

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

**Pascack Valley Regional High School District**

**Monday, May 19, 2025 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 compete 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. Debra Stephans, Vice President  
 Ms. Elizabeth Calderone  
 Ms. Katie Keller  
 Mrs. Kristin Martin  
 Mr. James Stankus  
 Mr. Michael Weaver Arrived at 7:34  
 Mr Dirk Phillips, Interim Superintendent  
 Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
 Student Representatives: Andrew Varian – PHHS; Ella Gokhale – PVHS  
 Madeline Woo - PVHS in place of Ella Gokhale

Absent: Ms. Gia Guzman  
 Mrs. Stephanie Huang

**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.

**IV. ROUTINE MATTERS**

Monthly Reports

Interim Superintendent's Report:

Dirk Phillips

Board Elections

Yas Usami ([attach](#))

Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee Report

Debra Stephans ([attach](#))

Student Reports: Andrew Varian– PHHS ([attach](#))

Ella Gokhale– PVHS([attach](#))

Mr. Weaver thanked both student reps for their mature approach with their reports. He mentioned that they were present for some interesting conversations. He commented that they shined a spotlight on their classmates, but it was the manner in which they presented the reports to make them shine.

**V. MINUTES**

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

April 28, 2025	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 28, 2025	Executive Meeting	7:32 p.m.

Moved by: **Stephans** ▾Seconded by: **Stankus** ▾

## VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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"/>
Keller	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**Board of Education Student Representative Recognition****Resolution of Appreciation for Ella Gokhale, Pascack Valley High School Student Board Representative**

**WHEREAS**, Ella Gokhale 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**, Ella provided input from a student's point of view to the Board of Education; and,

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

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

**Resolution of Appreciation for Andrew Varian, Pascack Hills High School Student Board Representative**

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Varian was selected by his classmates to be the Pascack Hills High School Student Representative to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education; and,

**WHEREAS**, Andrew provided input from a student's point of view to the Board of Education; and,

**WHEREAS**, Andrew has completed his term as Student Representative to the Board of Education;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education wishes Andrew Varian continued success in his education and his pursuit of other activities.

**Staff Recognition**

**2024 – 2025 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 Dr. Aarti Mallya 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 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Dr. Aarti Mallya, Science Teacher.

**2024 – 2025 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 William Koenig 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 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, William Koenig, Science Teacher.

**2024-2025 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 Megan Pettigano 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 2024-2025 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Hills High School, Megan Pettigano, Librarian.

**2024 – 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 Joanna Katz 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 2024-2025 Educational Services Professional of the Year at Pascack Valley High School, Joanna Katz, School Social Worker/Student & Family Resource Liaison.

**2024 – 2025 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 Irene Cassa 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 2024-2025 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for the district offices, Irene Cassa, Purchasing Compliance Officer.

**2024 – 2025 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 Christopher Tocci for distinguishing himself through exceptional contributions in his work efforts to the district, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize the nomination of the 2024-2025 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for Pascack Hills High School, Christopher Tocci, Custodian.

**2024 – 2025 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 Janet Murray 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 2024-2025 Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year for Pascack Valley High School, Janet Murray, Main Office Attendance Officer.

**2025 Morgan Wootten Award for Outstanding High School Basketball Coach**

**WHEREAS** the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has selected Jeff Jasper as a recipient of the 2025 Morgan Wootten Award for Outstanding High School Basketball Coach;

**WHEREAS** this prestigious award is granted by a national committee that includes Hall of Famers, high school media members, tournament directors, and others who have made significant contributions to the game;

**WHEREAS** this recognition highlights Jeff's dedication, passion, and unparalleled contributions to high school basketball;

**WHEREAS** Jeff has been a pioneering figure in New Jersey high school basketball since 1971, leading the Pascack Valley High School girls' basketball program to historic achievements;

**WHEREAS** with over 1,100 career wins, he is celebrated as the winningest girls' basketball coach in New Jersey history;

**WHEREAS** Jeff has successfully led Pascack Valley to six New Jersey state titles (1981-82, '89, 2005, '08, '17), 14 state sectional titles, and 34 league championships;

**WHEREAS** in 2024, he received the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey Basketball Coaches Association, further establishing his legacy in the sport;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education extends its heartfelt congratulations to Jeff for his remarkable achievements and contributions to high school basketball and recognizes his exemplary dedication to fostering athletic excellence within our community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be included in the official minutes of the Board of Education to honor and acknowledge Coach Jeff Jasper's outstanding career and accomplishments.

Mr. Weaver recalled an impactful meeting with Mr. Jasper many years ago. He said his Park Ridge team was very good but they had some injuries to starters on the team when they played Paramus Catholic. They lost badly and after the game Coach Jasper gave Mr. Weaver a program

with a note on it and it is prominently displayed on a bookshelf in his office. He sees it everyday. Mr. Weaver also mentioned that when he attends Girls PV games, he goes to see Lois Jasper. He said she is the first person he sees sitting on her cushion seat and he greets her. He commented that behind a great man is an even greater woman. He indicated that the two of them are Pascack Valley Girls Basketball.

**I. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR RETIRING STAFF**

**RESOLVE** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, recognize the following staff in our district retiring during the 2024-2025 school year:

Christine Back	Owen Haveron	Lillian Murray
Dr. Barry Bachenheimer	Kevin Killian	Charleen Schwartzman
Borislav Bilash	Andrew Lewis	Yas Usami
Irene Cassa		

**II. National School Communicators Day**

**WHEREAS** Friday, May 9, 2025, was National School Communicators Day, which recognizes the incredibly valuable work of school public relations professionals. In our district, we are fortunate to have Joe Orlak, Tracy Leigh, Michelle Ramirez, and our interns Josh Baskin and Isabelle Nahass-Finneran, who work tirelessly to ensure effective communication with students, families, staff, and our community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize Joe, Tracy, Michelle, Josh, and Isabelle 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.

**III. PRESENTATION**

Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights: Self-Assessment Report 2023-2024 Dr. Sean Struncis ([attach](#))

**VI. 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.

Sadria Feratovic of Hillsdale, a junior at Pascack Valley said two of the best coaches he had are Len Cusumano and Bill Weigel. He mentioned that Coach Weigel is a mentor who taught him about football and life. He indicated that the team has been very successful the last two years with Coach Weigel. He commented about his character that the coach is a nice guy offering advice and easy to talk to. He is a great role model. He indicated that Coach Weigel has influenced both him and his brother. He commented that it's important to have a coach in the school so the person can help during the school day.

This creates a strong relationship between the coach and players. He believes that Coach Weigel should follow Coach Cusumano who succeeded Coach Nielsen as head coach. He mentioned that there is no disrespect for anyone who applied for the position but he would like to see Coach Weigel named head coach.

Mike Smith of River Vale said he is a third generation Teamster and a big union believer. He suggested that the Board consider insight not only from players but from parents on who will coach their kids. He commented that as a coach for the youth program he understands the time commitment and that the high school coaches devote even a greater amount of time. He said there is no disrespect to the coach being recommended. He acknowledged that Coach Weigel goes above and beyond as well as Coach Cusumano whose team won the championship. He respects the process that the Board follows. He reiterated that perhaps the Board will consider involving the parents and students in certain decisions. He wished they could continue on what has been built.

Allison Weigel of Hanover and wife of Bill Weigel related a tale of two towns - Scotch Plains where she is a teacher and Whippany Park where she resides. She indicated that the two towns have football programs that have struggled. She mentioned that in the last 10 years Scotch Plains has had five head coaches and only one was a teacher in the building. She said that during the 10 years, the teams won 26 games and lost 71 with no playoff appearances. She commented that in her town the football program over the last 10 years had three head coaches and only one was a teacher in the building. The program won 32 games and lost 61 games with no playoff appearances. She indicated that PV has had only two head coaches in the past 25 years and both were teachers at the school. She mentioned that they appeared in seven sectional state playoffs, including three wins and countless number of playoff appearances. She said having the head coach in the building matters as it builds consistency, trust, accountability, and culture. She indicated that the coach is part of the school and players can check in with the coach. She said losing programs drain administrators, teachers, parents and the community. She made a comparison of Ted Lasso versus Bill Belichick if wins are desired. She indicated that people hate to lose and those who are accustomed to winning hate to lose even more. She commented that being part of a stable, successful and respected program, the Board should do everything in their power to protect it. She commented that what looked like a successful run to a championship is now a question mark. She implored the Board to hire the most qualified candidate who is also in the building to become the head coach.

Jason Fouche of Hillsdale, an upcoming senior, mentioned that Coach Weigel and Press taught him discipline, confidence and how to be a leader. He said he took up football late and he was timid and scared. He was able to overcome the fear due to the coaches. He commented that his father was absent in his life and the coaches are a father figure to him. He indicated that the coaches work hard and they've made Pascack Valley a brotherhood.

## VII. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1-4

### 1. **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 interim superintendent, approve the submission of the 2023-2024 School



Self-Assessment for Determining Grades (attached) under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools.

2. **Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the Statement of Assurance for the Submission of New Three-Year Comprehensive Equity Plans (attached) for School Years 2025-2026 Through 2027-2028.

3. **Safe Reopening Plan - Updated**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the biannual re-approval of our District's Safe Return Plan (attached)

4. **NJSIAA Membership Certification 2025-2026 School Year**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve membership in the NJSIAA for Pascack Hills High School and Pascack Valley High School for the 2025-2026 school year and agree to be governed by the constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations of the NJSIAA, including all rules governing student-athlete eligibility.

Moved by:

Keller ▾

Seconded by:

Calderone ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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"/>
Keller	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 Item 1.

VIII. **EDUCATION**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 8

1. **New Tuition Paying Student**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve and welcome staff member ID #1097's child to attend Pascack Valley High School as a ninth grader starting the 2025-2026 school year at the established tuition rate per PVREA contract.

2. **Out-of-District Placement - Revised Rate**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the revised 1:1 aide rate for student ID# 814098 at Windsor Prep High School. The 1:1 aide rate changed from \$200.31 to

\$225.30 effective April 7, 2025, through June 20, 2025, resulting in an increase of \$1,825.44 to the 1:1 aide tuition for the 2024-2025 school year.

3. **Nursing Services**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services (dba Care Options for Kids (COFK) to provide a 1:1 Nurse for student ID# 811361 for the 2025-2026 school year as per the student's IEP.

Dates	Frequency	Hourly Rate	Total
7/1/25 -6/30/26 : 208 days	8.5 hrs daily	67	\$118,456

4. **Teletherapy Services**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the Moog Center for Deaf Education to provide teletherapy for student ID# 813984 as per student's IEP for the 2025-2026 school year:

Dates	Frequency	Rate	Total
9/1/25-6/17/26	1 x week, 60 mins, for 30 weeks	\$145	\$4,350
Participation in IEP Meetings	4 x year	\$145	\$580

5. **Scribe Services**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Transcense Inc. to provide scribe services for student ID# 813984 for the 2025-2026 school year as per student's IEP.

	Frequency	Rate	Total
Scribe Annual Subscription	750 Hours	\$55.00/Hour	\$41,250
Annual License Renewal			\$750

6. **Services provided by Bergen County Special Services**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Bergen County Special Services to provide a 1:1 Aide for out-of-district student ID # 811367 for the 2025-2026 school year per student's IEP.

1:1 Aide	Total
September 2025 to June 2026	\$54,063

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following services through Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions, Bergen County Special Services, for the 2025-2026 school year as per students' IEPs:

Student ID #		Frequency	Unit Cost	Total
Teacher of Deaf #813429		2 x month for 10 mos.	\$170	\$3,400
Teacher of Deaf #813984		3 x week, 38 weeks	\$170	\$19,380
Audiologist #813429 & 813984		15 hours shared time	\$195	\$2,925

Progress reports 813429 813984		4 reports x 2 students	\$170	\$1,360
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Audio Verbal Therapy (AVT) #813984 at home service	1 x week, 46 weeks includes ESY 2025	\$170	\$7,820
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7. **Services Provided by Northern Valley Regional High School District**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve additional therapy services from Northern Valley Regional High School District for the 2025-2026 school year as per the student's IEP.

Student ID#	Dates	Service	Frequency	Cost /Session	Total
814651	7/1/25 – 6/26/26	OT Consult	2 x week, 30 mins, 42 weeks	\$62	\$5,208

8. **Region II Services**

**RESOLVED**

that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve services provided by Region II for the 2025-2026 school year as per students' IEPs:

Student ID#	Service	Dates	Frequency	Unit Cost	Total
813009	OT	7/30-8/8/25	4 sessions, 30 mins @ home	\$102.50	\$410
813009	Speech	7/30-8/8/25	4 sessions, 30 mins @ home	\$125	\$500
813009	ABA	7/1-6/26/26	8 x week, 43 weeks @ home	\$52	\$17,888
813009	ABA Coordination of Home Program	9/1-6/26/26	3 x month, 11 months @ home	\$85	\$2,805
814602	OT Consult	9/1-6/26/26	1 x mo, 10 months, school	\$102.50	\$1,025

Moved by:

Calderone ▾

Seconded by:

Stankus ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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"/>
Keller	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**IX. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**WHEREAS**, the interim superintendent, after considering the recommendation of his 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 interim 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 1-18

**1. Resignations**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept with regret the resignation of Edinson Perez Santana, Pascack Hills High School Night Custodian, effective June 6, 2025.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept with regret the resignation of Elizabethann Rodenberg, Park Academy Paraprofessional, effective May 30, 2025.

**2. New Hires**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following individuals for the position indicated:

Name	Position	Account Number	Salary	Effective Date
Cheryl Jiosi	Assistant Business Administrator	11-000-251-100-02-000	\$120,000 with benefits, tenure track	On or about July 1, 2025
Caitlin Marcus	PHHS School Counselor	11-000-218-104-07-000	\$64,425 MA/Step 1 with benefits, tenure track per PVREA contract	On or about July 1, 2025
Jessica Nuzzi	District Supervisor of Mathematics &	11-000-221-102-05-000	\$142,591 Step 2, plus \$3,000 for	On or about July 1, 2025

	Computer Science		Ph.D., with benefits, tenure track per PVR Supervisors contract	
Braudilia Taveras	Region II Part-time General Secretary Accounts Payable	72-200-221-1 05-05-000	\$51,525 prorated 2024-2025  \$53,226 2025-2026  without benefits, tenure track per PVRSSA contract	On or about June 16, 2025

3. **Effective Date - Change**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a change in the effective date for the previously board-approved new hire, PVHS Science Teacher Elizabeth Parisi, to July 1, 2025.

4. **Change of Position**

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

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Krista Flinn	From: PVHS General Secretary - Guidance  To: PVHS Executive Secretary - Guidance	\$71,910 prorated, with health benefits, tenure track, per PVRSSA contract	September 2, 2025
Noemi Rodriguez	From: Supervisor of World Language, ESL, Music & FCS, last day being June 30, 2025  To: PVHS World Language Teacher, first day being August 25, 2025	\$126,995 MA +45/Step 16 with benefits, tenure track, per PVREA contract	August 25, 2025

5. **Leave Replacement**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following individual as leave replacement while employee ID# 1030 is on leave.

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Robert Kohl	PHHS Social Studies Teacher	\$291.37 per diem, BA/Step 1, without	May 9, - June 17, 2025

		benefits	
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6. **Leave of Absence - Modified**

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
1678	PHHS Science Teacher	<u>Total Leave Period:</u> March 17, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Using 34 sick days <u>FMLA:</u> From: May 12, 2025 - October 3, 2025 To: May 28, 2025 - October 24, 2025 <u>Leave of Absence:</u> From: October 6, 2025 - June 30, 2026 To: October 27, 2025 - June 29, 2026

7. **Athletic Appointment**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following athletic appointment for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Robert Bernier	PVHS Football	Head Coach	\$12, 900/Step 3

8. **Coverage Pay**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Tara Wholey, PHHS part-time nurse, and Sandra Hroncich, PVHS part-time nurse, to provide additional coverage at their regular rate of pay for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, as needed.

9. **Mentor**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Eric Ganz, Pascack Hills High School Special Education Teacher, to mentor Robert Kohl, Pascack Hills High School Leave Replacement Social Studies Teacher, beginning May 9, 2025, for the 2024-2025 school year.

10. **Student Teacher Assignments**

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Jeremy Simon, a student at Montclair State University, to student teach at Pascack Valley High School with JJ Moran, Physical Education and Health Teacher, for the 2025-2026 school year.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve

Angela Sabetta, a student at Montclair State University, to student teach at Pascack Valley High School with Teresa DelGuidice, World Language Teacher, for the 2025-2026 school year.

- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Stephanie Braune, a student at Rutgers University, to student teach at Pascack Valley High School with Dr. Leah Jerome, Social Studies Teacher, during the Fall 2025 semester.

# 11. Volunteer

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	School	Activity
Kelly Smith	PVHS	Girls Soccer

# 12. Chaperones

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following individuals to chaperone the 2025 senior prom:

PHHS:	PVHS:
Michelle Gaeta	Russell Grier
Brooke Garbaccio	Brian Koch
Evan Lampert	Tina Rauscher
Jess Sachs	Kelsey Brentnall
Nick Scerbo	Al Cann
Chris Volk	

# 13. Substitute Teachers, Nurses, and Custodians

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

Name	Position	Type
Robert Bernier	Classroom Substitute	New
Tony Rinkiewicz	Custodian Substitute	New
Kelly Tengco	Classroom Substitute	New
Lawrence Weckstein	Classroom Substitute	New

**14. Summer Help**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following students for summer 2025 employment at \$16.00 per hour, Mondays through Thursdays, in the technology department for the district:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>
Nicholas Hernandez	New
Kennedy Rose Jean	New
Jonathan Lee	New
Elijah Mathew	New
Liam James Linardic	New
Alexander Radu	New

**15. Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)- Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Ms. Kristen Baxley as a part-time Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) for Region II at the hourly rate of \$100, effective on or about May 20, 2025, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and continuing through the 2025-2026 school year.

**16. Independent Evaluators/Providers - Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following Independent Child Study Team Evaluators and Providers at the respective hourly rate effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

<b>School Psychologists</b>	<b>Evaluation Rate</b>	<b>Hourly Rate for attending CST Meetings</b>
Denise Alex	\$450	\$80
Katharine Arena	\$450	\$80
Beth Bargetzi	\$450	\$80
Loren Ginty	\$450	\$80
Jessica Maneri	\$450	\$80
Rachel Maietta	\$450	\$80
Rachel Mollozzi	\$450	\$80
Jessica Perez	\$450	\$80



Brittany Punim	\$450	\$80
Veronica Rivera	\$450	\$80

School Guidance Counselor	Hourly Rate for Counseling and for Attending CST Meetings
Caroline Gangi	\$80

School Social Workers	Evaluation Rate	Hourly Rate for attending CST Meetings
Katharine Arena	\$375	\$80
Elyse Elisano	\$375	\$80
Brittany Gallagher	\$375	\$80
Kimberly Gaydos	\$375	\$80
Tamar Keller- Moczarski	\$375	\$80

Learning Consultants (LDTCS)	Evaluation Rate	Hourly Rate for attending CST Meetings
Danielle Aviles	\$450	\$80
Claire Fahy	\$450	\$80
Danielle Macaluso	\$450	\$80
Jennifer Pizzo	\$450	\$80
Danusia Rampolla	\$450	\$80
Bracha Rand	\$450	\$80
Su-Ming Teo	\$450	\$80
Katherine Vargo	\$450	\$80
Marissa Watters	\$450	\$80

Speech Therapists	Evaluation Rate	Hourly Service Rate
Lauren Conrad	\$450	\$80 per hour-Individual/Meetings \$90 per hour- Group
Leah Fand	\$450	\$83 per hour-Individual/Meetings

		\$93 per hour- Group
Linda Giovanni	\$450	\$83 per hour-Individual/Meetings \$93 per hour- Group
Danielle Guertin	\$450	\$80 per hour-Individual/Meetings \$90 per hour- Group
Sydney Lima	\$450	\$80 per hour-Individual/Meetings \$90 per hour- Group
Lucy Ramos	\$450	\$83 per hour-Individual/Meetings \$93 per hour- Group
Laura Rella	\$450	\$83 per hour-Individual/Meetings \$93 per hour- Group
Dana Siletski	\$450	\$80 per hour-Meetings

<b>Speech Therapist-Bilingual</b>	<b>Evaluation Rate</b>	<b>Hourly Service Rate</b>
Laura Brucella	\$450 \$475 Bilingual	\$100 per hour-Individual/Meetings/ Group

#### 17. Service Providers - Region II

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve following ABA personnel at the respective hourly rate effective July 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year.

#### **Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Ariatabar	Kristine	\$90
Cassetta-Zeig	Kelli	\$90
Cook	Cynthia	\$100
Corrigan	Kelleen	\$90
Horohoe	Christine	\$90
Petrovici	Mary	\$100
Rizzo	Jaimee	\$100

Zoretic	Kimberly	\$90
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**ABA Teacher Resource Specialists (TRS)**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Albourn	Stephanie	\$55
Aviles	Danielle	\$57
D'Amico	Allison	\$55
Del Donna	Marsha	\$55
Gangi	Caroline	\$57
Kearney	Stephanie	\$55
Lenart	Kate	\$60
Lewandoski	Keith	\$65
Lezette	Hayleigh	\$52
Lippman	Kimberly	\$57
Maskin	Sarah- Kate	\$56
Quevedo	Jennifer	\$55
Rizzo	Kaitlin	\$54
Rodenberg	Cassidy	\$52
Rudolph	Allyson	\$64
Sconza	Gina	\$57
Sharma	Cynthia	\$55

**ABA Instructional Assistants**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Alvarez	Elda	\$36
Catherwood	Judith	\$34
Evans	Christina	\$30
Kennedy	Karen	\$53
Lange	Eileen	\$49
Liguori	Heather	\$30
LiSanti	Eloyce	\$34
Marano	Lynn	\$42
Murphy	Sarah	\$32
Stalknecht	Jennifer	\$32

**18. Summer Days - Region II**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Cynthia Cook, Region II full time salaried BCBA/Behavior Consultant, to work 20 days during the 2025 summer months, at 10% of her respective 10 month salary.

Moved by: **Keller**Seconded by: **Martin****VOTE**

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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"/>
Keller	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Weaver mentioned that they did not receive fall athletic appointments until the fall and asked if the appointments will be at the June meeting.

Mrs. Varghese confirmed the June meeting.

Mrs. Martin voted "No" to Item 7.

Mr. Weaver Abstained to Item 7.

**X. FINANCE**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 29

**1. Approval of Bills (attached)**

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

Budget Expenditures as of May 19, 2025	\$3,297,653.38
Payroll as of April 30, 2025	\$2,673,106.13
Payroll as of May 15, 2025	\$1,790,511.83
Total	\$7,761,271.34

**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 interim superintendent, accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's unaudited 2024-25 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period March 2025.

**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 2025 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 2025 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 interim superintendent, approve the following reports:

a. Cafeteria Account	March 2025
b. e-Learning Account	March 2025
c. Capital Project Account	March 2025
d. Student Government Account – PH	March 2025
e. Student Government Account – PV	March 2025

5. **Transfers**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve transfers for the month of March 2025.

6. **Professional Services Award - Fogarty, Hara, LaPira & Cherry, LLC (attached)**

**WHEREAS**, the law firm of Fogarty, Hara, LaPira & Cherry, LLC has the expertise and experience to provide professional services to the Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is desirous of appointing the law firm of Fogarty, Hara, LaPira & Cherry, LLC, to provide professional services to the Board finding that the proposal submitted by this law firm is most advantageous, experience, qualifications, price and other facts considered;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board appoints the law firm of Fogarty, Hara, LaPira & Cherry, LLC as Board Attorney from July 1, 2025 through the January 2026 reorganization meeting in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution. The Board Secretary is hereby directed to publish a notice of this Award in the official newspaper of the Board.

7. **Donation**

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

Date	Donor	Donation	Club or Group
5/9/25	Remain Anonymous	\$2,500	Class of 1974 Alumni Scholarship

8. **Contract to A.M.E. - DDC System at PVHS**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a contract to A.M.E., Inc., Fairfield, New Jersey for the pneumatics to a DDC System at Pascack Valley High School in the amount of \$165,429.93 through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Bid Number ESCNJ 20/21-50.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the district student accident insurance premium through Bob McCloskey Insurance from August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2026 in the amount of \$106,899.

10. **Re-advertise Bid for Purchase of Apple Inc. Devices**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("the Board") advertised for bids for the Purchase of Apple Inc. Devices ("Devices");

**WHEREAS**, on the bid return date of May 7, 2025, the Board did not receive any bids for the Devices; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the Board re-advertise for bids for the Devices and revise the Specifications;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to re-advertise for the Devices and to revise the Specifications for the Devices.

**11. Re-advertise Bid for Room 104 HVAC Replacement at PHHS**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Room 104 HVAC Replacement at Pascack Hills High School Project ("Project");

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2025 the Board received one bid for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the bid exceeded the cost estimate and budget for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the Board reject the bid for the Project for exceeding the cost estimate and budget for the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board at the recommendation of the interim superintendent hereby rejects the bid received for the Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to re advertise for the Project.

**12. Change Order #001 - Centralpack Engineering Corp (attached)**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve change order 001 submitted by Centralpack Engineering Corp of Hibernia, New Jersey. Change order 001 is an increase in the amount of \$33,970.00, of which \$10,000.00 will be paid by the general allowance. This change order is for the demolition of existing boilers as per scope indicated on the bid drawings. Furthermore, this change order has been reviewed and approved by KSI Consulting Engineers

Original Contract Amount	\$1,403,000.00
Previously Authorized Change Order	\$0.00
Increase by Change Order 001	\$33,970.00
Used General Allowance	-\$10,000.00
The New Contract Sum including Change Order 001	\$1,426,970.00

**13. Capital Reserve Withdrawal - PVHS Cafeteria HVAC Upgrades**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a Capital Reserve withdrawal in

the amount \$23,970.00 for Change Order #001, the demolition and removal of existing boilers related to the Cafeteria HVAC Upgrades at Pascack Valley High School.

**14. Award Contract - Decentralized Unitary HVAC Equipment - Newton-Metallo LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Decentralized Unitary HVAC Equipment (“HVAC Equipment”);

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2025 the Board received two bids for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is desirous of purchasing a four (4) ton unit;

**WHEREAS**, Newton-Metallo LLC (“Newton”) submitted the lowest bid for a four (4) ton unit in the amount of \$34,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by Newton is responsive in all material respects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to award the contract for the unit to Newton.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby awards the contract for the unit to Newton for a total contract sum of \$34,000.00.

**15. Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal - PVHS HVAC**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a Maintenance Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$68,000.00 to purchase HVAC units to replace two Airedale units at Pascack Valley High School.

**16. Scholarship Awards**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following scholarships for the 2025-2026 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	\$200
PHHS	Florence Tegethoff Scholarship	\$1,200
PHHS	Dr. Michael Weinthal Scholarship	\$300
PHHS	Robert Lewinter Scholarship	\$1,000
PHHS	Pascack Hills Football Scholarship	\$500
PHHS	Class of 1974 Alumni Scholarship	\$2,500



		\$2,500
PVHS	William J. Buttino Scholarship	\$1,000
PVHS	Donna Becker Dignan Scholarship	\$500 \$500
PVHS	Philip O. Goodyear Scholarship	\$1,000
PVHS	Vincent Kovar Scholarship	\$500 \$500
PVHS	Anne Vaccaro Scholarship	\$1,000
PVHS	Dr. Barbara Sapienza Scholarship	\$1,000 \$1,000
PVHS	Dr. Michael Weinthal Scholarship	\$300
PVHS	William & Maura Ellis Scholarship	\$500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,300</b>

**17. Accept 2025 Climate Change Education Resilience Continuation Grant**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept the 2025 Climate Change Education Resilience Continuation Second Year Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00.

**18. Accept Artificial Intelligence Innovation in Education Grant**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept the Artificial Intelligence Innovation in Education Grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$75,000.

**19. Apply for The Empowering Educators: Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Grant**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, apply for The Empowering Educators: Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Grant in the amount of \$49,997.00.

**20. Approve Chapter 192/193 Service Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District for 2025-2026**

**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 interim superintendent, approve the service agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District to provide remedial and auxiliary services for the 2025-2026 school year.

**21. Submission of the Project Application to NJ Department of Education - Park Academy**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission of the Project Application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the Lease of the Church of the Assumption, Emerson, New Jersey for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Park Academy Program for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, per application and drawings as prepared by Architect Robert E. Donahue LLC. This project is an "Other Capital" Project, and the Board is not seeking State funding.

**22. Approve Submission of the Lease**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission of the Lease of the Church of the Assumption to the New Jersey Department of Education for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education.

**23. Minor Amendment and Submission of Long Range Facility Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the Minor Amendment and submission of the Long Range Facility Plan to include the Park Academy Lease of the Church of Assumption to the New Jersey Department of Education.

**24. EI US, LLC, dba LearnWell**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement to provide

academic services with EI US, LLC, dba LearnWell for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$63.85 per hour for up to 10 hours per week plus a 33% administrative and preparation fee.

**25. Educational Data Services, Inc.**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the renewal agreement for the supply procurement system license and maintenance fee with Educational Data Services, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$10,405.00.

**26. Transportation Renewal Contract for 2025-2026 Charter Services for High School Extra-Curricular Activities**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following renewal contract for the 2025-2026 school year with Lenoir's Transportation and Charter Service.

Time of Day	Passenger Bus Capacity	2025-2026 3.57%	Bid Amount Add'l ½ hour
6:00 am -5:00 pm	49	\$ 434.12	\$ 46.60
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm	49	\$ 465.14	\$ 51.78
6:00 am – 5:00 pm	55	\$ 483.75	\$ 46.60
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm	55	\$ 509.09	\$ 51.78

Additional buses/All Times – Quotes

N/A	14-20	\$ 342.34	\$ 46.60
N/A	24	\$ 366.79	\$ 51.78
N/A	25-30	\$ 372.09	\$ 51.78

**27. Region II - Independent Evaluator**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following rates for Region II Independent Evaluator, Leslie Fishbein, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDTC) for the 2025-2026 school year. Leslie Fishbein was appointed for 25-26 at the April 28 BOE meeting

Learning Consultant (LDTTC)	Evaluation Rate	Hourly Rate for attending CST Meetings
Leslie Fishbein	\$450	\$80

**28. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Additional Quote**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q242529 to Gentle Ride Medical during the 2024-2025 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q242529	Capable Cubs	145	50	195.00*	8,775*

\*Includes cost of Aide

**29. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Jointures**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education approve Special Education Joint Transportation Agreement with Region I, Northwest Bergen Board of Education (as our Host) for miscellaneous routes during the 2025-2026 school year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education (Host) approve Special Education Joint Transportation Agreement with Region I, Northwest Bergen Board of Education for miscellaneous routes during the 2025-2026 school year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education approve Special Education Joint Transportation Agreement with Region III, Northern Valley Regional Board of Education (as our Host) for miscellaneous routes during the 2025-2026 school year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education (Host) approve Special Education Joint Transportation Agreement with Region III, Northern Valley Regional Board of Education for miscellaneous routes during the 2025-2026 school year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education (Host) approve Special Education Joint Transportation Agreement with Region V, River Edge Board of Education for miscellaneous routes during the 2025-2026 school year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education approve Special Education Joint Transportation Agreement with Region V, River Edge Board of Education (as our Host) for miscellaneous routes during the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved by: **Calderone**

Seconded by: **Keller**

VOTE									
Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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"/>
Keller	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Mr. Usami indicated that the original agenda had \$64,000 instead of the now corrected \$68,000 for Item 15.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

Monthly Suspension Report (attached)  
None

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. 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

**XIV. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet in the Media Center at Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Meeting.

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has been formed pursuant to applicable New Jersey Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is charged with the responsibility of performing all acts and doing all things, consistent with law and the rules of the State Board of Education, necessary for the lawful and proper conduct, equipment and maintenance of the public schools and public school property of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of the Opening Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10-4-12) permits the exclusion of the public ("Executive Session") from a meeting of the Board in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that circumstances exist for such an Executive Session;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has found the action described below to be necessary and proper;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board on the date indicated above that:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on the Executive Session herein set forth.
2. The subject matters to be discussed are as follows:
  - a. Contracts
  - b. Student Issues

If needed, the subject of executive session will be stated in the verbal motion
3. The Board will not return to the Regular Board Meeting, will take no action, and will adjourn from executive session.
- OR
4. Official action may or may not be taken when the board reconvenes to Public Session

A motion was made by Ms. Keller to enter into an executive session at 8:50 p.m. Ms. Calderone seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Keller ▾

Seconded by: Calderone ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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"/>
Keller	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Keller to adjourn the executive session at 9:03 p.m. and not return to the public meeting. Ms. Stephans seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Moved by: Keller ▾

Seconded by: Stephans ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	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"/>

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Keller	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varghese	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Respectfully,



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Yas Usami  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- XVI. Notice: With advance notice, we can provide personal assistance for the disabled. Please contact 201-358-7005.