

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
In the Pascack Hills High School Auditorium**

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The Vision of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District:

To create a culture of innovation, inquiry, and individuality that promotes achievement and choice by cultivating the skills needed to complete and collaborate as ethical and responsible global citizens.

VI. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION**2024 Terra North Jersey STEM Fair**

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School took part in the 2024 Terra North Jersey STEM Fair (TNJSF).

Ashley Diaz - PV	Karen Kranz Memorial Award Engineering Category Fourth Place	<i>Designing a Catcher's Mitt to Eliminate Injuries</i>
Amanda Polyniak - PV	GENIUS Olympiad Award Plant Science Category Second Place	<i>Efficacy of Mycorrhizal Fungi In Mitigating the Effects of Soil Contamination on the Function of Chloroplasts in Brassica rapa</i>
Maya Ilena Newell - PV & Joely Blake Ross - PV	Geoscience Award	<i>The Effects of Synthetic Fertilizers on the Natural Abilities of Neritina natalensis</i>
Ben Liam Gulleyan - PV	Engineering Category Fourth Place	<i>Compressible Bandage</i>
Zoe Green - PH	Animal Science Category - First Place Human Genetics Award - First Place Wonder Women in Science Award	<i>Modulation of One Carbon Metabolism Influence on Histone 3 Lysine 4 Trimethylation Expression</i>
Olivia Ge - PH & Suhani Mahale - PH	Plant Science Category - First Place	<i>Analysis of Plant Acoustic Sound Emissions Under Different Stresses</i>
Prisha Mehta - PH & Hyunjun (Fred) Lim - PH	Plant Science Category - Second Place	<i>Testing Anesthetic Effects of Clove, Lavender, and Menthol Vapor on Plant Responses</i>

The 2024 TNJS Fair is a high school student competition in all STEM fields in which students, individually or in groups, present a wide variety of projects. It was held in March at Kean University. There were 142 projects invited to exhibit, including 158 students. The judging carried out by professional scientists and engineers and resulted in awarding 82 of those projects.

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.

First Team All-County – Girls Bowling

WHEREAS Hayden Hopper, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, was selected to the First Team All-County Girls Bowling.

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

All-State Treble Choir 2025 – PHHS

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills High School were selected to the All-State Treble Choir 2025:

Reina Aliko	Camilla Ambrocio
Eva Friedman	Sophia Padilla

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.

All-State Mixed Choir 2025 – PHHS

WHEREAS the following students from Pascack Hills High School were selected to the All-State Mixed Choir 2025:

Colin Barry	Caitlin Buckley	Elijah Chen
Anderson Moss	Ayan Swain	

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

National School Communicators Day

WHEREAS Friday, May 10, was National School Communicators Day, which recognizes the incredibly valuable work of school public relations professionals. In our district, we are fortunate to have Paul Zeller, Director of Technology & Communications; Michelle Ramirez, Confidential Secretary for Technology, Communications, & the Business Office; and our interns Vincent Coglianese and Andrew Welsh, who work tirelessly to ensure effective communication to students, families, staff, and our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize Paul, Michelle, Vincent, and Andrew for their commitment to telling the story of our district and our students’ day-in and day-out, for serving as a strategic partner to district leadership and for always working to amplify our message.

2023 – 2024 Outstanding Support Staff Member – District Offices

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

WHEREAS the nominating committee has selected Maria Valentino for distinguishing herself through exceptional contributions in her 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 2023-2024 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for the district offices, Maria Valentino, Information and Systems Coordinator.

2023 – 2024 Outstanding Support Staff Member – Pascack Hills High School

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

WHEREAS the nominating committee has selected Paul Hildum for distinguishing himself through exceptional contributions in her 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 2023-2024 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for Pascack Hills High School, Paul Hildum Special Education Paraprofessional.

2023 – 2024 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 Jamie Taylor for distinguishing herself through exceptional contributions in her 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 2023-2024 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for Pascack Valley High School, Jamie Taylor Executive Secretary.

2023 – 2024 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 Corin Gamgort 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 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Corin Gamgort, Business Teacher.

2023 – 2024 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 Christopher Nilsen 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 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, Christopher Nilsen, Science Teacher.

2023-2024 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 Jennifer Zimmermann 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 2023-2024 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Jennifer Zimmermann, Student Assistance Counselor.

2023 – 2024 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 Stephanie Di Stasi for distinguishing herself through exceptional contributions to her students,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2023-2024 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, Stephanie Di Stasi, Guidance Counselor.

Resolution of Appreciation for Olivia Ge, Pascack Hills High School Student Board Representative

WHEREAS, Olivia Ge was selected by her classmates to be the Pascack Hills High School Student Representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education; and,

WHEREAS, Olivia provided input from a student’s point of view to the Board of Education;
and,

WHEREAS, Olivia has completed her term as Student Representative to the Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education wishes Olivia Ge continued success in her education and her pursuit of other activities.

Resolution of Appreciation for Madeline Gibbs, Pascack Valley High School Student Board Representative

WHEREAS, for Madeline Gibbs, was selected by her classmates to be the Pascack Valley High School Student Representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education; and,

WHEREAS, Madeline provided input from a student’s point of view to the Board of Education;
and,

WHEREAS, Madeline has completed her term as Student Representative to the Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education wishes Madeline Gibbs continued success in her education and her pursuit of other activities.

VII. **PRESENTATION**

Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights: Self-Assessment Report 2022-2023- Dr. Sean Struncis

VIII. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to three 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, sign in and state their name, town of residence, and which agenda item(s) they are referencing.

Michael Fox of Hillsdale mentioned a letter sent to the Board regarding midterms and finals. He indicated that he met with Dr. Bachenheimer, Ms. Graziano and Dr. Russo on January 9, 2024 and he asked for data on student averages before and after midterms. He followed up with emails in January and February and received no response which he said is unprofessional. He referenced Dr. Bachenheimer’s presentation citing that if a student does not do well it will not hurt them badly. He commented that Dr. Bachemheimer referenced data that students do not see any major change. This data was not provided. Mr. Fox mentioned that Dr. Bachenheimer’s team did a deep dive in obtaining student feedback , but nothing has been presented and no one he spoke to was not consulted. He referenced a slide in the presentation indicating that midterms and finals would not exceed 7.5% of the total grade and another slide indicating that it is 5-7%. Mr.. Fox said that he has multiple syllabus indicating that the effect is 7.5% for the midterm and 7.5% for the final for a total of 15%. He mentioned that some courses did not indicate the weight of those exams. He commented that science and math have other assessments such as benchmarks, Linkit, testing, and NJSLA scores,so why are midterms and finals necessary. He said Dr. Bachenheimer claimed that colleges give midterms and finals, but there is no data to support it. He commented that colleges do not give exams on five months and 10 months worth of material. He said feedback from students after the finals is too late since the year is done. He asked Ms. Bilotti to

pause the exams for the 24-25 year since they negatively impact the regional students. He mentioned that Bergen Academies, Ridgewood, Northern Valley, and Cresskill do not administer these exams which harm GPAs. He said the students are at a disadvantage as they compete against other students for college acceptance and merit money. He asked the Board to look into this matter as they are responsible to look after the best interest of students.

Gerod Dogan of Hillsdale whose children attended Pascack Valley. He said overall he was happy with the education his children received. He said it was a credit to all. He commented that midterms and finals were something that he and others grew up taking. He believes things have changed. He has heard his youngest and his friends talk about their concerns with grades, GPA clubs, the rigor of the classes (AP and honors), SAT, college prep, sports, volunteerism, and holding down jobs. He indicated that the college applications have changed since he applied. He commented that the process is brutal. He mentioned that many colleges are test optional and GPAs have become the main factor, so students may be separated by a tenth of a point. He indicated that this is fine if it's a level playing field. He said that the district cannot control what others do, but can control what is done in the district. He commented that his son would get anxious when midterms and finals were approaching and he normally is not anxious. He said as a former law enforcement officer, it's important to follow best practices and it does not appear that it's being followed here. It has put the students at a disadvantage where they are unable to go to their dream school or receive scholarships.

IX. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON May 20, 2024

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:35 p.m. in the Media Center at Pascack Hills High School, 225 W. Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645 for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Session.

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:
 1. Board Vacancy Interviews

The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting.

3. Official action may or may not be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Stankus to enter into an executive session at 8:18 p.m.
Ms. Calderone seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Stankus Seconded by: Calderone

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

A motion was made by Mrs. Martin to reconvene into the public meeting at 9:52 p.m.
Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Martin Seconded by: Stankus

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

A motion was made by Mrs. Martin to appoint Katie Keller as a board member for the vacant seat. Ms. Stephans seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Martin Seconded by: Stephans

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

X. **POLICY**
Consent Agenda for Items 1-4

1. **Job Descriptions**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a new job description, Director of Personnel and Pupil Services (attached).
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a new job description, Director of Technology (attached).

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

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve action taken pursuant to HIB Report incident # 263119 (attached).

3. **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Executive Report**

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 incidents: # 264931 (attached) and # # 265475 (attached)

4. **Self-Assessment Reports under the Anti-Bullying Act**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the 2022-2023 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades (attached) under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools.

Moved by:

Stankus ▾

Seconded by:

Martin ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Weaver abstained to items 2, 3 and 4

XI. **EDUCATION**

Consent Agenda for Items 1-2

1. **Settlement Agreement**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Settlement Agreement (attached) regarding Student ID# 2424A.

2. **Non-Bargaining Staff Appointments, Tenured and Non-Tenured - Updated**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of Non-Tenured Non-Bargaining staff for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. **Annual Appointments - Revised**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the revised annual appointments for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. **Annual Appointment**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the appointment of Timothy Serbe, a non-tenured full-time teacher assistant / physical education teacher at Park Academy, at a salary of \$49,121 for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. **New Hire**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, appoint the following individual to the position indicated:

Name	Position	Account Number	Salary	Effective Date
Valerie DelRusso	School Counselor, leave replacement (employee ID# 2638), Pascack Hills High School	11-000-218-104-07-000	\$63,104, MA, Step 1, with benefits, per PVREA contract	On or about August 26, 2024 - June 17, 2025 (2024-2025 school year)
Jennifer Stalknecht	Paraprofessional, Pascack Hills High School	11-213-100-106-07-000	\$40,101, with benefits, per PVRSSA contract	August 26, 2024
Doreen Babis	Director of Personnel and Pupil Services, District	11-000-251-100-02-000 11-000-230-100-01-000	\$198,870, with benefits, tenure track	July 1, 2024

6. **Supplemental Instruction**
- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve supplemental instruction for student ID# 811635, per the student's IEP,

Instructor	Subject	Timeframe	Frequency
Al Coleman	PE/Health	May 1-June 13, 2024	8 hours total

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve tier three intervention supplemental instruction for student ID# 812410.

Instructor	Subject	Timeframe	Frequency
Michelle Gaeta	Algebra II with Trig.	May 1-June 6, 2024	1 hour per week

7. Testing Support

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve testing support for the ACT 10 exam held at Pascack Hills High School on April 13, 2024.

Support	Name	Amount
Test Coordinator	Jenna Howard	\$1,150
Standard Time Proctor	Mary Scorese	\$216
Standard Time Proctor	Claire Mazan	\$216
Standard Time Proctor	Tom Murray	\$216
Standard Time Proctor	Jane Conboy	\$216
Extended Time Proctor	Corin Gamgort	\$285
Testing Help	Steve Casamento	\$200
Relief/Floater Proctor	Shelley Tobin	\$200
Relief/Floater Proctor	Paul Henry	\$200

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Steve Casamento for testing help for the SAT test on June 1, 2024, at Pascack Hills High School. The compensation for the day will be \$200.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following staff members to provide technical support for the newly computerized SAT test on June 1, 2024 at Pascack Hills High School:

Name	Assignment	Payment
Scott Jones	Technician Coordinator	\$500*

*\$150 will be paid directly from the College Board. The remaining \$350 will be paid by the district.

8. **Chaperones**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Margarita Elkin to be paid as a chaperone for the April 19, 2024 All-State judging assignment from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. She will receive \$80 for two hours of chaperone pay and additional time will be prorated.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve parent, Ryan DeBlock, as a volunteer chaperone for the PVHS Band field trip to High Note Festival on June 7, 2024.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following chaperones for the PVHS Senior Prom on June 5, 2024:

Russell Grier	Brian Koch	Cindy Reese
Ron Villone	Matthew Will	

9. **Summer Help**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following students for summer 2024 employment in the technology department for the district:

Name	Type
Emily Konstantinova	Returning
Gannon Strother	Returning
Ming-Lang Qin	Returning
Dominick Scozzafava	New
Sean Bramley	New
Zachary Martucci	New

10. **Summer Days**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Lauren Bielan, Secretary to the Supervisors of Instruction, to work ten days during the summer of 2024. The Supervisors of Instruction will be working during the summer months and will require secretarial support.

11. **Summer Days - Region II**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Cynthia Cook, Region II full time salaried BCBA/Behavior Consultant, to work 20 days during the 2024 summer months, at 10% of her respective 10 month salary.

XIII. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 28

1. Approval of Bills

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bills as follows:

Budget Expenditures as of May 20, 2024	\$4,974,674.92
Payroll as of April 30, 2024	\$2,589,662.56
Payroll as of May 15, 2024	\$1,718,913.02
Total	\$9,283,250.50

2. Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Financial Reports

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s unaudited 2022-23 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district’s financial activities for the period March 2024.

3. Ratification of Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification – Budgetary Line Item Status

RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that as of March 2024 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2-11(c)4 that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education certifies that as of March 2024 after review of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial report, in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(b).4.

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. Cafeteria Account	March 2024
b. e-Learning Account	March 2024
c. Capital Project Account	March 2024
d. Student Government Account – PH	March 2024
e. Student Government Account – PV	March 2024
f. Athletic Account – PH	March 2024
g. Athletic Account – PV	March 2024

5. **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 March 2024.

6. **Payroll Verification**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6A:23A-5.7, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, at least every three years, employees are required to provide to the business office or school building administrator or his/her designee, picture identification and sign for the release of his or her check or direct deposit voucher.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the Payroll Verification that was conducted on May 15, 2024 for that payroll period.

7. **Student Accident Insurance - Bob McCloskey Insurance**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the district student accident insurance premium through Bob McCloskey Insurance from August 1, 2024 to August 1, 2025 in the amount of \$106,899.

8. **Chapter 192/193 Service Agreement with Bergen County Special Services for 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, referred to as “the LEA” is a body corporate organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 10-1.

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Special Services School District, referred to as the “BCSSSD” is a body corporate organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-29.

WHEREAS, the LEA is required by law to provide remedial and auxiliary services to eligible students attending non-public schools within the public school district served by the LEA. N.J.S.A.18A:46-19.1, et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 193); N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-1, et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 192).

WHEREAS, the LEA is empowered by law to contract with another agency to provide the remedial and auxiliary services required under Chapters 192 and 193 of the Laws of 1977 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-9.7 and N.J.S.A.18A:46A-7.

WHEREAS, the BCSSSD is empowered by law to contract with the LEA to provide the remedial and auxiliary services herein referenced pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.7 and N.J.S.A.18A:46A-7.

WHEREAS, the LEA and the BCSSSD hereby agree that the BCSSSD will provide those remedial and auxiliary services set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:46-9.1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-1, et seq., which services shall be limited to examination, classification, annual review services, speech correction, as well as the instruction, evaluation, and the necessary equipment, supplies, administration and supervision inherent in providing English as a second language instruction, supplemental instruction, home instruction, and compensatory

education instruction, as appropriate, to eligible New Jersey resident students attending non-public schools within the public school district for which the LEA is responsible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the service agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District to provide remedial and auxiliary services for the 2024-2025 school year.

- 9. **Submission of Project Application to NJ DOE - PV Turf Drainage Improvement**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the submission of the Project Application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the Pascack Valley High School Turf Drainage Improvement Project for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, per application and drawings as prepared by Edwards Engineering Group. This project is an “Other Capital” Project, and the Board is not seeking State funding.

- 10. **Approve Tuition Rates**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year:

Programs	2024-2025
Park Academy	\$75,550
Park Academy ESY	\$2,620

- 11. **Establishment of the Jeff Jasper Scholarship**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent accept a donation in the amount of \$25,000 from Marjorie and Bob Sommer, to establish the Jeff Jasper Scholarship.

- 12. **Authorize Business Administrator to Negotiate a Contract for Builder’s Hardware & Miscellaneous Building Maintenance Supplies**
WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“the Board”) advertised for bids for Builder’s Hardware and Miscellaneous Building Maintenance Supplies All Schools (“Supplies”);

WHEREAS, on the bid return date of April 12, 2024, the Board did not receive any bids for the Supplies;

WHEREAS, the Board re advertised for bids for the Supplies;

WHEREAS, on the return date of May 14, 2024 the Board did not receive any bids for the Supplies;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), the Board may negotiate a contract after having twice advertised for bids for Supplies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator to negotiate a contract for the Project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c).

13. **Approve Use of ESSER III Funds - Math**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the use of ESSER-III funds. The following staff will manage the extended math centers before and after school from May 28 through June 6 at a rate of \$55 per session.

Christina Rossi	Elizabeth Egan	Caitlin Murphy
Dana Corasaniti	Katlyn Rivera	Maria Hinrichsen
Mary Doherty	Olga Tsoy	Ken DelSanto
Mark Russo	Kevin Killian	Kevin Kirkby

14. **Approve Use of ESSER III Funds - Science**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the use of ESSER-III funds. The following staff will manage the science support centers before and after school from May 28 through June 6 at a rate of \$55 per session.

Anthony Judilla	Cindy Reese	Christopher Nilsen
James Whitfield	Kelsey Brentnall	Aarti Mallya
Matthew Will	Marlene Healey	Al Cann
Kristen Lindstrom	James Soltmann	

15. **Approve Scholarship Awards**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year..

School	Scholarship Name	Amount
PHHS	Steven Fagan Scholarship	\$500
PHHS	Abbate Family Scholarship	\$1,000
PHHS	Ronald Baum Scholarship	\$1,000
PHHS	Kyle Lassiter Scholarship	\$800
PHHS	George Marston Scholarship	\$600

PHHS	Florence Tegethoff Scholarship	\$1,200
PHHS	Dr. Michael Weinthal Scholarship	\$300
PHHS	Robert Lewinter Scholarship	\$1,000
PHHS	Pascack Hills Football Scholarship	\$500
PVHS	William J. Buttino Scholarship	\$1,000
PVHS	Donna Becker Dignan Scholarship	\$500
PVHS	Philip O. Goodyear Scholarship	\$1,000
PVHS	Vincent Kovar Scholarship	\$750
PVHS	Anne Vaccaro Scholarship	\$1,000
PVHS	Dr. Barbara Sapienza Scholarship	\$1,000
PVHS	Dr. Michael Weinthal Scholarship	\$300
PVHS	William & Maura Ellis Scholarship	\$300
	Total	\$12,750

16. **Physicians - 2024-2025**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following physicians to perform psychiatric evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year:

Derek Berberian, MD	\$550
North Jersey Health & Wellness	North Jersey Health & Wellness
4 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652	46 No. Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446
Tel: 201-588-3491	
Fax: 201-357-4222	Email: nihealthandwellness@gmail.com

Natasha Baron, MD	\$795
NBAR Psychiatry (Virtual Evals Only)	Tel: 201-334-2537 Text or Voice
Admin Address: 220 Cumley Terrace	e-Fax: 201-625-6510
Leonora, NJ 07605	Email: nbaronCAP@gmail.com

Nancy Kaplan Tancer, MD	\$850-\$1050
One Dewolf Rd.	Fax 201-767-3105
Old Tappan, NJ 07675	

Tel: 201-767-9399	Email: ntancer@optonline.net
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Mercedes Paine, MD	\$1100-\$1250
One University Plaza, Suite 618	
Hackensack NJ 07601	
Tel: 201-487-4298	Email: mpoffice618@gmail.com

Richard Hahn, MD	\$795
Dr. Hahn will come to the school	
Office Address: 347 Fullerton Avenue	
Newburgh, NY 12550	Harriman, NY 10926
Tel: 845-988-9300	
Fax: 845-782-8943	Email: inteqrative.strategy@gmail.com

Derek Berberian, MD	\$250
North Jersey Health & Wellness	North Jersey Health & Wellness
4 Forest Avenue, Paramus NJ 07652	46 No. Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446
Tel: 201-588-3491	
Fax: 201-357-4222	Email: nihealthandwellness@aol.com

Natasha Baron, MD	\$250
NBAR Psychiatry (Virtual Evals Only)	Tel: 201-334-2537 Text or Voice
Admin Address: 220 Cumlev Terrace	e-Fax: 201-625-6510
Leonia, NJ 07605	Email: nbaronCAP@gmail.com

17. **Subscription Bussing for the 2024-2025 School Year**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, approves the establishment of a Subscription Bussing program. This is for students who live within statutory limits for the 2024-2025 school year for Pascack Valley Regional High School. This is on a space available basis for transportation from school for a non-refundable service fee in the amount of \$1,670.00 per student.
18. **Computer Solutions, Inc.**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the renewal agreement for software support with Computer Solutions Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$17,136.00.

19. **Educational Data Services, Inc.**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the renewal agreement for the supply procurement system license and maintenance fee with Educational Data Services, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$10,215.00.
20. **Lease Agreement with United Business Systems - Copiers**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a lease agreement with United Business Systems to lease copiers for a five year period beginning July 1, 2024 through New Jersey State Canon Contract M2075/24-FOOD-52427, in the amount of \$4,709.99 per month which includes associated maintenance and toner costs for black and white copy cost of \$.0039 and \$.05 for color copies, single function printers for black and white copy cost of \$.029 and \$.119 for color, and compact multi-functional products for black and white copy cost of \$.0101 and .059 for color.
21. **Pomptonian, Inc.**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the second renewal of the 2022-2023 contract with Pomptonian, Inc for Food Service Management Company services at a management fee of \$0.0779 for each \$1.00 of sales for the 2024-2025 school year.
22. **Pomptonian Student & Faculty Lunch Price List**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the attached Pomptonian Student Lunch and Faculty Lunch Price List for the 2024-2025 school year.
23. **Reject PV Cafeteria HVAC Re- Bid and Negotiate a Contract**
WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) advertised for bids for the Cafeteria HVAC Project at Pascack Valley High School (“Project”);
- WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2024 the Board received three bids for the Project which exceeded the cost estimate and budget for the Project;
- WHEREAS**, On April 8, 2024, the Board passed a resolution rejecting the bids for the Project for exceeding the cost estimate and budget for the Project and authorized the Board Secretary to readvertise for bids for the Project;
- WHEREAS**, the Board re-advertised for bids for the Project;
- WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2024, the Board received three bids for the Project which again exceeded the cost estimate and budget for the Project; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), the Board may negotiate a contract after having twice rejected bids for the Project;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby rejects the bids for the Project for exceeding the cost estimates and budget for the Project;

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Administrator and Architect are hereby authorized to negotiate a contract for the Project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c).
24. **Award VMC Company, Inc. - PH Auditorium Suspended Ceiling Abatement & Projection Booth Flooring & Stage Choral Wall Project**
WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) advertised for bids for the Pascack Hills Auditorium Suspended Ceiling Abatement and Auditorium Projection Booth Flooring and Stage Choral Wall Project (“Project”);
- WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2024, the Board received ten bids for the Project;
- WHEREAS**, VMC Company, Inc. (“VMC”) submitted the lowest bid with a base bid in the amount of \$138,000.00, alternate No. 1 bid in the amount of \$4,000.00 and alternate No. 2 bid in the amount of \$36,000.00 for a total bid in the amount of \$178,000.00;
- WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by VMC is responsive in all material respects; and
- WHEREAS**, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to VMC.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to VMC for a total contract sum of \$178,000.00.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.
25. **Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal - PH Asbestos Abatement**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a Maintenance Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$178,000.00 for the Asbestos Abatement and \$65,442.00 for the asbestos safety control monitoring services for a total of \$243,442.00 to fund the Auditorium Asbestos Abatement at Pascack Hills High School.
26. **Award Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. - Lab Pack Services**
WHEREAS, on May 14, 2024, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) received and publicly opened one bid for Lab Pack Services (“Services”);
- WHEREAS**, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc (“Clean Harbors”), Norwell, Massachusetts submitted a bid of; and

Labor and Equipment		
Item	Cost	Unit
Lead Chemist (portal to portal)	\$70.00	Hour
Field Chemist (portal to portal)	\$65.00	Hour
Utility vehicle with supplies, PPE, and hand tools.	\$300.00	Day

Supplies		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Pail	\$21.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$31.45	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$33.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$37.00	Each

Disposal		
Flammable Liquids Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each
	\$1.80	Pound

Disposal		
Organic Acid Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each
	\$1.80	Pound

Disposal		
Lab Pack for Incineration		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$5.10	Pound
	\$200.00	Min. per 5 Gal. pail

Disposal		
Organic Acid Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each

Disposal		
Amine Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each

Disposal		
Flammable Solids Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$200.00	Each/min.
	\$5.10	Pound

Disposal		
Oxidizer Liquid Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each

UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each

Disposal		
Solvent Contaminated Debris Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each

Disposal		
Lithium and/or Sodium Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$25.00	Pound
	\$550.00	Each/min. per 5 gal. pail

Disposal		
Oxidizer Solids Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each

Disposal		
Caustic Liquids Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each

Disposal		
PIH Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$5.10	Pound
	\$200.00	Each/min. per 5 Gallon Pail

Disposal		
Toxic Waste Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each/min.
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each/min.
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each/min.
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each/min.
	\$1.80	Pound

Disposal		
DOT Class 9 Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$108.00	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$216.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$270.00	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$360.00	Each

Disposal		
Non-Hazardous Liquid Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
UN RATED 5 Gallon Bucket	\$67.50	Each
UN RATED 15 Gallon Drum	\$135.00	Each
UN RATED 30 Gallon Drum	\$168.75	Each
UN RATED 55 Gallon Drum	\$225.00	Each

Transportation		
DOT Class 9 Lab Pack		
Item	Cost	Unit
Transportation via Box Truck or Van (inclusive of tolls and fuel surcharges)	\$397.00	Load

Additional Fees		
EEI Fees		
Item	Cost	Unit
EEI Fees	\$14% of invoice total	Total

WHEREAS, there is a renewal option for an increase of 5% in 2025-2026 and 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Clean Harbors is responsive in all material respects; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Services to Clean Harbors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board at the recommendation of the superintendent hereby awards the contract for the Services to Clean Harbors in 2024-2025 and renewal options at increase of 5% in 2025-2026 and 5% in 2026-2027.

27. **Approve Park Academy ESY Related Services**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following to provide services for the Park Academy Extended School Year Program from July 8 - 31, 2024.:

Staff	Position	Per diem Rate	# days	Total
Best of You Therapy	Speech Therapist	\$100 individual	4 hours	\$400
		\$105 group		\$420

28. **Special Education Transportation - Region II - Quotes**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232433 to Horizon Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232433	Paradigm	209	45	209.00	7,524.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232434 to Northern NJ Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232434	George White MS	149	40	149.00	4,768.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232435 to Sunny Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232435	Bergen Ctr.For Child Dev.	179	40	219.00*	6,789.00*

*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 Quote contract Q232436 to Destiny 23 Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232436	Windsor Bergen Acad.	159	40	199.00*	5,970.00*

*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 Quote contract Q232437 to Stellar Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232437	West Ridge School	239	40	239.00	6,214.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q232438 to Valley Transportation during the 2023-2024 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q232438	New Pathways	199.98	30	199.98	5,799.42

Moved by: Stankus

Seconded by: Stephans

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luisi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Suspension Report (attached)

Mrs. Martin shared the concerns of Mr. Fox and Mr. Dorgan over midterms and finals. She asked about the uptick in the Wellness Center and the additional tutoring at this time of year. She agreed that colleges do not ask students to memorize things from 10 months, it's a semester. She indicated that in the last three years the district has done better preparing students. She mentioned that her son did not have review packets or answer keys. She commented that she does not know if we're moving in the right direction because that is the way we did it. She added she would like to see the impact on wellness.

Ms. Stephans said she is in agreement with Mrs. Martin and she would like to see more data. She indicated that she would like to see the difference between the assessment of the midterm and the final.

Mr. Stankus said that midterms and finals are important. He said as an AP instructor there is an exam that summarizes the entire course. He said it's like a college course. He indicated that the AP finals mimic what is going on in colleges. He commented that colleges are going back to standardized tests as a measurement for admission. He believes midterms and finals are

necessary, but to take a look at the weighting of them and the impact. He said to abandon them would put our students at a disadvantage. He indicated that his children have benefited because it mimicked what they are doing in college.

Mr. Weaver said he would like to know the accuracy of what has been stated. He hopes that the messaging is consistent throughout all grades and departments. He commented that the issue doesn't sound like it's the finals rather it's the scheduling. It's the crush at one time when there are three exams in one day or assessments. Also how that affects wellness. He indicated that the district needs to do a better job of communicating and scheduling assessments, so students are not bombarded.

Mrs. Martin said as educators the use of assessments helps to improve/tweak instruction. She said something needs to be done when 50% of the students fail an assessment and there needs to be a huge curve. The use of the curve to push students through is not a solution. She said most kids need to be successful in the tests.

Mrs. Varghese commented that it shouldn't be about the name of the assessment which creates stress. There should be instruction and the assessment with results. If there is a curve does it mean the kids did not understand the way it is taught or the teacher did not connect with the students. She added that the data will provide the reason(s).

Mr. Stankus commented that the AP exam does it the right way. He indicated that at the start of an AP course, students are presented with a sample exam and given a breakdown of any weighting. This allows students what they can expect. He said finals are not about cramming the night before, it's a learning process of the course throughout the year.

Mr. Weaver commented that we think we're preparing students for college when it does not exist in college. It is to have the understanding of what is expected at the next level. He mentioned that we're too quick to say we're preparing students for the next thing, but the students are not there. However, we need to be mindful of where they are developmentally.

Ms. Stephans agreed with Mr. Weaver. She indicated that we didn't spend eight hours a day in college classes. She said there was more time to prepare and study for midterms and finals. She indicated that AP is different from honors or CP classes.

Ms. Bilotti mentioned that the administration has been looking into this. She commented that a final report will be produced and shared with the Board.

Mrs. Martin asked if they could get more information on wellness visits, case managers, guidance counselors, and absences. She commented that students are getting sick and staying home or they feel like they need to stay home to prepare for the exams.

Mr. Weaver indicated that his kids want to go in late so they may study.

Ms. Bilotti confirmed that finals will be given this year. She said adjustments have been made over the last two years and the final exam schedule has been adjusted based on feedback. They are looking into how to use assessments.

Mrs. Martin understood that finals are occurring earlier in an effort for students to review their finals.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that finals may not occur as early as in the future. She mentioned that there will be a feedback day and they will look at how they re-structured extra help to see if there is an opportunity to help students with that function. She reminded everyone that the final exam period is only science and math and the other classes are giving end of the year assessments.

Mrs. Varghese said she would like to see the data after finals and that math and science can be very intimidating for students.

Mr. Weaver indicated that for the sake of time he will share with the administration the theater, Hills softball field and the climate survey. He gave his thanks and disappointment that PV athletic director will be leaving. He said through his volunteer work, Mr. Spafford is one of the most respected AD in the county and state. He shared that he has heard from members of the

communities. It's an unfortunate loss to the district. He thanked Mr. Spafford and wished him luck in the future.

Ms. Stephans asked if course evaluations could be mandatory.

Ms. Bilotti mentioned that Dr. Bachenheimer conferred with the supervisors about course evaluations. They are discussing how to receive the feedback and see a sample. She would like to see a highlight reel of anonymous comments that highlights their favorite part of the year or their biggest takeaway. She said they are looking at it as optional at this time.

Mrs. Varghese said if the district was a different entity then customer feedback would be sought. She believes the information would be valuable for improvement and she would like to see it become mandatory.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Usami mentioned that the NJ School Boards Association Workshop will begin on October 21 to October 24. He indicated that this was in the Briefing and he will need to know if anyone is interested in attending and for how many nights.

XVI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to make comments and are limited to three 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, sign in and state their name and town of residence. Deb Horn of Belleville and president of the PVREA for the past eight years commented that she is stepping down and Maria Hinrichsen will be president and Matt Will will be vice president. She expressed her gratitude. She mentioned that she presided over some of the most tumultuous years in the district. She saw three superintendents, a total change in building administration, a pandemic, and divisive mascot change. She said she is proud to work at Pascack Valley Regional and to have served her fellow teachers. She indicated that she has heard horror stories in other districts and she is lucky to be part of this district. She said the reason is that we treat each other with dignity and respect. She commented that they have discussed rather than involve lawyers, as president she praised the Board, and she added the mutual respect and trust among the Board and superintendent and the teachers. She added that one should never bad mouth someone in public and never blindsides anyone. She said she has been fortunate to work with a strong and thoughtful administration and Board that shares the understanding of how to work together with mutual understanding and respect..

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