**Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education**

Pascack Valley High School – Pascack Valley Auditorium

Executive Session - 7:00 p.m., Room 156

Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**
**October 26, 2026**

**Meeting Regulations**

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education members, district administration, and staff will treat parents/guardians and other members of the public with respect and expect the same consideration in return. The district is committed to maintaining orderly processes for keeping school and district events free from disruption. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings, including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard, if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the President unless the majority of the Board present and voting, rule otherwise.

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I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Debra Stephans, President
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone, Vice President
Ms. Gia Guzman
Mrs. Stephanie Huang
Ms. Katie Keller
Mrs. Kristin Martin
Mr. James Stankus
Mrs. Gini Varghese
Mr. Michael Weaver

Mr. Dirk Phillips, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Cynthia Kirk, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Student Representatives:
Isabelle Mednard - PHHS
Max Bachanan - PVHS

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.

II. **FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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.

IV. **MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON October 26, 2026**
The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 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.

**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. Legal
    b. Possible HIB Incident # 312344 (attached)
    c. Possible HIB Incident # 311949 (attached)
    d. Possible HIB Incident # 312251 (attached)
    e. Possible HIB Incident # 313016 (attached)

3. The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
4. Official action may or may not be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

V. **ROUTINE MATTERS**

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| Monthly Reports: | |
| Board President Report: | Debra Stephans |
| Interim Superintendent's Report: | Dirk Phillips |
| Committee Reports: | |
| Governance & Personnel 10/14/26 | Kristin Martin |
| Steering 10/15/26 | Debra Stephans |
| Student Reports: | Isabelle Mednard – Pascack Hills High School |
| | Max Buchanan – Pascack Valley High School |

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:

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| September 19, 2026 | Board Retreat Regular Meeting | 9:03 a.m. |
| September 19, 2026 | Board Retreat Executive Meeting | 12:36 p.m. |
| September 28, 2026 | Executive Meeting | 7:04 p.m. |
| September 28, 2026 | Regular Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |

Moved by: Choose an item Seconded by: Choose an item

VOTE

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

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. State law prohibits Board members and administrators from discussing personnel matters, student discipline, or other confidential issues. Please note this is not a dialogue or Q&A session between speakers and the Board. While we may not respond immediately or to every comment made tonight, all input is carefully considered and helps inform our decisions. Responses may come through emails, reports, Board statements, website updates, or after the comment period closes. Thank you for your participation in our school community's governance. 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.

VIII. **POLICY**
Consent Agenda for Items 1-2

1. **NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)**

**WHEREAS,** the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, is undergoing evaluation under NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum for the 2026-2027 school year, and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.A.C 6A:30-3.2 (f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the District Performance Review responses, and

**WHEREAS,** the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, approved the process recommended by the Interim Superintendent and NJ QSAC Committee.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, does hereby authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit the District Performance Review to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f).

2. **Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Report**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve action taken pursuant to HIB Report:
a. Incident HIB Report # 311281 (attached)

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VOTE

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

IX. **EDUCATION**
Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 4

1. **Overnight Trips**
   a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve an overnight trip for PHHS students and chaperones, Axelle Sandt and Margaret Schmidt, to travel to Quebec City, Canada (attached) from February 24-27, 2027 (4 days).

   b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve an overnight trip for the PHHS baseball team and chaperones, Nick Evans, Steven Casamento, and Ryan Lapinski, to travel to Orlando, Florida (attached) from March 20 - 24, 2027 (5 days).

2. **Services provided by Bergen County Special Services**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the additional services through Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions, Bergen County Special Services, for the 2026-2027 school year as per the student's 504 plan:

| **Student ID#** | **Frequency** | **Unit Cost** | **Total** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Teacher of the Deaf (TOD) services<br>814909 | Max. of (2) sessions | $170 | $340 |

3. **1:1 Aide for Out-of-District Placement**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a 1:1 Aide from Northern Valley Regional High School District for the 2026-2027 school year as per the student's IEP.

| **Student ID#** | **Dates** | Service | Per Diem Rate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 812472 | 10/6/2026-6/30/2027 | 1:1 Aide | $314.51 | $50,321.60 |

4. **Curricula**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following revised curricula:

| **DEPARTMENT** | **COURSE** |
|---|---|
| English | Library Information Literacy |
| English | AP English Language & Composition |
| English | AP English Literature & Composition |
| English | AP Seminar |
| English | AP Research |

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| Music | AP Music Theory |
| Music | Chamber Choir |
| Music | Concert Band |
| Music | Concert Choir |
| Music | Guitar I |
| Music | History of American Popular Music |
| Music | Honors Chamber Choir |
| Music | Honors Concert Band |
| Music | Keyboard/Piano |
| Music | Lunch Choir |
| Music | Modern Rock Band |
| Music | Music Technology |
| Music | Music Theory |
| Music | Music Appreciation |
| **DEPARTMENT** | **COURSE** |
| World Language | AP Literature (Spanish) |
| World Language | AP French Language & Culture |
| World Language | AP Italian Language & Culture |
| World Language | AP Spanish Language & Culture |
| World Language | AP Chinese Language & Culture |
| World Language | Spanish Conversation & Culture |

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VOTE

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

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 1-14

1. **Job Description - Revision**
   **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the revised job description for Superintendent Chief School Administrator (attached).

2. **Leave of Absence**
   **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:

| Employee ID# | Position | Request |
|---|---|---|
| 1902 | PVHS Social Studies Teacher | Total Leave Period:<br>October 6, 2026 - November 8, 2026<br>NJFLA/FMLA: October 6, 2026 - November |

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|---|---|---|
| | | 8, 2026 |

3. **Leave Replacement**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Leave Replacement Teacher, Kursad Altayla, for a shadow day on November 19, 2026, at the substitute rate of $150. The shadow day will allow for a smooth transition as employee ID# 1913 returns to the classroom from a leave of absence.

4. **Additional Periods**
   a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following additional sixth period assignment for the 2026-2027 school year:

| Name | Department | FY/S1/S2 | Course Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| Catherine Devine | Special Education - Milestones | FY | Special Education |

   b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following additional sixth period assignment from November 16, 2026-January 15, 2027 (3 days and 7 weeks):

| Name | Subject | School | Total Payment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Belger | Drivers Education | PVHS | $2,120 |

5. **Additional Periods - Temporary Coverage**
   a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following teachers for additional sixth period assignments from November 2 - 18, 2026 (3 days and 2 weeks) while employee ID# 2290 is on leave:

| Name | Subject | School | Total payment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amy Maniscalco | English 1 | PVHS | $745 |
| Michelle Chakanski | English 1 | PVHS | $745 |
| Deena Mahmoud | English 1 | PVHS | $745 |
| Matt Morone | Creative Writing | PVHS | $745 |
| Diana Galka | English 1 | PVHS | $745 |

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following teachers for additional sixth period assignments from October 6, 2026 - November 8, 2026 (4 days and 4 weeks) while employee ID# 1902 is on leave:

| **Name** | **Subject** | **School** | **Total payment** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Theresa Flynn | AP US History 1 | PVHS | $1,360 |
| Connor Quinlan | US History 1 | PVHS | $1,360 |
| Jeff Jasper | Honors US History 1 | PVHS | $1,360 |
| Ken Sarajian | US History 1 | PVHS | $1,360 |
| Luciano Cofrancesco | Religion in America | PVHS | $1,360 |

6. **Co-Curricular Appointments - Revision**
**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 co-curricular appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

| **Name** | **Activity** | **Position** | **Stipend** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Megan Pettigano | PHHS Chess Club | Co-Advisor | From: $789.50 (.50)<br>To: $1,184.25 (.75) |
| Scott Jones | PHHS Chess Club | Co-Advisor | From: $789.50 (.50)<br>To: $394.75 (.25) |

7. **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 Michelle Chakansky, PVHS Assistant Winter Track Coach, for the 2026-2027 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 Ronald Villone, PVHS Assistant Baseball Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year.

8. **Athletic Appointments - Revisions**
   a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the change of coaching positions for PHHS Winter Cheer from 1.5 head coach positions to 1 head coach and 1 assistant coach positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

   b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following athletic appointment revision for the 2026-2027 school year:

| Name | Team | Position | Stipend/Step |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kerry Sidrow | PVHS Winter Track | Assistant Coach | From: $3,065 (.50)/Step 3 To: $6,130 (full) / Step 3 |

9. **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 2026-2027 school year:

| Name | Team | Position | Stipend/Step |
|---|---|---|---|
| Danielle Guillemain | PHHS Winter Cheer | Assistant Coach | $3,504/Step 2 |

10. **Extra Pay**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Michele Reale to cover student ID# 815219 during the PHHS Cross Country season 2026, not to exceed 60 hours in total at a rate of $32.71 per hour. The sending district will be responsible for covering compensation.

11. **Testing Support**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following proctors and coordinator for the PSAT testing on October 17, 2026.
**PVHS:**

| Name | | Payment | Role |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murphy | Caitlin | $285 | Extended Time Proctor |
| Villone | Ronald | $285 | Extended Time Proctor |
| Yao | Yi Ping | $285 | Extended Time Proctor |
| Beyer | Gary | $285 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Coleman | Al | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Healey | Marlene | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Jasper | Jeff | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Koenig | William | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Ladino | Jimena | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Lombardo | Amy | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Morone | Matthew | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |

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| Nilsen | Christopher | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Antonio | Luisa | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Spathis | Elena | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Zuzeck | John | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| Rossi | Christina | $216 | Standard Time Proctor |
| DeSantis | Valentina | $193 | Relief Proctor |
| Hroncich | Sandy | $193 | Relief Proctor |
| Ortiz | Nicole | $193 | Relief Proctor |
| DiStasi | Stephanie | $1,385 | Test Coordinator |

**PHHS:**

| **Staff Member** | **Role** | **Payment** |
|---|---|---|
| Shelley Tobin | Hall/Relief Proctor | $216 |
| Marnee Rosen | Hall/Relief Proctor | $216 |
| Margaret Schmidt | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| Cassandra Leibfried | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| Johnna Duffy | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| Dana Amato | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| Thomas DeRosa | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| David Bucco | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| Axelle Sandt | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| Cathy Tocci | Standard Time Proctor | $216 |
| Virena Rossi | Ext. Time Proctor | $285 |
| Claire Mazan | Ext. Time Proctor | $285 |
| Julianne Downes | Ext. Time Proctor | $285 |
| Deb Horn | Ext. Time Proctor | $285 |
| Ellen Doyle | Ext. Time Proctor | $285 |
| Steven Casamento | Extended Time Relief/ Testing Help | $285 |
| Marin Donnelly | PSAT Coordinator | $1,385 |

12. **Testing Support - Revision**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following revision to the technical coordinators for PSAT testing for the 2026-2027 school year:

| Name | Test | Date | Payment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lauren Patasnik | From PHHS PSAT<br>To PVHS PSAT | October 17, 2026 | $500 |
| Scott Jones | From PVHS PSAT<br>To PHHS PSAT | October 17, 2026 | $500 |

13. **Mentor**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Brooke Garbaccio, Pascack Hills High School Special Education Teacher, to mentor Thomas DeRosa, Pascack Hills High School Leave Replacement Science Teacher, for 18 weeks during the 2025-2026 school year.

14. **Substitutes:**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following substitutes for the district for the 2026-2027 school year:

| Name | Position | Type |
|---|---|---|
| Shane Flanagan | Classroom Teacher | Renew |
| Evan Scalia | Classroom Teacher | Renew |
| James Aulita | Classroom Teacher | Renew (as of 9/9/2026) |
| Richard Clifford | Classroom Teacher | Renew |
| Glenn Mezzatesta | Classroom Teacher | New |
| Kenneth Fliegel | Classroom Teacher | New |
| Maria Bartolomeo | Classroom Teacher | New |

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VOTE

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

XI. **FINANCE**

Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 24

1. **Approval of Bills**

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

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|---|---|
| Budget Expenditures as of October 26, 2026 | $5,420,195.27 |
| Payroll as of September 30, 2026 | $1,786,013.92 |
| Payroll as of October 15, 2026 | $1,764,110.06 |
| Total | $8,970,319.25 |

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 2026-27 financial reports, which are in agreement, reflecting the district's financial activities for the period August 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 August 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 August 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:

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| a. Cafeteria Account | August 2026 |
| b. e-Learning Account | August 2026 |
| c. Capital Project Account | August 2026 |
| d. Student Government Account – PH | August 2026 |
| e. Student Government Account – PV | August 2026 |

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 August 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** |
|---|---|
| Daniel Phillips | NJSIAA State Singles Championships |
| Michael Gonzalez | BrainStorm: Educational Technology Conference |
| Lauren Patasnik | BrainStorm: Educational Technology Conference |
| Cassandra Leibfried | AMTNJ Fall 2026 Conference |
| Virena Rossi | NCTE |
| Elena Spathis | Special Projects with Digital Tools |
| Amy Maniscalco | What's New In Young Adult Literature And How To Use It In Your Program |

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** | **Amount** | **Club or Group** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10/2/26 | Vitalant | $500 | scholarship |
| 10/19/26 | TEEEM a NJ | $500 | TEEEM Bus |

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| | Non-Profit Corp. | | |

8. **Renewal Kuiken Brothers Company - District Builder's Hardware and Miscellaneous Building Maintenance Supplies**
   **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the second year of a two-year renewal with Kuiken Brothers Company for building supply discounts.

9. **Disposal of Obsolete 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, recycling or auction on Govdeals of the following items.

| # of Items | Item | Inventory Control Number |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2003 pickup truck Ford F-250 | 10406 |

10. **School Employees Health Benefits Program Rates 2027 Calendar Year (attached)**
    **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the School Employees Health Benefits Program rates for the 2027 calendar year.

11. **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.

12. **Standard Operating Procedures (attached)**
    **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the Standard Operating Procedures for the 2026-2027 school year.

13. **Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Facilities Checklist 2026-2027**
    **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of

School Buildings Facilities Checklist 2026-2027.

14. **Award Contracts to Servpro and Victor Zucchi and Sons – Water Damage Remediation and Repairs (attached)**
**WHEREAS**, an emergency condition arose on August 22, 2026 at Pascack Hills High School which directly affected the health and/or safety of the occupants of school property; and

**WHEREAS**, the nature of this emergency involved a cap failure on a water supply line that served a former water fountain, causing extensive water damage, requiring immediate delivery of goods and the performance of emergency services to remediate the condition; and

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the water damage remediation and repairs at Pascack Hills High School under emergency stabilization pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and the rule promulgated pursuant thereto at N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve awarding a contract to Servpro to perform the water remediation services in the amount of $64,102.18 without going to bid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve awarding a contract to Victor Zucchi and Sons to perform all repairs necessary due to the water damage in the amount of $280,843.31 without going to bid.

15. **Shared Services Agreement Regional Curriculum Coordinator (attached)**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the shared services agreement with Hillsdale Board of Education, Montvale Board of Education, River Vale Board of Education, and the Woodcliff Lake Board of Education for the services of a Regional Curriculum Coordinator.

16. **Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Camden County Educational Services Commission**
**WHEREAS,**N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS,** the Camden County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

**WHEREAS,** on October 26, 2026, the governing body of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:34-7.6 (a), duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

**NOW,THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**TITLE**

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Camden County Educational Services Commission,

**AUTHORITY**
Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Camden County Educational Services Commission, the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**
The Lead Agency shall comply with the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**
This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

17. **Memorandum of Understanding and Affiliation Agreement – Pascack Valley Gridiron Club (attached)**
**WHEREAS,** the Pascack Valley Gridiron Club (hereinafter Booster Club) is an independent, parent-led, New Jersey non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code organized exclusively to support, encourage, and enhance the student-athlete experience for the Pascack Valley High School Football Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board is responsible for the governance, operation, and maintenance of public school athletic programs within the Pascack Valley Regional High School District pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board and the Booster Club desire to establish a formal framework governing their operational relationship, financial transparency, compliance standards, and fundraising boundaries to ensure alignment with New Jersey school laws and Board Policies; and

**WHEREAS,** a formal MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AFFILIATION AGREEMENT has been drafted to establish such formal framework between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education and the Booster Club; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the terms of the proposed Agreement and determined that entering into this agreement is in the best interest of the district, its students, and its athletic programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent hereby approves the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AFFILIATION AGREEMENT between Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education and Pascack Valley Gridiron Club, for an initial term of three (3) school years, concluding on June 30, 2029, with the option to automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms (July 1 through June 30) thereafter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the School Business Administrator, or their designated representative, is hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board, to

execute, deliver, and perform all responsibilities in relation to this agreement, taking any further actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

18. **Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Milestones @ PVR ERV Design Project**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of $6,000.00 related to the Milestones @ PVR ERV Design Project.

19. **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 to conduct Lunch & Learn Workshops funded by ESEA Title IIA funds:

| Name | Date(s) of Workshop | # of Hours | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joanna Katz | 10/29/26 11/19/26 | 2<br>2 | $51<br>$51 |
| Scott Jones | 10/27/26<br>10/29/26 | 2<br>2 | $51<br>$51 |
| Erica Franceski | 10/30/26<br>11/13/26 | 2<br>2 | $51<br>$51 |

20. **MILESTONES HOUSE – 1st Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for School Bus Riders for the 202-2027 School Year RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27-11.2), and at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill:
For Milestones Students
The first of two annual drills for bus riders for the 2026-2027 school year was conducted on Friday, October 9, 2026 at 10:10 a.m.
Evacuation Drill was held at Pascack Valley High School 200 Piermont Ave Hillsdale, NJ 07642
Route Numbers: Milestones participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill.
Mr. Thomas Gallione, Assistant Principal of Pascack Valley High School and Elda Alvarez Bus Driver conducted the Emergency Evacuation Drill.

21. **EklecCo, LLC, Owner & Ice Management Group, LLC, Operator - Palisades Center 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 EklecCo, LLC, Owner & Ice Management Group, LLC, Operator for the use of the Palisades Center Ice Rink for the period November 17, 2026 through February 18, 2027 in the amount of $4,080.00.

22. **Phoenix Aquatic Club**
**RESOLVED,** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement with Phoenix Aquatic Club, for use of pool facilities at Bethany Community Center, for PVR Swim/Dive

Team from November 16, 2026 to February 12, 2026 in the amount of $24,344.00.

23. **2025-2028 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**
**WHEREAS,** the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public-school facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Pascack Valley Regional High School District are consistent with these requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the interim superintendent hereby authorize the school business administrator to submit the 2025 – 2028 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Pascack Valley Regional High School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

24. **Delta Dental Contract**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the contract with Delta Dental for the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028.

Moved by: Choose an item Seconded by: Choose an item

VOTE

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

## XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Monthly Suspension Report (attached)

## XIII. NEW BUSINESS

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. State law prohibits Board members and administrators from discussing personnel matters, student discipline, or other confidential issues. Please note this is not a dialogue or Q&A session between speakers and the Board. While we may not respond immediately or to every comment made tonight, all input is carefully considered and helps inform our decisions. Responses may come through emails, reports, Board statements, website updates, or after the comment period closes. Thank you for your participation in our school community's governance. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in, and state their name and town of residence.

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

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet in Room 156 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 matter to be discussed is as follows:
    a. Personnel

    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.

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Moved by: Choose an item Seconded by: Choose an item

VOTE

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