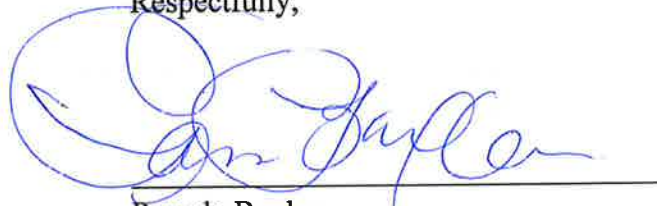
XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Pamela Baxley

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary