

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

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Pascack Valley High School – Auditorium**

Meeting Regulations

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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 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Debra Stephans, President

Present: Ms. Debra Stephans, President
 Ms. Elizabeth Calderone, Vice President
 Ms. Gia Guzman arrived at 5:48 p.m.
 Mrs. Stephanie Huang
 Ms. Katie Keller
 Mrs. Kristin Martin
 Mr. James Stankus
 Mrs. Gini Varghese
 Mr. Dirk Phillips, Interim Superintendent
 Ms. Cynthia Kirk, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Absent: Mr. Michael Weaver

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stephans 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 publishing said notice on the Pascack Valley Regional High School District website.

Moved by:

Martin ▾

Seconded by:

Keller ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	☐	☐	☐	☐	Stankus	☐	☐	☐	☐
Guzman	☐	☐	☐	☐	Varghese	☐	☐	☐	☐
Huang	☐	☐	☐	☐	Weaver	☐	☐	☐	☐
Keller	☐	☐	☐	☐	Stephans	☐	☐	☐	☐
Martin	☐	☐	☐	☐					

IV. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON July 15, 2026

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. in room 156 at Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mrs. Martin to enter into an executive session at 5:33 p.m. Ms. Keller 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. Contracts
 - b. Personnel
 - c. HIB # 310414 (attached)
3. The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
4. Official action may or may not be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Stankus to adjourn the executive session and return to the public session at 6:38 p.m. Ms. Keller seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

V. **ROUTINE MATTERS**

Monthly Reports

Board President Report:

Debra Stephans

Interim Superintendent’s Report:

Dirk Phillips ([attached](#))

Committee Reports:

Finance and Facilities, 5/18/26

Gini Varghese

Negotiations, 5/20/26 and 5/28/26

Gini Varghese

Curriculum and Technology, 6/1/26

Katie Keller

Sick Day Bank, 6/18/26

Gia Guzman ([attached](#))

VI. **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:

June 8, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:02 p.m.
June 8, 2026	Executive Meeting	7:03 p.m.

Moved by: **Guzman** ▾Seconded by: **Calderone** ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	☐	☐	☐	Stankus	x	☐	☐	☐
Guzman	x	☐	☐	☐	Varghese	☐	☐	x	☐
Huang	x	☐	☐	☐	Weaver	☐	☐	☐	x
Keller	x	☐	☐	☐	Stephans	x	☐	☐	☐
Martin	x	☐	☐	☐					

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.

Michael Yannal, of Ridgewood, commented on custodial outsourcing, service, and safety issues. George Lambert, of River Vale, commented on custodial outsourcing. John Sass, of Westwood, commented on custodial outsourcing. Carol Feinstein, of Englewood, and field rep for NJEA, commented on custodial outsourcing. Courtney Hastings, Pascack Hills custodian, commented on custodial outsourcing and also commented on his role as a district custodian. A River Vale resident commented on custodial outsourcing. Paul Hildum, PVRSSA president, commented on the appointment of Ms. Pollinger as the new principal of Pascack Hills and also commented on custodial outsourcing.

VIII. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1-5

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 2025-2026 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Pascack Hills (attached) and Pascack Valley (attached) High Schools.

2. **Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan 2026-2027**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission to the New Jersey Department of Education of the Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan (attached) for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. **NJSIAA Membership Certification 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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.

4. **BOE Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations - First Reading**

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

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy / Regulation Number
Grading System (Revised)	R 2624

5. **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 superintendent, adopt the following bylaws, policies and regulations:

Name of Policy or Regulation	Policy / Regulation Number
Anticipated Disability (Revised)	P 4435
Anticipated Disability (Revised)	P 3435
Superintendent's Duties (M) (Revised)	P 1230
Curriculum (M) (Revised)	P 2200
Career Education and Academic Counseling (M) (Revised)	P 2411
High School Graduation (M) (Revised)	P 5460
High School Diplomas (M) (New)	P 5461
Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)	P 0162
Legal Notices (M) (New)	P 0162.01
Family Leave (M) (Revised)	P 1643
Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)	P 2260
Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) (Revised)	P 5561
Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M) (Revised)	P 6112
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs (M) (Revised)	R 6115.01
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures (M) (Revised)	P 6115.02
Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)	P 6311

Moved by:

Stankus ▾

Seconded by:

Varghese ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	☐	☐	☐	Stankus	x	☐	☐	☐
Guzman	x	☐	☐	☐	Varghese	x	☐	☐	☐
Huang	x	☐	☐	☐	Weaver	☐	☐	☐	x
Keller	x	☐	☐	☐	Stephans	x	☐	☐	☐
Martin	x	☐	☐	☐					

IX. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 5

1. **Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Corrective Action Plan (attached)**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the corrective action plan to attain the revenue achievement benchmark for the total participation of the Special Education Medicaid Initiative for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. **Adoption of New Textbooks**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, adopt new textbooks for the mathematics department (attached) for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. **Out-of-District Placement**

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 for student ID# 814173, per the student's IEP, at Community High School for the 2026-2027 school year, effective September 6, 2026. The tuition is \$62,083.80 @344.91 per diem for 180 days.

4. **Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies - ESY**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Speech, OT and PT services from Thera-Pede, LLC for Extended School Year (ESY) 2026, July 6 - July 31, 2026, as per the students' IEPs.

Student ID#s	Service	Frequency	Cost /Session	Total
814652	Speech Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
814116	Speech Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815220	Speech Group 30 min	2 x week x 4 weeks	60	480
815220	OT Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815220	PT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815220	PT Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
813583	Speech Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
813250	Speech Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
	OT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400

813250	PT Ind 30 min	2 x week x 4 weeks	100	800
813250				
814754	Speech Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815218	Speech Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815219	Speech Group 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815126	Speech Ind 30 min	2 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815126	OT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
815126	PT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	60	240
813298	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
814049	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
814135	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
814122	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
813597	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
813597	OT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
813597	PT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
814761	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
814761	OT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
815199	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
815200	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
812973	Speech Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400
812973	OT Ind 30 min	1 x week x 4 weeks	100	400

5. **ABA Therapy**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Wings ABA Therapy to provide the following services for student ID# 813009, per student's IEP, for the 2026-2027 school year:

Dates	Service	Frequency	Cost /Session	Total
7/6/26 – 6/30/27	ABA Home Therapist	8 x week, 60 mins, 44 wks	\$75	\$26,400
7/6/26 – 6/30/27	Parent Training Home	3 x month, 12 mos.	\$75	\$2,700

Moved by:

Guzman ▾

Seconded by:

Calderone ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	☐	☐	☐	Stankus	x	☐	☐	☐
Guzman	x	☐	☐	☐	Varghese	x	☐	☐	☐
Huang	x	☐	☐	☐	Weaver	☐	☐	☐	x
Keller	x	☐	☐	☐	Stephans	x	☐	☐	☐
Martin	x	☐	☐	☐					

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- 16

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 (attached) of Lynn Marano, Paraprofessional, for the purpose of retirement, effective September 30, 2026.
- 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 (attached) of Richard Apponte, Paraprofessional, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2026.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation (attached) of John Kilduff, Custodian at Pascack Hills High School, effective July 30, 2026.
- d. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation (attached) of Seta Varteresian, Custodian at Pascack Valley High School, effective July 30, 2026.

July 15, 2026

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 positions indicated for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Position	Account	Salary	Effective Date
Diane Roman-Katz	PVHS Part-time General Secretary - Athletic Department 4 hours per day/20 hours weekly	11-402-100-105-06-000	\$30,592 plus \$1,530 5% for previous experience, without benefits, tenure track, per PVRSSA contract Salary may be revised once PVRSSA contract negotiations are settled.	On or about July 16, 2026 10 full days during summer 2026
Danielle Linz	PHHS Art Teacher	11-140-100-101-07-105	\$82,960, MA/Step 7, with benefits, tenure track, per PVREA contract	On or about July 1, 2026
Brandi Picano	PHHS General Secretary - Main Office	11-000-240-105-07-000	\$64,238 plus \$3,212 5% for previous experience, with benefits, tenure track, per PVRSSA contract Salary may be revised once PVRSSA contract negotiations are settled.	On or about July 16, 2026
Julie Truppi (Spirko)	Regional Instruction and Curriculum Coordinator - District	11-000-221-176-05-000	\$104,000* with benefits, non-bargaining, tenure track * Paid through shared service agreement with sending districts.	On or about July 1, 2026 Up to 15 full days during summer 2026
Edward Estupinan	District - Part-time Confidential Courier	11-000-251-100-02-000	\$21,120 prorated, without benefits, non-bargaining	On or about July 23, 2026 Two shadow days - July 20 and 21, 2026 - to be paid

3. **Change of Positions**

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

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Christine Pollinger	From: PHHS Assistant Principal To: PHHS Principal	\$195,000 prorated, with benefits, tenure track, per PVRAA contract	August 1, 2026

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

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Robyn Blumberg	From: Related Services Coordinator - Region II To: Assistant Business Administrator	\$111,000 with benefits, tenure track, non-bargaining	October 1, 2026

4. **Leave of Absence - Revised**

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

Employee ID#	Position	Request
1899	PVHS Math Teacher	From Total Leave Period: March 9, 2026 - June 17, 2026, and December 3, 2026 - December 23, 2026 Using 24 sick days NJFLA/FMLA: April 20, 2026 - June 17, 2026, and December 3, 2026 - December 23, 2026 To Total Leave Period: March 9, 2026 - June 17, 2026, and August 27, 2026 - September 16, 2026 Using 24 sick days NJFLA/FMLA: April 20, 2026 - June 17, 2026, and August 27, 2026 - September 16, 2026

5. Leave Replacements

- a. **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# 1913 is on leave:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Kursad Altayli	PHHS Leave Replacement Mathematics Teacher	\$397 per diem, MA/Step 6, without benefits	On or about August 27, 2026, to November 18, 2026

- b. **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# 2290 is on leave:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Betsy Barbour	PVHS Leave Replacement English Teacher	\$330 per diem, MA/Step 1, without benefits	On or about August 27, 2026, to November 18, 2026

6. Non-Bargaining Staff Appointments, Tenured and Non-Tenured - Updated_____

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the previously Board-approved appointments of non-bargaining staff to include salaries (attached) for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Reappointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the (attached) reappointments for the 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026.

8. Staff Assignment Changes

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following changes of assignment effective for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Previous		New	
Jeffrey Ennis	Custodian	PVHS	Custodian	PHHS - Effective 7/1/2026
Timothy Serbe	.8 Paraprofessional and .2 PE/Health Teacher	PVHS	.8 Paraprofessional and .2 PE/Health Teacher	PHHS
Craig Buckley	Special Education Teacher	PVHS	Special Education Teacher	PHHS

9. **Teaching Assignments**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following faculty members to teach at PHHS and PVHS for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Subject Area
Liam O'Neill	World Language Teacher
Yi Ping Yao	World Language Teacher, Special Education Teacher
Cindy Reese	Science Teacher
Jonathan Rose	Social Studies Teacher

10. **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 for the summer 2026 and 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Samuel Stewart	PHHS Football	Assistant Coach	\$7,446/Step 1
Erik Stahl	PHHS Football	Assistant Coach	\$7,446/Step 1

11. **Volunteers**

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

Name	School	Activity
Katie Clarie Bradley	PHHS	Theater Program
Brian Campbell	PVHS	Football
Brett Rothenburger	PVHS	Football

12. **Game Help - PVR Staff**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, authorizes staff members in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District to work Game Help, in accordance with the hourly or per-event rates set forth within the PVREA Association Contract, for the 2026-2027 school year.

13. **CPR/AED Instructors - Revised**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following revised CPR/AED instructors to be paid \$129 per class with a minimum of 6 students and/or staff in each class for recertification during the 2025-2026 school year.

PHHS:

Name	Number of Classes
Nicole Olshalsky	2 classes
Dana Amato	From 2 to 6 classes
Anthony Aliprantis	From 2 to 5 classes

14. Extra Pay

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Lorrie Sandhage to cover student ID#812472 in the Unified Spring Track Program, for an additional 1.5 hours at a rate of \$32.71 per hour for the 2025-2026 season.

15. ESY Transportation Coordinator

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Robyn Blumberg as ESY Transportation Coordinator for summer 2026. Ms. Blumberg will receive a stipend of \$1,000 for ESY transportation work.

16. Summer Employment

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve summer hours for the following staff members to run the 2026 summer programs:

SUMMER PROGRAMS	# of Hours	Rate
Multilingual Learners ESY:		
Vanessa Martinez	24	\$51
Jimena Ladino	24	\$51

- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve summer hours for the following staff members to prepare curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year:

PRE-ADVISORY PLANNING FOR 2026-2027	# of Hours	Rate
Kelsey Brentnall	5	\$51
Maggie Culvert	5	\$51
Stephanie DiStasi	5	\$51
Marlene Healey	5	\$51
Jeff Jasper	5	\$51
Jimena Ladino	5	\$51
Jamie Marootian-Miller	5	\$51
Virena Rossi	5	\$51
Argine Safari	5	\$51
Robert Salgado	5	\$51

Kenneth Sarajian	5	\$51
Ryan Walter	5	\$51

Moved by:

Varghese ▾

Seconded by:

Calderone ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	☐	☐	☐	Stankus	x	☐	☐	☐
Guzman	x	☐	☐	☐	Varghese	x	☐	☐	☐
Huang	x	☐	3	☐	Weaver	☐	☐	☐	x
Keller	x	☐	☐	☐	Stephans	x	☐	☐	☐
Martin	x	☐	3a	☐					

XI. **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 July 15, 2026	\$4,239,926.76
Payroll as of June 15, 2026	\$1,789,009.07
Payroll as of June 17, 2026	\$1,692,200.93
Payroll as of June 30, 2026	\$290,125.10
Payroll as of July 15, 2026	\$400,804.73
Total	\$8,412,066.59

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 2025-2026 financial reports, which are in agreement, reflecting the district's financial activities for the period May 2026.

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 May 2026, 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 May 2026, 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	May 2026
b. e-Learning Account	May 2026
c. Capital Project Account	May 2026
d. Student Government Account – PH	May 2026
e. Student Government Account – PV	May 2026

5. **Transfers (attached)**

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 May 2026.

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
Mary Jo Callanan	NACAC National Conference
Marin Donnelly	NACAC National Conference
Sean Struncis	NACAC National Conference
Axelle Sandt	2026 International AP Summer Institute (APSI)

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 or Item	Club or Group
5/26/26	American Red Cross	\$500	PH Robotics
6/22/26	PV Class of 1959	Bench Class of 1959	PV Use on School Grounds
6/9/26	Alfred N. Sanzari Family Foundation	\$2,500	PV Girl's Soccer Team

8. **Approve District Subscriptions for the 2026-2027 School Year (attached)**

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education requires specialized educational software, instructional digital platforms, and administrative subscription services to maintain continuity of operations and support student achievement for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the interim superintendent, in consultation with the school business administrator, has reviewed the requested subscriptions and determined them to be necessary and aligned with the district's curriculum goals and operational needs; and

WHEREAS, funds have been properly budgeted and are available in the 2026-2027 school year budget to support these purchases under the designated account lines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the interim superintendent, hereby approves the procurement and renewal of the subscription services as detailed in the attached schedule for the 2026-2027 school year:

9. **NJASBO Scholarship Award Donated to PVR from Hillsdale Board of Education BA**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept a \$1,000 scholarship award donated by the Hillsdale Board of Education business administrator, who won the award from NJASBO. The scholarship award is to be presented to a Pascack Valley High School student.
10. **The Rockleigh - PH Senior Prom Contract 2026-27 (attached)**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the contract and addendum with The Rockleigh for hosting the Pascack Hills High School Senior Prom on June 10, 2027, in the amount of \$25,830.
11. **The Rockleigh - PV Senior Prom Contract 2026-27 (attached)**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the contract and addendum with The Rockleigh for hosting the Pascack Valley High School Senior Prom on June 9, 2027, in the amount of \$25,830.
12. **Agreement with City of Englewood/John T Wright Ice Arena at Mackay Park (attached)**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement with the City of Englewood / John T Wright Ice Arena at Mackay Park for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$15,960.
13. **ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Submission – FY2027**
RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, authorize submission of the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Grant application for the Fiscal Year 2027 for Pascack Valley Regional High School District and on behalf of St. Joseph Regional High School and accept the allocations as follows:

Title	Description	Total	PVRHSD Share	St. Joe Share
Title II Part A	Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting	\$19,953	\$15,238	\$4,715
Title III	English Language Acquisition & Language Enhancement	\$3,570	\$3,570	\$0.00
Title IV	Student Support & Academic Enrichment Program	\$10,000	\$7,637	\$2,363
	TOTAL	\$33,523	\$26,445	\$7,078

14. Join Consortium for Title III

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approves joining a consortium hosted by River Dell Board of Education for the Title III funds of \$3,570, allocated to the district as the amount is less than the federal \$10,000 minimum amount to fund the program independently.

15. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B State Fiscal Year 2027

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept and submit the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B State Fiscal Year 2027 Grant in the amount of \$472,465 of which \$87,316 is allocated for Nonpublic (St. Joseph's Regional).

16. Final Report for the Competitive Grant: Empowering Educators Teacher Climate Culture

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission of the Final Report for the Competitive Grant: Empowering Educators Teacher Climate Culture.

17. Final Report for the Competitive Grant: Climate Change Education Resilience Continuation

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission of the Final Report for the Competitive Grant: Climate Change Education Resilience Continuation.

18. Nonpublic Allocations for the 2026-2027 School Year

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, accept the Nonpublic Allocations for the 2026–2027 school year.

Nonpublic Nursing	\$78,042
Nonpublic Textbooks	\$21,557
Nonpublic Security	\$116,312
Nonpublic Technology	\$15,210
TOTAL	\$231,121

19. Advocate Solution, LLC

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to contract with a vendor for Request for Proposal (“RFP”) Process Management – Custodial Services through Competitive Contracting (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Board received two quotes for the Services; and

WHEREAS, Edvocate Solutions, LLC submitted a quote in the amount of \$12,450; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds Edvocate Solution, LLC’s quote to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Services to Edvocate Solutions, LLC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A:37.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Services to Edvocate Solutions, LLC for a total contract sum of \$12,450; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the service provider furnishing the requisite insurance certificate as required by the request for quotes and executing a contract in accordance with the terms of the request for quotes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

20. Summer Staffing Services

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to contract with a vendor for Substitute Custodial Services from July 16, 2026 through August 31, 2026 (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Board solicited three quotes for the Services; and

WHEREAS, Pritchard Industries submitted a quote in the amount of \$1,247 per week for each and every custodial personnel assigned; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds Pritchard Industries’ quote to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Services to Pritchard Industries pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A:37.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Services to Pritchard Industries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the service provider furnishing the requisite insurance certificate as required by the request for quotes and executing a contract in accordance with the terms of the request for quotes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution

21. Pomptonian Lunch Price List 2026-27 (attached)

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the attached Pomptonian lunch price list for the 2026-27 school year.

22. Award Riverview Companies Northeast, LLC - Groundskeeping/Landscaping

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for the Pascack Valley Regional High School Groundskeeping/Landscaping Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2026, the Board received one bid for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Riverview Companies Northeast, LLC d/b/a Riverview Landscaping (Riverview Landscaping) submitted the only bid, with a base bid in the amount of \$86,584.51, which is responsive in all material respects and the Board wishes to award the contract for the Project to Riverview Landscaping.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Riverview Landscaping for a total contract sum of \$86,584.51; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and the terms contained in the bid documents and specifications for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

23. Disposal of Park Academy Equipment

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the disposal, donation, sale, or recycling of the following Park Academy equipment:

Item	Description
HP Printer	HP Color Laserjet Pro m255dw printer with extra boxes of toner
Desktop Computer	i7 10700 with 32 GB RAM and a 1TB SSD with Dell monitor, keyboard & mouse

24. Transportation – Aid-in-Lieu Reimbursement for the 2nd Semester 2025-2026 School Year for Non-Profit Private School Parents

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, and pursuant to NJ State Administrative Code 6A:27-2.3, approve the second semester (January 2026 – June 2026) pupil transportation aid-in-lieu reimbursement to non-profit private school district parents in the amount of \$147,450.81 of which \$79,813.81 is for high school district parents.

Pursuant to 18A:39-11, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District, on behalf of the Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale, & Woodcliff Lake Boards of Education, shall provide transportation bids through a (CSTA) Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, invoice the districts, and make payments on their behalf to parents of elementary students attending non-profit private schools in the amount of \$67,637.00.

25. Special Education Transportation - Region II - Additional Renewal & Summer Quotes

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education renew miscellaneous special education transportation routes with Galaxia Express, LLC during the summer of the 2026-2027 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2701 to STAR Transportation during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2701	New Milford HS	222.40	40	267.40*	5,348.00*

***Includes cost of aide**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2703 to Excel Transport during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2703	Capstone 1:1	260	50	310.00*	9,300.00*

***Includes cost of aide**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2704 to Destiny 23 Transportation during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2704	Shepard Prep	245	50	245.00	7,350.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2705 to Destiny 23 Transportation during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2705	Cornerstone	265	50	265.00	7,950.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2706 to STAR Transportation during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2706	Windsor Bergen Ac.	199	50	249.00*	7,470.00*

***Includes cost of aide**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2707 to Sunny Transportation during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2707	Westwood HS	230	30	230.00	4,600.00

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2709 to Shaddai Transportation Inc during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2709	Chapel Hill Academy	210	35	245.00*	7,350.00*

***Includes cost of aide**

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education as LEA for Pascack Valley Region II, Special Education award special education transportation Quote contract Q2710 to Lenoir's Transport during the summer of 2026-2027 school year.

Route #	Route	Base	Aide	Per Diem	Annual Cost
Q2710	Valley Access	199	60	199.00	3,980.00

26. Apple, Inc. - Lease Payment

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the second lease payment of \$736,980, pursuant to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated February 25, 2025, between Apple Inc. and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

27. RFP Solutions - Phone System Upgrade

RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the RFP Solutions Inc. Alcatel-Lucent Telecommunication Proposal, ECSNJ22/23 State Contract Cooperative Proposal, for the purchase of phone system upgrades in the amount of \$45,882.45.

28. Award Transportation Bid - Valley Transportation, LLC

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education advertised for bids for 2026-2027 Student Transportation Services for School Related Activities ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2026, the Board received two bids for the Services; and

WHEREAS, Valley Transportation, LLC submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$338.67 per route exceeding four hours minimum with an adjustment in the amount of \$40 per ¼ hour for changes in routes which may increase or decrease the overall route time; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Services to Valley Transportation, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Services to Valley Transportation, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the successful vendor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and performance bond as required in the specifications and executing a contract in accordance with the terms of the specifications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall submit all required documents to the Executive County Superintendent in accordance with the regulations governing student transportation.

29. Competitive Contracting

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to engage in the competitive contracting process to procure Custodial Services (the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Board applied to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 to use competitive contracting to obtain proposals for the Services and award a contract; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2026, the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs approved the Board’s request to use competitive contracting to procure the Services; and

WHEREAS, in order to initiate competitive contracting, the Board is required to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting and confirming that the Business Administrator shall administer the process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the use of competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for the procurement of the Services in conjunction with the Board’s Contractor for RFP Process Management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process shall be administered by the School Business Administrator, who, with the assistance of the Board Attorney, shall prepare a request for proposals in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 to -4.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the availability of the request for proposals shall be published at least twenty (20) days prior to the date established for the submission of proposals.

Mr. Stankus asked for clarification on item #29. Mr Phillips and district attorney Robert Lorfink provided explanations. Mrs. Varghese also clarified that this item is just for getting proposals to get the data in hand to make decisions on the matter.

Moved by: Varghese ▾

Seconded by: Stankus ▾

VOTE

Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P	Bd. Mbr.	Aye	Nay	Abs.	N/P
Calderone	x	☐	☐	☐	Stankus	x	29	☐	☐
Guzman	x	☐	☐	☐	Varghese	x	☐	☐	☐
Huang	x	☐	☐	☐	Weaver	☐	☐	☐	x
Keller	x	☐	☐	☐	Stephans	x	☐	☐	☐
Martin	x	29	☐	☐					

XII. OLD BUSINESS**A. Monthly Suspension Report (attached)**

Mrs. Huang stated that she is commenting as a resident of Woodcliff Lake, not as a board member, and discussed the letters presented to her regarding support for the district's custodians. She provided examples from those letters. She stated that she does not support outsourcing the custodial staff and hopes the district can find other budget efficiencies. Ms. Stephans congratulated Ms. Pollinger on her appointment as Pascack Hills principal. Mrs. Varghese commented on the budget constraints and explained that the board is gathering the data to consider the board's options and that the board does not make any of these decisions lightly. She also stated that the board appreciates each and every one of the custodians. Ms. Guzman also commented on reading all of the letters received in support of the custodians. She also stated that the board will make sure that safety is a part of making the final decision on custodial outsourcing and that the board wants to explore every option. Ms. Calderone commented that this is not an easy decision for the board and they want to make sure they do all of their due diligence and stated that the board is in a hard spot and doing the best that they can.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Huang stated that she went to Trenton and found out about a grant that is available for K-12 students to visit the state house. She provided details regarding that lottery grant.

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. Mr. Hildum, PVRSSA president, commented on custodial outsourcing, recognizing that it is a process and appreciates the board's commitment to the process.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Calderone to adjourn the public session at 7:31 p.m. Mrs. Varghese seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,


Cynthia Kirk
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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