

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
Pascack Hills High School Media Center**

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Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and town of residence. Comments shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to sit down.

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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. Gini Varghese, President

Present: Mrs. Gini Varghese, President
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone
Ms. Gia Guzman arrived 7:33 p.m.
Mrs. Stephanie Huang
Ms. Katie Keller
Mrs. Kristin Martin
Mr. James Stankus
Ms. Debra Stephans, Vice President
Mr. Michael Weaver
Mr. Dirk Phillips, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Cynthia Kirk, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Representatives: Stephanie Yeung - PHHS
Madeline Wu - PVHS

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 July 2, 2025.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Interim Superintendent's Report: Dirk Phillips ([attached](#))

Finance Committee Reports for 10/30/2025 and 11/13/2025 Kristin Martin

Student Reports: Stephanie Yeung – Pascack Hills High School ([attached](#))

Madeline Wu – Pascack Valley High School ([attached](#))

Mrs. Huang also gave an update regarding the most recent Curriculum & Technology Committee bi-annual meeting, stating that items discussed included equitable access, cybersecurity, and filtering/blocking sites.

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:

October 27, 2025	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
October 27, 2025	Executive Meeting	8:23 p.m.

Moved by: Stankus ▾

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	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>					

VI. **PRESENTATION** ([attached](#))
 District Professional Development Dr. Mark Russo
 Dr. Russo presented on the goals of the district professional development plan and structure of professional development days, and a follow up discussion followed. Discussion included: what other surrounding districts do for professional development, instructional scheduling on professional development days, alternate instructional schedules due to state assessments, midterms and final exams within the district, attendance on exam days, district modified block scheduling, and ever changing standards in education and the effect on professional development needs.

VII. **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.
 Kennedy Rose Jean, of River Vale, and a Pascack Valley High School student, announced the Pascack Valley fall play, The Laramie Project, and requested everyone to come and see the play, being performed November 20 - 22, 2025.

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

1. **2026-2027 School Calendar**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the 2026-2027 school calendar (attached).
 Mr. Weaver commented on two dates for a.m. professional development that were listed on the bottom of the calendar, but should have been removed. Mr. Phillips commented that he had made the update in the calendar.

2. **Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the 2025-2026 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District

and the police of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale, and Woodcliff Lake.

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

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve action taken pursuant to HIB Reports:

- a. Possible HIB Incident # 296485 PH (attached)
- b. Possible HIB Incident # 297275 PH (attached)
- c. Possible HIB Incident # 296980 PV (attached)
- d. Possible HIB Incident # 297381 PV (attached)
- e. Possible HIB Incident # 297812 PH (attached)

4. **BOE Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations – Second Reading and Adoption**

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

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy / Regulation Number
Use of Electric Communication (Revised) Previously named: Use of Electronic Communications and Recording Devices (ECDR)	P 5516
Use of Electric Communication (New)	R 5516

Moved by: Guzman

Seconded by: Martin

VOTE

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Calderone	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stankus	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guzman	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaver	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<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. **EDUCATION**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 4

1. **Overnight Trip**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve PHHS students and chaperones, Ryan, Dore, Margarita Elkin, Antoinette McKay, Douglas McKay, Nure Aliko, John Aliko, and Melissa Lucido to attend a school trip to New Orleans (attached) from April 17 - 19, 2026.

2. New Tuition Student

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following tuition paying student to attend the R.I.S.E. program for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade	Student ID#	Sending District	Start Date
9	814757	Fair Lawn	11/17/2025

3. Home Instruction

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the home instruction hospital tutoring for student ID# 813444 provided by (EI US, LLC) LearnWell starting 9/16/25 - 10/9/25 per the student’s IEP. The instruction rate is \$63.85 per hour for 10 hours a week.

4. Out-of-District Placement

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the out-of-district placement of student ID# 812591, per student’s IEP, at Sage Alliance Day School starting 11/17/25-6/18/26. The tuition will be at the per diem rate of \$436.79 with a total for the remaining 25-26 school year of \$56,782.70.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the out-of-district placement of student ID# 811319, per the student’s IEP, at Shepard Preparatory High School starting 11/4/25-6/19/26. The tuition will be at the per diem rate of \$357.02 with a total of \$49,268.76.

Moved by:

Stephans ▾

Seconded by:

Guzman ▾

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

X. 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 accordance 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 1-15

1. 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 a leave replacement while employee ID# 2230 is on leave:

New	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Samantha Saoud	PHHS Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher	\$59,595 prorated BA/Step 1, with benefits	On or about January 5, 2026 - May 29, 2026

2. Leave replacement - Revised

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the revision to the following individual's position while employee ID# 1778 is on leave during the 25-26 school year:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Michelle Reda	Acting PVHS Special Education Teacher	From: Non-pensionable stipend of \$16,799 To: Non-pensionable stipend of \$16,799 prorated	August 25, 2025 - January 16, 2026

3. Leave of Absence - Revisions

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
1778	PVHS Special Education Teacher	From: Total Leave Period: August 25, 2025

		<p>- January 16, 2026 Using 31 sick days NJFLA: October 13, 2025 - January 14, 2026 Leave of Absence (no pay and no benefits): 1/15/2026 - 1/16/2026</p> <p>To: Total Leave Period: August 25, 2025 - January 16, 2026 Using 31 sick days NJFLA/FMLA: October 13, 2025 - January 14, 2026 Leave of Absence: 1/15/2026 - 1/16/2026</p>
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- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve revisions to the following leave of absence:

Employee ID#	Position	Request
2668	PVHS Guidance Counselor	<p>From: Total Leave Period: December 12, 2025 - June 17, 2026 Using 22 sick days FMLA and NJFLA: January 26, 2026 - April 27, 2026 Leave of Absence: April 28, 2026 - June 17, 2026</p> <p>To: Total Leave Period: December 15, 2025 - June 17, 2026 Using 22 sick days FMLA and NJFLA: January 26, 2026 - April 27, 2026 Leave of Absence: April 28, 2026 - June 17, 2026</p>

4. **Job Title Change**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a job title change for district employee Lisa McKay from ABA Instructional Aide to Behavior Interventionist, a non-affiliated position, with no change in salary. Effective November 1, 2025.

5. **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 substitute the full-time nurses at their regular rate of pay for the 2025-2026 school year.

6. **Substitute Nurse Rate of Pay**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a new rate of pay for substitute part-time nurses. The half-day rate will be \$171.20 for four hours. The previous rate was \$150. Effective November 1, 2025.

7. **Additional Assignments - Temporary Coverage**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve an additional assignment for the following teachers from November 10, 2025 - November 26, 2025 (3 weeks). Covering for employee ID# 0804 while on leave:

Name	Subject	School	Payment
Doug Goodman	Hon. History of Sports in America,	PHHS	\$825
Ana Adams	U.S. History 1	PHHS	\$825
Jim Cleary	U.S. History 1	PHHS	\$825
Deb Horn:	AP Government & Politics	PHHS	\$825
Nick Scerbo	AP Government & Politics	PHHS	\$825

8. **Additional Assignment**

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a full-year sixth-period assignment for Corin Gamgort for the 2025-2026 school year. Corin will teach Management & Leadership (S1) and Financial Investment (S2).

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a sixth period assignment for the following teachers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Subject/Timeframe	School	Payment
Ana Adams	U.S. History 1 December 1, 2025 – June 17, 2026 (2 days, 7 weeks, semester 2)	PHHS	\$7,555
Jim Cleary	U.S. History 1 December 1, 2025 – June 17, 2026 (2 days, 7 weeks, semester 2)	PHHS	\$7,555
Deb Horn	AP Government & Politics, Sem. 1 Hon. Public Affairs, Sem. 2 December 1, 2025 – June 17, 2026 (2 days, 7 weeks, semester 2)	PHHS	\$7,555

Nick Scerbo	AP Government & Politics, Sem. 1 Hon. Public Affairs, Sem. 2 December 1, 2025 – June 17, 2026 (2 days, 7 weeks, semester 2)	PHHS	\$7,555
Doug Goodman	Hon. History of Sports in America December 1, 2025 - January 30, 2026 (2 days, 7 weeks)	PHHS	\$2,055
Joseph Orlak	U.S. History 1 December 8, 2025 – June 17, 2026 (2 days, 6 weeks, semester 2)	PHHS	\$7,280

9. **Co-curricular Appointments**

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

Name	Activity	Position	Stipend
Gus Koeniges	PVHS Fall Drama	Assistant Director Scenic Designer/ Construction Advisor	\$1,816.50 (.50)
Kelsey McGrail	PVHS Fall Drama	Assistant Director Acting Coach	\$1,816.50 (.50)
Jonathan Melchiorre	PVHS Fall Drama	Assistant Director Sound Designer	\$1,816.50 (.50)
Merielle Lupfer	PVHS Fall Drama	Assistant Director Costume Designer	\$1,816.50 (.50)
Gus Koeniges	PVHS Spring Musical	Assistant Director Scenic Designer/ Construction Advisor	\$3,633
Kelsey McGrail	PVHS Spring Musical	Assistant Director Choreography	\$3,633
Merielle Lupfer	PVHS Spring Musical	Assistant Director Costume Designer	\$3,633
Gayle Fuentes	PVHS Spring Musical	Assistant Director Music Designer	\$3,633
Noemi Rodriguez	9th Grade Class	Co-Advisor	From: \$2,843 (full) To: \$1,421.50 (.50)
Axelle Sandt	9th Grade Class	Co-Advisor	\$1,421.50 (.50)

10. Athletic 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 Elizabeth Egan, as Assistant Coach for PVHS Indoor Track 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, accept with regret the resignation of Anthony Aliprantis, as PHHS Winter Site Manager for the 2025-2026 school year.

11. Athletic Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following athletic appointments pending the receipt of all necessary paperwork for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Deven Deppert	PHHS Wrestling	Assistant Coach	From: \$7,766/Step 3 To: \$3,883 (.50)/Step 3
Wade Unger	PHHS Wrestling	Assistant Coach	\$3,883 (.50)/Step 3
Deven Deppert	PHHS Girls Wrestling	Assistant Coach	\$1,941.50 (.50)/Step 3
Wade Unger	PHHS Girls Wrestling	Assistant Coach	\$1,941.50 (.50)/Step 3
John Wiseman	PVHS Boys Basketball	Assistant Coach	\$7,766/Step 3
Jonathan Moran	PVHS Winter Site Manager	NA	\$7,338/Step 3

12. Volunteers

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

Name	School	Activity
Peter Bilash	PVHS	Girls Basketball
Kevin Funabashi	PVHS	Girls Basketball
Adam Kaplan	PVHS	Girls Basketball
John Zuzeck	District	Ice Hockey
Vanessa Pikulski	District	Dance Team

13. Chaperones

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following chaperones for the PVHS Fall Drama:

Mr. Weaver commented that he hopes the district will consider elevating the girls’ wrestling coach position to a head coach level position. He also mentioned the growing popularity of and interest in girls’ flag football and if the district has considered adding this sport. Mr. Stankus asked if the towns have any flag football teams or leagues. Student representative Madeline Wu mentioned that Hillsdale may have just created a girls’ flag football team.

XI. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 16

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 November 17, 2025	\$2,254,794.31
Payroll as of October 31, 2025	\$2,315,942.17
Payroll as of November 15, 2025	\$1,838,070.60
Total	\$6,408,807.08

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 2025-26 financial reports, which are in agreement, reflecting the district’s financial activities for the period September 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 September 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 September 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	September 2025
b. e-Learning Account	September 2025
c. Capital Project Account	September 2025
d. Student Government Account – PH	September 2025
e. Student Government Account – PV	September 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 September 2025.

6. **Travel Pre-Authorizations**

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

Name	Professional Development or School Trip
Doug Goodman	NJCHE Conference
Chiara Kupiec	NECTFL Annual Conference

7. **Donations**

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

Date	Donor	Amount	Club or Group
10/28/25	Wegmans	\$500	PH Class of 2027

8. **Capital Reserve Withdrawal - PV Milestones Renovation Project - Drill Construction**

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 of \$212,500.00 for the Pascack Valley Milestones Renovation Project, Drill Construction Co., Inc.

9. **BBSG SOR MGMT, LLC (Sport-O-Rama Ice Rink) (attached)**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement with BBSG SOR MGMT, LLC (Sport-O-Rama Ice Rink) for the period December 1, 2025 through March 11, 2026 in the amount of \$9,114.00.

10. **Approve Use of Funds - AI Grant for AI Curriculum Writing/Resource Development**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the hours for the following staff members from the AI Grant focusing on Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality:

Name	# of Hours	Rate
Al Cann	12	\$51
Jimena Ladino	12	\$51
Lena Leacock	12	\$51
Caitlin Murphy	12	\$51

Megan Pettigano	12	\$51
Nancy Ricca	12	\$51
Noemi Rodriguez	12	\$51
Jordan Saxon	12	\$51
Roni Silberstein	12	\$51
Patricia Sularz	12	\$51
Jay Uhl	12	\$51
Jane Yeam	12	\$51

11. **Approve Use of ESEA Title I, Part A Grant for Title I Coordinator and Instructor**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Heather Ocampo as Title 1 coordinator and instructor without benefits, using the ESEA Title I, Part A grant for the 2025-26 school year. This includes up to 19.5 hours per week for 1:1 support at \$55/hour. A stipend of \$1,691.00 will be used for Title I coordinator responsibilities, using the ESEA Title I, Part A grant for the 2025-26 school year.

12. **Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services - Joint Agreement Between Region II and Non-Member District - Northern Highlands**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and the Non-Member District, Northern Highlands Regional High School for Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

13. **Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services - Joint Agreement Between Region II and Non-Member District - Waldwick**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and the Non-Member District, Waldwick School District for Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

14. **Special Education Transportation - Region II - Quotes**
RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract Q2608 to Sunny Transportation for the 2025-2026 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2608	GenPsych	149	30	179*	13,440.00*

*includes cost of aide

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation contract Q2610 to Spring Transport for the 2025-2026 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2610	Shepard Prep	235	100	235.00	23,970.00

15. **Special Education Transportation - Region II - Renewal Revision from August 25, 2025**
RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 097 to Scholastic Bus Co. for the 2025-2026 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Negotiated Decrease	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2342	Holdrum MS	350	125	-37.50	437.50*	78,750.00*

*Includes cost of aide

16. **Special Education Transportation - Region II - Renewal Revision due to Cancellation**
RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education renew special education transportation contract 085 to Shaddai Transportation Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
2211	BOCES	289.64	60	289.64	7,530.64

Moved by:

Guzman ▾

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	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephans	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Huang	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>					

XII. **OLD BUSINESS**

Monthly Suspension Report (attached)

Mrs. Varghese provided an update on the Superintendent search process.

XIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

XIV. **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.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gloeggler, Pascack Hills Players parent, gave an update on the Radium Girls production. She gave a thank you to the Board for supporting the arts and the district's theatre program. She mentioned the start up on preparation for the spring production, The Addams Family.

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

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet in the Media Center at Pascack Hills High School, 225 W Grand Ave., Montvale, NJ for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Keller to enter into an executive session at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Calderone seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board has found the action described below to be necessary and proper;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board on the date indicated above that:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on the Executive Session herein set forth.
2. The subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Personnel Matters
 - b. Contracts
 - c. Possible HIB incident # 297693 PV (attached)

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. Stephans to adjourn the executive session and not return to the public session at 10:00 p.m. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Keller to adjourn the public session at 10:00 p.m. Ms. Guzman seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,



Cynthia Kirk
Business Administrator/Board Secretary