MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

Monday, September 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. In the Pascack Valley 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Varghese, President

Present: Mrs. Gini Varghese, President

Ms. Elizabeth Calderone Mrs. Stephanie Huang Ms. Katie Keller Mrs. Kristin Martin Mr. James Stankus

Ms. Debra Stephans, Vice President

Mr. Michael Weaver

Dr. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent

Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Student Representatives: Andrew Varian-PHHS, Ella Gokhale-PVHS

Absent: Mr. Pat Luisi

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Varghese led all those present in a salute to the flag.

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 August 26, 2024.

On September 14th the Pascack Hills community suffered a tremendous and unexpected loss with the passing of Brooke Dryerman and her parents. Brooke was a huge part of our Hills community always smiling and helping others. Brooke was co-president of Camp Rasberry, a club that helps students with special needs, she was a member of the unified program, on the executive board for Teens Against Cancer, played on the girl's tennis team for three years, and was about to start her internship at the teacher's cadet program. Despite Brooke being very socially involved, she also had a deep care for everyone around her. Her smiling disposition radiated across any room she was in. Additionally, Brooke had a deep care and connection with Judaism. She was very involved with the temple even being an executive member of Valley Chabadd. Brooke even would teach the younger kids at Temple Emanuel getting them excited to learn about their religion. Brooke's dream after college was to bring our community closer together and not be so divided. After hearing the news of her passing, many Hills students have been leaving painted rocks, cards, candles, flowers, and stuffed animals at Brooke's parking spot making sure her memory is never forgotten. Brooke and her parents' passing was completely devastating, but we as a community must come together and continue Brooke's legacy so she is never forgotten.

IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Brooke Dryerman, Pascack Hills High School Class of 2025, and her parents, David and Michele Dryerman.

Ms. Bilotti indicated that due to the dedication of the staff the community has been able to find the resilience and strength to get through the extremely difficult times.

Mr. Weaver thanked Mr. Wieland and his staff. He commented that when a student is lost it's the most difficult thing to manage as a building administrator. This has occurred two straight years.

Mr. Wieland has handled it with excellence and compassion and led the community through it. It is appreciated as a parent.

V. STAFF RECOGNITION

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, recognize with appreciation staff members with 25 years of Service:

25 Years of Service

Name	Position
James Kennedy	Technology Teacher, PVHS
Douglas Goodman	Social Studies Teacher, PHHS
Deborah Horn	Social Studies Teacher, PHHS
Lillian Murray	General Secretary, PHHS
	Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator,
Brenda Kirk	Board Office

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, recognize and welcome newly hired staff members:

Newly Hired Staff

Name	Position
Angie DeLima	World Language Teacher, Italian PVHS
Valentina DeSantis	Leave Replacement
	Main Office Executive Secretary, PVHS
Francesco DiLello	Leave Replacement
	Music Teacher, PVHS
Margaret Montenare	Student Assistance Counselor, PVHS
Tim Moriarty	Leave Replacement
	Library Assistant, PVHS
Olga Tsoy	Special Education Teacher, PVHS
Jessica Wuttig	Special Education Teacher, PVHS
Frank Cherichello	Leave Replacement
	School Counselor, PHHS
Deven Deppert	Paraprofessional, PHHS
Johnna Duffy	Part-time Secretary to the Athletic Director, PHHS
Cassandra Leibfried	Special Education Teacher, PHHS
Matthew Marini	Mathematics Teacher, PHHS
Ani Mooney	Social Worker, PHHS
Jennifer Ring	School Psychologist, PHHS
Jerry Rodriguez	Athletic Trainer, PHHS
Axelle Sandt	World Language Teacher, French, PHHS
Margaret Schmidt	World Language Teacher, French, PHHS

Jennifer Stalknecht	Paraprofessional, PHHS			
Vivian Conboy	Executive Secretary, Special Services			
Bernadette Wilkins	Part-time Secretary, Park Academy			
Melissa Incandela	Payroll Manager, District			
Doreen Babis	Director of Personnel and Pupil Services			
Jonathan Hesney	Director of Special Services			
Tracy Leigh	Director of Technology			
Sandra Casco-Vazquez	Director of Region II			

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, recognize and congratulate recently promoted staff members:

Promoted Staff Member

Name	Previous Position	New Position
William VanKersen	Science Teacher, PVHS	Athletic Director, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, PVHS

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, recognize and congratulate newly tenured staff members:

Newly Tenured Staff

Name	Position
Stephanie DiStasi	School Counselor, PVHS
Tara Flannery	Special Services Supervisor
	School Counselor, Park Academy
Caroline Gangi	Receiving Tenure November 2024
Zabrina Kearns	Special Education Teacher, Milestones
Aarti Mallya	Science Teacher, PHHS
Claire Mazan	Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, PHHS
Jill McCabe	Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
Alyssa Merritt	Regional Instruction & Curriculum Coordinator
Alison Petaccia	Assistant Principal, PVHS
Meg Pettigano	Media Specialist, PHHS
Patricia Uszenski	Executive Secretary, PVHS
Susan Vicchio	Executive Secretary
Jennifer Zimmerman	Student Assistance Counselor, PHHS

VI. PRESENTATION (attached)

NJSLA Score Report

Dr. Barry Bachenheimer, Ms. Valerie Mattessich, Ms. Megan Graziano, Dr. Mark Russo

Mr. Weaver asked about the science scores in the NJSLS. He wondered if the test scores may be better if it's more important and taken more seriously.

Dr. Bachenheimer indicated that science is an unmandated subject that is not required for graduation. They are required to take the test, so student motivation may be a factor. NJGPA is required for graduation and those results were shared last meeting along with SAT and AP testing which the students take more seriously. The science NJSLS numbers far outperform the state. Mrs. Huang asked if there has been an increase in students opting out.

Dr. Bachenheimer said that opting out is not an option anymore. Since the pandemic, there is no more opting out of tests.

Ms. Stephans asked what the science test consisted of.

Dr. Bachenheimer mentioned it consists of biology, physics and chemistry. He indicated that speaking to people who constructed the test, both the state and regionally, have said it's a very challenging test hence the results. He commented that it may be too challenging.

Ms. Stephans asked if there are any discussions about changing it and making it less challenging.. Dr. Bachenheimer said there are science supervisor roundtables, feedback periods and they are asked informally about their thoughts. Currently, the test is a requirement and tied to federal grants that districts receive.

Dr. Bilotti mentioned that the tests are aspirational and some of our people have contributed to the tests.

Dr. Bachenheimer agreed that the tests are aspirational and that some of our teachers have been involved with devising the test.

VII. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent's Report: Sarah Bilotti

Mrs. Martin appreciated the GPA data provided at the end of the year. She questioned that the average GPA is just about 4.2. She found this hard to believe.

Dr. Bilotti confirmed the GPA for all subjects.

Mrs. Varghese commented that there was some confusion about exam weighting, specifically the percentage. She indicated that Dr. Bilotti is working on delivering an accurate message Dr. Bilotti said they are working on delivering a consistent and accurate message for all subjects. She would like a consistent message on the weighting of the midterm and final exams. She mentioned that starting this year the weighting will be 5% of the total grade which answered Mr. Weaver's question. Dr. Bilotti confirmed Mr. Weaver's question indicating that it will be 2.5% for each of the two exams.

Mrs. Varghese asked if students can see their GPAs on SCOIR (software).

Dr. Bilotti indicated that this is the second year with the software. The intention is to make it crystal clear to the students what their GPA is. They will be able to see the profile of the average student accepted at specific colleges. She mentioned that a representative from SCOIR will be coming to a board meeting to discuss what the software can provide.

Mrs. Huang asked how the teachers feel about the 2.5% and 2.5% weighting of the exams. She said it seems low.

Dr. Bilotti indicated that she does know how they feel, but her assumption is that there will be mixed feelings. She said some will be concerned that it's too low and students will not take it seriously and reduce the students' ability to prepare. She commented that they will take a look at the data and see if anything needs to be reassessed. They want to make sure students are prepared

for cumulative exams and that the exams do not harm their GPAs. They want to make sure that the exams are not causing undue anxiety yet prepare them for cumulative exams.

Mrs. Huang indicated that the overall GPA is high. She asked if it's an inflated number and how it compares to other years.

Dr. Bilotti said it has been increasing.

Mr. Stankus commented that honors courses are weighted higher.

Mrs. Martin commented that it seems very high and if that's the case then everyone would be in the National Honor Society.

Dr. Bilotti said the number is accurate and it may be due to grade inflation or more honors and AP classes in prior years. She indicated that honors and AP offerings have increased since 2020. She mentioned that in 2020 Hills GPA was 3.78 and now at 4.0 while Valley was at 3.3 and now at 4.2. She indicated that surrounding districts range from 3.85 to 4.0. Dr. Bilotti commented that the national trend is that GPAs are increasing post Covid. She mentioned that the district has more support such as the math, english and science labs, the benchmarking, pre and post tests, as robust assessment philosophy, and multi-tiered supports.

Mr. Stankus said he would like to see the data for AP scores in 2020 versus current to see if the increase is similar to the overall increase.

Mrs. Martin commented that in 2020 students had to take the AP test if they were taking the AP course while now they do not.

Mr. Weaver mentioned that what the students discussed at previous meetings have not been addressed here. He specifically mentioned if exam grades were curved or not since they commented that everyone got a "60". He asked if grade curves are consistent among departments or within a department.

Dr. Bilotti said that last year no finals were curved and going forward no midterms or finals will be curved.

Mr. Weaver asked if everyone receives a significantly low score how do teachers and supervisors reflect the assessment.

Dr. Bilotti indicated that some of the higher level science and math courses used a curving system. She mentioned that at Back-to School Night, the message was crystal clear on how the curve is applied. She said if a quiz is worth four points and a student receives a score of two, the score would not be 50% instead a curving system would be used and the score would be much higher.

Debra Stephans (attached) Policy Committee Report:

Student Reports: Andrew Varian–Pascack Hills High School (attached)

Ella Gokhale– Pascack Valley High School (attached)

VIII. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, affirm Debra Stephans as Vice President for the remainder of the 2024 term.

Moved by:	Stankus	•			Seconded by:	Steph	ans •		
					VOTE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	X				Stankus	X			
Huang	X				Stephans	X			
Keller	X				Weaver	X			
Luisi				X	Varghese	X			
Martin	X								

Mr. Weaver said he would abstain since he was not present and wished Ms. Stephans the best of luck.

Mr. Usami indicated that anyone can vote even if not present at the last meeting as per the Executive County Superintendent.

After hearing that, Mr. Weaver voted "yes".

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

August 26, 2024	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
August 26, 2024	Executive Meeting	8:32 p.m.
September 14, 2024	Board Retreat Meeting	9:00 a.m.

Moved by:	Stephans	_			Seconded by:	Calde	erone	•	
	-				VOTE	-			
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	X				Stankus	X			
Huang	X				Stephans	X			
Keller	X				Weaver			X	
Luisi				X	Varghese	X		X	
Martin	X		X		İ				

Mr. Weaver commented that he reached out to Dr. Bilotti that he would not be present at the August 26 meeting due to a work commitment. However, if he was needed for a quorum, he would attend the meeting. He added that he missed the September 14 meeting due to a volunteer commitment to coach (head) his son's football team. He apologized for his absences due to his obligations.

Mrs. Varghese abstained to the August 26 Executive and Regular Minutes.

Mrs. Martin abstained to the September 14 Board Retreat Minutes.

Mr. Weaver abstained to the August 26 Regular and Executive Minutes and the September 14 Board Retreat Minutes.

IX. 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.

None

X. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1-3

1. Nursing Service Plan

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Nursing Service Plan (attached) for the 2024-2025 school year.

2. BOE Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations - First Reading

First reading of the following Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education bylaws, policies, and regulations:

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy / Regulation Number
Board Member Number and Term (Revised)	<u>P 0141</u>
Curriculum Content (M) (Revised)	<u>P 2200</u>
Physical Examination (M) (Revised)	<u>P 3160</u>
Physical Examination (M) (Revised)	R 3160
Physical Examination (M) (Revised)	<u>P 4160</u>
Physical Examination (M) (Revised)	<u>R 4160</u>
Attendance (M) (Revised)	<u>R 5200</u>
Service Animals (Revised)	<u>P 5337</u>
Student Suicide Prevention (M) (Revised)	<u>P 5350</u>
Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (Revised)	<u>P 8420</u>
Firearms and Weapons (M) (Revised)	<u>P 8467</u>
Firearms and Weapons (M) (Revised)	<u>R 8467</u>
Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants (Revised)	<u>P 9181</u>

3. Abolish BOE Policy

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, abolish the following policy and regulation:

Policy Number	Name	Rational
<u>P 0164.6</u>	Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency (M)	The emergency administrative code that was adopted permitting remote Board meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency has expired.

Moved by:	Stephans	, ▼			Seconded by:	Marti	n •		
					VOTE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	X				Stankus	X			
Huang	X				Stephans	X			
Keller	X				Weaver	X			
Luisi				X	Varghese	X			
Martin	X								

XI. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 2

- 1. Out of District Placement
 - a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an out-of-district placement for student ID# 812928 at Rockland Boces Career & Technical Education Center, shared time placement, for the 2024-2025 school year, as per student's IEP. Tuition plus administration fee is \$20,512.
 - b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the out-of-district placement for student ID# 814156 at Bergen County Special Services New Bridges Middle School / High School, beginning September 16, 2024 through June 30, 2025, per student's IEP. The tuition rate for the 2024-2025 school year is \$85,095, with a prorated rate of \$81,857.54. The student will be attending 177 days at the per diem rate of \$462.47
 - c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve two additional classes for out-of-district student ID# 813118 at Fusion Academy beginning 9/23/24 through 6/30/25, per student's IEP. The additional tuition cost for the 2024-2025 school year will be \$9,250.

2. Home Health Care and Nursing Services

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve additional services to the previously board approved (June 17, 2024) services from Preferred Home Health Care and Nursing Services to provide a registered nurse for student ID# 811361 for the 2024-2025 school year as per student's IEP:

Dates	Frequency	Number of Weeks	Hourly Rate Difference	Total
9/3/24-6/30/25	8.5 hours/day	3 x/wk for 38 weeks	\$7.00(from \$62 to \$69)	\$6,783

Moved by:	Stankus	•			Seconded by:	Steph	ians •		
					VOTE	-			
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	X				Stankus	X			
Huang	X				Stephans	X			
Keller	X				Weaver	X			
Luisi				X	Varghese	X			
Martin	X								

XII. HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the superintendent, after considering the recommendation of her administrative staff which included consideration of experience, credentials, and references for the following candidates for employment in the school district, has determined that the appointment of these individuals is appropriate and in the best interest of the school district,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, appoint the following individuals to the positions indicated, as provided by the budget, in accord with terms of the employment specified:

Note: Appointment of new personnel to the district is provisional subject to:

- 1. Authorization from the State Department regarding a criminal background check and/or authorization from the Bergen County Superintendent's Office for emergent hiring; and
- 2. A medical examination including satisfactory results of the Mantoux tuberculin skin test; and
- 3. Valid certification appropriate for his/her employment or assignment in New Jersey; and
- 4. Disclosure and review of applicants' employment history within the statutory time period.

Consent Agenda for Items 1-19

1. New Hire

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following individual to the position indicated:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Allyson Rudolph	Region II Part-time Teacher Resource Specialist	\$64 per hour, no benefits	On or about September 25, 2024

2. Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret the resignation of Mary Martin, ABA Instructional Assistant for Region II, effective October 10, 2024.

3. Leave of Absence

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
2468	PVHS Guidance Counselor	Total Leave Period: January 2, 2025 - May 7, 2025 Using 30 sick days FMLA: February 13, 2025 - May 7, 2025 Leave of Absence: None

4. Move on Academic Salary Guide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve movement on the academic salary guide for the following certificated staff for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	From	То
Marcia Forte	MA+30 Step 13	MA+45 Step 13
Vanessa Martinez	BA Step 6	MA Step 6
Dilma Panerello-Siempira	BA Step 3	MA Step 3
Lindsay Runge	MA+15 Step 9	MA+30 Step 9
Jimena Ladino	MA+30 Step 9	MA+45 Step 9

5. Proctor Assignments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following staff members to proctor after school detention at PVHS at a rate of \$29 per hour, not to exceed \$1,800, for the 2024-2025 school year:

Jim Kennedy	Chris Guinta	Cindy Reese
Luisa Sanchez	Laura McSpirit	Jordan Kapp
Maggie Ely		

6. Staff Assignment Change

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the change of assignment for Ana Roman, Custodian, from PHHS to PVHS, effective July 1, 2024.

7. Additional Periods

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following additional sixth period assignments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Department	FY/S1/S2	Course Name - Additional Period
Zabrina Kearns	Special Education	S1	Milestones Special Education Class (1)
Zabrina Kearns	Special Education	S1	Milestones Special Education Class (2)
Jonathan Rose	History	S2	Blended Financial Literacy
Robert Salgado	Special Education	FY	Study Skills
Vita Guardabascio	World Language	FY (prorated, start date: September 23, 2024)	English as a Second Language
Nick Scerbo	History	From S1 To S2	AP Economics

8. Additional Periods - Temporary Coverage

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the additional sixth period assignments for the following teachers from September 10 - October 4, 2024, at the daily rate of \$65. Covering for employee ID# 0299 while on leave:

Name	Subject	School	Number of Days
Dana Corasanti	Pascack Academic Support	PVHS	9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2
Maria Hinrichsen	Pascack Academic Support	PVHS	9/10, 9/16, 9/17, 9/23, 9/24, 9/30, 10/1
Nancy Ricca	Pascack Academic Support	PVHS	9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3

9. Additional Periods - Temporary Coverage (revision)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the additional sixth period assignments for the following teachers from August 29 - September 22, 2024 (3 weeks and 2 days). Covering for employee ID # 1799 while we await his arrival to the position:

Name	Subject	School	Total Payment
From: Lindsay Prico To: Lindsay Runge	College Algebra	PHHS	\$955

10. Testing Support

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 PSAT administration on October 26, 2024.

Name	Assignment	School	Payment
Jamie Budakian	Tech Coordinator	PVHS	\$500
Scott Jones	Tech Coordinator	PHHS	\$500

11. Extra Hours

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Leslie Manfredonia to provide 1:1 paraprofessional coverage for student ID# 813250 during Zero Period Band, per student's IEP. Coverage is for up to 160 hours for the 2024-2025 school year at the hourly rate.

12. Home Instruction

a. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID #813007 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Subject	Frequency	Dates
Yvette Kohn	English III US History 2 Algebra 1 Conceptual Physics	10 hours per week - total	On or about September 16 - November 15, 2024

b. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID #812476, per student's IEP, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Subject	Frequency	Dates
George Scillia	Physics	2 hours per wk	August 29, 2024- June 17, 2025
Vani Aponasian	English 4	2 hours per wk	August 29, 2024- June 17, 2025
Cassandra Liebfried	Algebra 2	2 hours per wk	August 29, 2024- June 17, 2025
Nicole Olshalsky	Physical Education	2 hours per wk	August 29, 2024- June 17, 2025

c. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID # 812378 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Subject	Frequency	Dates
Caitlyn Murphy	Algebra II	2 hours per wk	September 16-October 16, 2024

d. RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID # 812037, who shall receive 10 hours of instruction per week (approx. 2 hours per subject).

Name	Subject	Frequency	Dates
Edward Sandt	AP English Lang	Approx. 2 hours per wk	On or about September 3 - November 1, 2024
Natalie Macke	AP Env. Science	Approx. 2 hours per wk	On or about September 3 - November 1, 2024
Kevin Kirkby	Pre-Calculus	Approx. 2 hours per wk	On or about September 3 - November 1, 2024
Aarti Mallya	AP Biology	Approx. 2 hours per wk	On or about September 3 - November 1, 2024
Tyler Johnson	Phys. Ed/ Health	Approx. 2 hours per wk	On or about September 3 - November 1, 2024
Danielle Garretson	Photography	Approx. 2 hours per wk	On or about September 3 - November 1, 2024

13. Translation Services

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 translation services for the guidance department, special services department, and building administration as needed. Compensation for the service is \$65 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year:

Frank Andrisani	Ivica Kanova	Liam O'Neill	Courtney Rems
Borislaw Bilash	Jimena Ladino	Axelle Sandt	Agostina Trass
Melissa Comitto	Dorely Leal- Drago	Margaret Schmidt	Yi Ping (Deb) Yao
Angie Delima	Andrew Lewis	Dilma Panarello Siempira	Jane Yeam
Teresa DelGiudice	Deena Mahmoud	Elena Spathis	
Vita Guardabascio	Vanessa Martinez	Patricia Sularz	

14. Chaperones

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve chaperones for after school choir and band auditions and rehearsals. Chaperones will be paid \$80 for two hours and additional time will be prorated.

Date	Event	School	Name	Timeframe
9/29/24	Bergen County Choir Auditions	PVHS	Francesco DiLello	3:30pm-9:30pm
12/3/24	Bergen County Band Auditions	PVHS	Craig Yaremko	3:30pm-9:30pm
1/4/25	Regional Band Auditions	PVHS	Craig Yaremko	8:00am-3:00pm
1/10/25	Bergen County Choir Rehearsal	PVHS	Argine Safari (back to teaching)	3:30pm-9:30pm
1/18/25	All-State Band Auditions	PVHS	Craig Yaremko	8:00am-3:00pm
2/2/25	All-State choir rehearsal (Treble)	PVHS	Argine Safari	1:00pm-5:00pm
2/8/25	Junior Region Band Auditions	PVHS	Craig Yaremko	8:00am-3:00pm
3/17/25	Region Jazz Auditions	PVHS	Craig Yaremko	4:00pm-9:00pm
5/5/25	All-State Jazz Auditions	PVHS	Craig Yaremko	4:00pm-9:00pm

Name	Event	School	Date	Timeframe
Margarita Elkin	Bergen County Choir Auditions	PHHS	September 29, 2024	3:30pm-9:30pm
Margarita Elkin	Bergen County Choir Rehearsal	PHHS	January 10, 2025	3:30pm-9:30pm
Margarita Elkin	All-State choir rehearsal (Treble)	PHHS	February 2, 2025, Sunday	1:00-5:00pm
Ryan Dore	Bergen County Band Auditions	PHHS	December 3, 2024	3:30pm-9:30pm
Ryan Dore	Regional Band Auditions	PHHS	January 4, 2025, Saturday	8:00-3:00pm
Ryan Dore	All-State Band Auditions	PHHS	January 18, 2025, Saturday	8:00-3:00pm
Ryan Dore	Junior Region Band Auditions	PHHS	February 8, 2025, Saturday	8:00-3:00pm
Ryan Dore	Tri-M Honor Society	PHHS	February 12, 2025	6:00pm-9:00pm

15. Co-Curricular Appointments

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following co-curricular appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Activity	Name	Position	Stipend
PV Inter-Faith Club	Christopher Guinta	Co-Advisor	\$789.50
PV Inter-Faith Club	George Scillia	Co-Advisor	\$789.50
PH MED	Aarti Mallya	Advisor	\$1,579
PH Student Immigrant Alliance	Axelle Sandt	Co-Advisor	\$789.50
PH Student Immigrant Alliance	Margaret Schmidt	Co-Advisor	\$789.50

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following probationary clubs for the 2024-2025 school year. The advisors will be unpaid Volunteers.

Activity	Name	Activity	Name
PH Women in Business	Corin Gamgort	PV Girls for Girls	Annette Molino
PV Community Outreach Baking Club	Nicole Alpern	PV Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)	Kelsey Brentnall
PV Esports	James Kennedy	PV Graphic Design	Danielle deQuintal

16. Athletic Resignation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret the resignation of Lauren Brown, PHHS Softball Head Coach, for the 2024-2025 school year.

17. Athletic Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following athletic appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Hallie Wikfors	Pascack Gymnastics	Assistant Coach	\$1,532.50/Step 3 (.25 split stipend)
Maya Horowitz	Pascack Gymnastics	Assistant Coach	\$1,532.50/Step 3 (.25 split stipend)
Gary Beyer	PVHS Weight Room	Supervisor	\$29.75 per period
Adam Sidrow	PVHS Boys Basketball	Assistant Coach	\$3,883/Step 3 (.50 stipend)

18. Volunteers

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

Name	School	Activity
Stephen Bacica	District	Robotics
Hannah Epstein	District	Robotics
Ellen Drennan	District	Robotics
Ella Hofstetter	District	Robotics
Dominic Estanislao	District	Robotics
Barbara Bressler	District	Robotics

Alexander Wolosiuk	District	Robotics
Michael Herman	District	Robotics
Roderick Kennedy	District	Robotics
Ryan Hall	District	Robotics
Jesse Lagrosa	PVHS	Football
Megan Garrett	PVHS	Cheerleading
Jason Silver	PHHS	All Sports

19. Substitute Teachers, Nurses, and Custodians

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following substitutes for the district for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Туре
Richard Clifford	Classroom Teacher	Returning
Grace Latorre	Nurse	New
Subi Mathews	Nurse	New

Moved by:	Stankus	•			Seconded by:	Calde	erone `		
					VOTE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	Х				Stankus	Х			
Huang	X				Stephans	X			
Keller	X				Weaver	X			
Luisi				X	Varghese	X			
Martin	X								

XIII. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 29

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 September 23, 2024	\$3,468,550.99
Payroll as of August 31, 2024	\$529,452.17
Payroll as of September 10, 2024	\$1,711,467.00
Total	\$5,709,470.16

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 2024-2025 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period July 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 July 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 July 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	July 2024
b. e-Learning Account	July 2024
c. Capital Project Account	July 2024
d. Student Government Account – PH	July 2024
e. Student Government Account – PV	July 2024
f. Athletic Account – PH	July 2024
g. Athletic Account – PV	July 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 July 2024.

6. Travel Pre-Authorizations

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the pre-authorization travel expenses for professional development or school trips (attached):

Name	Professional Development or School Trip
Brooks Alexander	NJCHE Conference
Doreen Babis	HR Professional Focused Discussions on Critical Yearly Decisions
Doreen Babis	NJSPRA Workshops
Doreen Babis	NJFLA and FMLA Training Session
Doreen Babis	NJSBA Workshop 2024
Barry Bachenheimer	AI K12 Deeper Learning Summit
Barry Bachenheimer	Apple Distinguished Schools Leadership Academy
Sarah Bilotti	League of Innovative Schools Fall Convening 2024
Tracy Leigh	League of Innovative Schools Fall Convening 2024
Robert Donahue	NJSBA Workshop 2024
Robert Donahue	Ed Spaces 2024
Jonathan Hesney	NJSBA Workshop 2024
Stephanie Huang	NJSBA Workshop 2024
Heather Lutz	29th Annual Jewish American and Holocaust Literature Symposium Speaking/sharing excerpts from her new book and serving as docent.
Courtney Rems	FLENJ Workshop Series #1 - Building Students' Intercultural Communication Skills
Angela Rossi	Art Educators of NJ 2024 Fall Conference
Elena Spathis	Healthy Teachers, Happy Classrooms
Elena Spathis	AI as a Tool -Efficiency for Teachers and New Learning for Students
Yas Usami	NJASBO Workshop AI
Yas Usami	NJASBO Workshop Purchasing
Yas Usami	NJSBA Workshop 2024
Debra Stephans	NJSBA Workshop 2024
Sarah Bilotti	NJSBA Workshop 2024

Tracy Leigh	NJSBA Workshop 2024
Julianne Downes	Professional Sewing Course - Mood
Megan Graziano	NJ Science Convention
Axelle Sandt	ACTFL Conference
Douglas Goodman	NJCHE Conference
Alison Petaccia	NJPSA/FEA Fall Conference - Illuminate
Tom Gallione	NJPSA/FEA Fall Conference - Illuminate

7. FOURTH ADDENDUM to AGREEMENT OF SALE

WHEREAS, JH2 Enterprises, LLC ("Seller") and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("Purchaser") entered into an Agreement of Sale on January 4, 2024 for the sale and purchase of property located at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, New Jersey ("Premises");

WHEREAS, Section 36 of the Agreement of Sale contained governmental approval contingencies which expired on March 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Agreement of Sale established a closing date on or about April 15, 2024;

WHEREAS, the lease for the second floor of the Premises expired on March 31, 2024 and the second floor of the Premises is vacant;

WHEREAS, the Purchaser did not obtain the requisite governmental approvals and requested a ninety day extension of the governmental approval contingencies;

WHEREAS, as a result of not obtaining the requisite governmental approval by March 31, 2024, Purchaser requested and was granted and extension of the governmental approval contingency to June 30, 2024 and an extension of the closing date to July 15, 2024 which was memorialized in a First Addendum to Agreement of Sale;

WHEREAS, Purchaser did not obtain the requisite government approval by June 30, 2024 and was granted another extension of the government approval contingency and closing date to August 29, 2024, which was memorialized in a Second Addendum to Agreement of Sale;

WHEREAS, Purchaser did not obtain the requisite government approval by August 29, 2024 and was granted another extension of the government approval contingency and closing date to September 30, 2024, which was memorialized in a Third Addendum to Agreement of Sale;

WHEREAS, Purchaser still has not obtained the requisite government approval and has requested another extension of the government approval contingency and closing date;

WHEREAS, Seller is desirous of granting the Purchaser's request upon certain terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of memorializing their agreement by entering into a Fourth Addendum to Agreement of Sale;

NOW, WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing premises and the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree to the following as the terms of the Fourth Addendum to Contract of Sale:

1. Time and Place of Closing – Section 5

Delete "September 30, 2024" in the first sentence and substitute "December 19, 2024" in its place.

2. Adjustments at Closing – Section 9

Delete the following sentence in the First Addendum:

Seller shall receive a credit from Purchaser in the amount of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,800.00) a month which shall be calculated on a per diem basis beginning April 16, 2024 until the closing of title.

- 3. Governmental Approval Contingency Section 36
 - C. Delete "September 30, 2024" and substitute "December 19, 2024" in its place.
- 4. Lost Rent New Section

Purchaser shall pay Seller for the lost rent from April 16, 2024 through December 18, 2024 in the amount of fourteen thousand five hundred sixteen and 12/100 dollars (\$14,516.12) no later than seven (7) days from the date this Fourth Addendum is signed by the parties.

- 5. All of the provisions in the parties' Agreement and the First, Second and Third Addendum to the Agreement of Sale that are not revised by this Fourth Addendum to Agreement of Sale shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6. The undersigned has the requisite authority to sign this Fourth Addendum to Agreement of Sale on behalf of the respective party.

8. Capital Reserve Withdrawal - 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$14,516.12 for additional cost to purchase property at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, NJ. for lost rent of the second floor.

9. **Dual Enrollment - Seton Hall University**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the superintendent approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Seton Hall University and Pascack Valley Regional High School District at the rate of \$110 per academic credit for the 2024-2025 school year.

10. Pascack Hills High School – 1st Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for all students for the 2024-2025 School Year

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

For Pascack Hills High School, 225 West Grand Ave Montvale, NJ 07645.

The first of two annual drills for all students for the 2024-2025 school year was conducted on Thursday August 29, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Evacuation Drill was held adjacent to Pascack Hills High School Gym.

Route Numbers: all students and teachers participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill during PE Periods.

Mr. Derek Piccini, Assistant Principal of Pascack Hills High School conducted the Emergency Evacuation Drill.

11. Pascack Valley High School – 1ST Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for School Bus Riders for the 2024-2025 School Year

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

For Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Ave Hillsdale, NJ 07642

The first of two annual drills for bus riders for the 2024-2025 school year was conducted on Friday September 13, 2024, at 7:15 a.m. – 7:35 a.m.

Evacuation Drill was held in front of Pascack Valley High School.

Route Numbers: All students participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill. Drills were conducted during bus drop off.

Tom Gallione Assistant Principal of Pascack Valley High School and Alison Petaccia, Assistant Principal conducted the Emergency Evacuation Drill.

12. Correction to Awarded Student Transportation Contracts Home to School and Athletic/Extracurricular

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the correction to the following route:

Bus Company	Route#	Destination (To/From) (Home to School)	Previous Cost Per Diem	Corrected Cost Per Diem
Scholastic Bus Company 18-02 River Rd PO Box 1130 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	PH-4	Pascack Hills HS, Montvale	474.36	\$474.30

13. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the disposal, donation, sale or recycling of the following items.

Item	Inventory Control Number
GBC Shredmaster 1256S	1388

- 14. **Approve Yearbook Vendor Hercules Achievement, LLC DBA Varsity Yearbook RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the printing of the yearbooks for Pascack Valley High School by Hercules Achievement, LLC, DBA Varsity Yearbook for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$45,320.00.**
- 15. Capital Reserve Withdrawal Cafeteria HVAC Upgrades at Pascack Valley RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$10,250.00 for the additional engineering services provided by KSI Consulting Engineers, LLC for the Cafeteria HVAC Upgrades at Pascack Valley.
- 16. **Agreement with Bergen County Special Services IDEA RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, enter into an agreement with Bergen County Special Services to administer services to students with disabilities parentally placed in non-public schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Maximum of \$58,524.00 to be billed,

following the start of services. Additional carryover amount of \$43,932.00.

- 17. **Agreement with Ramapo Ice Rinks, Inc. (attached) RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement with Ramapo Ice Rinks, Inc. for 42 hours at a rate of \$585.00 per hour for a total of \$24,570.00 for the term of September 2024 to March 2025.
- 18. Shared Services Agreement for 2024-2025 School Year Region II
 RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Shared Services Agreement between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale, and Westwood Regional for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 19. **Joint Purchasing Agreement for ABA for 2024-2025 School Year –Region II RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement for Applied Behavioral Analysis Services between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale and Westwood Regional for the 2024-2025 school year.

- 20. Joint Purchasing Agreement for OT/PT for 2024-2025 School Year Region II RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy services between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale and Westwood Regional for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 21. **Joint Purchasing Agreement for Speech Therapy for 2024-2025 School Year -Region II RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement for Speech Therapy Services between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale and Westwood Regional for the 2024 -2025 school year.
- 22. **Joint Transportation Agreement for 2024-2025 School Year Region II RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement for Transportation between Pascack Valley Regional High School District and the school districts of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, River Vale and Westwood Regional for the 2024-2025 school year

23. Special Payment Authorization - Region II

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, authorize Region II to pay bills upon presentation of properly approved vouchers for Occupational and Physical Therapists for services and evaluations rendered from 8/15/24 - 9/14/24 and for Independent Evaluations for speech, LDTC, school psychologists, social workers, and for transportation services from 9/1/24 - 9/30/24.

24. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Parent Contracts

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract to The Parent for route #IS2425 for the 2024-25 school year.

Route #	Route	Per Diem	Insurance	Annual Cost
IS2425	Windsor, Pompton Lakes	75.00	364.00	13,864.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract to The Parent for route #EV2425 for the 2024-25 school year.

Route #	Route	Per Diem	Annual Cost
EV2425	New Bridges, Paramus	100.00	21,000.00

25. Special Education Transportation - Region II- Bids

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2511 to Kris Transportation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2511	Banyan Elem.	218	50	268.00*	48,240.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2512 to Baraka Transportation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2512	Chancellor Academy	174	49	174.00	31,320.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 105 to Safe Journey Transportation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2514	George White MS	93	60	93.00	16,740.00
2519	Woodside Ave School	168	60	228.00*	41,040.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2515 to Ombali Transportation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2515	HIP. Midland Pk	184	50	234.00*	42,120.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract 2517 to Gentle Ride Medical Transport for the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2517	Venture, Paramus	170	50	220.00*	39,600.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

26. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Quotes

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2501 to First Student Inc. during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2501	Burlington County Special Services	390	0	390.00	22,230

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q24252 to Kris Transport during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q24252	Roberge Elem – One Way	68	20	88.00*	15,840.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Ouote contract O24253 to Safe Journey during the 2024-2025 school year.

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Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost	
Q24253	Holmstead to BOCES	60	40	60.00	10,800.00	

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Ouote contract O24254 to Horizon Transportation during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q24254	Westbrook MS	279	60	339.00*	22,374.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Ouote contract O24255 to Stellar School Transportation during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q24255	Memorial Elem.	199	45	244.00*	21,960.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q24256 to Sunny Transportation during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q24256	Craig Lower	149	30	149.00	22,350.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q24257 to Pro Trans School Transportation during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q24257	Fusion Academy	165	55	165.00	22,275.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q24258 to Pro Trans School Transportation during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q24258	Valley-TIP; One Way	75	35	75.00	13,500.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q24259 to Sunny Transportation during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q24259	Chancellor Academy	220	30	220.00	22,200.00

27. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Bid Corrections from August 26th Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 104 to Destiny 23 Transportation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2502	Ben Franklin MS	172	50	222.00*	44,400.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 2507 to Safe Journey for 2024-2025 school year.

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Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2507	Benway	190	40	190.00	39,900.00

28. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Renewal Corrections from August 26 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 082 to Galaxia Express for the 2024-2025 school year.

	Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Г	2106	Sage Day, R.P.	161.32	0	161.32	32,747.96

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 2414 to Horizon Transportation for 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2414	Ridge Ranch Elem.	310.14	75	385.14*	80,879.40*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 096 to Kris Transport for 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2341	Fieldstone MS	320.74	50	370.74*	74,148.00*

^{*}Includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 085 to Shaddai Transportation for 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2202	Midland Park HS; BCSS SHIP	222.58	60	222.58	40,064.40

29. AM/PM Walk-In Urgent Care Norwood

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve AM/PM Walk-In Urgent Care Norwood to provide drug testing at a rate of \$150 per individual for the 2024-2025 school year.

Moved by:	Stankus	•			Seconded by:	Stephans •			
					VOTE				
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	X				Stankus	X			
Huang	X				Stephans	X			
Keller	X				Weaver	X		X	
Luisi				X	Varghese	X			
Martin	X								

Ms. Calderone commented that the September payroll seemed high and if that is due to teachers being back. She asked about Urgent Care.

Mr. Usami indicated that teachers are back and there is some extra pay over the summer. Dr. Bilotti said that there may be a need to use Urgent Care for student clearance. She mentioned that some of the other providers have cut back on their hours, so if service is needed later in the evening, the only option is the emergency room. This is not ideal for the student or the family. She indicated that another potential provider is New Bridge in Hillsdale. Dr. Bilotti commented that this was a supplemental because Urgent Care just got their paperwork in and she wanted this option now instead of waiting until the next meeting.

Mr. Weaver abstained to Item 4.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report (attached), 2023-2024 school year including period 2, January June 2024
- 2. Board Goals [Communication/Wellness/Referendum/Post-Secondary]

Mrs. Martin thanked Dr. Bilotti and Mrs. Varghese for the retreat. She thought it was a nice change and very productive. She thanked them for the work they put into it.

Ms. Calderone thanked them and commented that the facilitator was amazing. She indicated that the members put in a lot of hard work and came up with a lot of good goals.

Ms. Stephans said it was a great experience and thanked them.

Mrs. Varghese said that it was successful because of the Board and how they work together with ideas and sharing views. She thanked the members for their participation.

XV. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Varghese made a request in accordance to Policy 0145 for a formal motion to give formal notice to Mr. Weaver and to place on the October 28, 2024 agenda for the removal of Mr. Weaver from the Board for missing three consecutive board meetings.

Mr. Stankus asked if this is standard procedure and consistent going forward.

Mrs. Varghese responded affirmatively based on missing three consecutive meetings.

Moved: J Stankus Seconded: K Keller

Mr. Weaver said he would like to comment and Mrs. Varghese indicated that he may comment on the formal notice or placing the item on the board agenda.

Mr. Weaver commented that this is not a surprise to the members and they could have reached out to him since they all have his number. He said that this is personal and retaliatory but expected. Mrs. Varghese reminded Mr. Weaver that his comments must be about the two points she mentioned previously.

Mr. Weaver acknowledged that they are. He said he understands the expectations of attending meetings. He indicated that Mondays have been established as meeting days. He said he missed summer meetings when people are away and a Saturday.

Mrs Varghese reminded Mr. Weaver that he will have the opportunity to comment on having good cause for missing the meetings at the next meeting.

Mr. Weaver could not understand why there is such a tone or hostility towards him which Mrs. Varghese denied. She repeated that this is notice that this will be on the agenda according to the policy.

Mr. Weaver said he understands the expectations as a board member. He indicated that he received a call at 3 am this morning from his aunt who was in a hospital just off a respirator said

that Mr. Weaver's mother was in septic shock in the same hospital. He said he was at the hospital at 4 am tending to his mother and his aunt. Regrettably, his aunt passed away later that morning. Mr Weaver said he coaches a football team (none of his children are involved) and had the game moved from 7:30 to 6:30 so he may attend tonight's board meeting.

Mrs. Varghese was sorry for Mr. Weaver's loss. Mrs. Varghese repeatedly asked Mr. Weaver to keep his comments to the two items and he would have the opportunity to comment at the next meeting.

Mr. Weaver felt it was disrespectful and it was shameful on how he was spoken to.

Mrs. Varghese called for a voice vote. Mrs. Varghese explained what the voice vote was for and emphasized that the vote is not for removal. Mr. Weaver asked if there was any conversation among the board members prior to this meeting regarding this topic. Ms. Calderone, Ms. Keller, Mr. Stankus, Ms. Stephans, and Mrs. Varghese were affirmative. There were no opposing votes. Mr. Weaver commented again that it's personal and retaliatory.

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. None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Keller to adjourn the public meeting at 9:34 p.m. Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by:	Keller •				Seconded by:	Stankus -				
					VOTE					
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	
Calderone	Х				Stankus	Х				
Huang	X				Stephans	X				
Keller	X				Weaver	X				
Luisi				X	Varghese	X				
Martin	X									

Respectfully,

Yas Usami

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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