# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
# OF THE
# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Pascack Valley Regional High School District

**Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.**
**Pascack Valley High School – Auditorium**

### Meeting Regulations

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Ms. Debra Stephans, President

Present: Ms. Debra Stephans, President
Ms. Elizabeth Calderone, Vice President
Ms. Gia Guzman
Mrs. Stephanie Huang
Ms. Katie Keller
Mrs. Kristin Martin absent during roll call, arrived 7:34
Mr. James Stankus
Mrs. Gini Varghese absent during roll call, arrived 7:10
Mr. Michael Weaver absent during roll call, arrived 7:17

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

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.

IV. **MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON September 28, 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.

A motion was made by Ms. Guzman to enter into an executive session at 7:04 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. HIB Appeal incident # 310414 (attached)
    b. Possible HIB incident # 311281 (attached)
    c. Settlement agreements
    d. Contracts

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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Varghese to adjourn the executive session and return to the public session at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Stankus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

## V. STAFF RECOGNITION

### 1. 25 Years of Service

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, recognize with appreciation, Enrico Attanasio, School Psychologist at Pascack Valley High School, for 25 years of service.
Dr. Jonathan Hesney spoke to recognize Mr. Attanasio.

### 2. Promoted Staff Members

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

| | **Previous Position** | **New Position** |
|---|---|---|
| Robyn Blumberg | Related Services Coordinator, Region II | Assistant Business Administrator |
| Valentina DeSantis | General Secretary, Pascack Valley Guidance | Executive Secretary, Pascack Valley Guidance |
| Armen Hagopian | Systems and Network Administrator | Network Manager |
| Lisa Leili | General Secretary, Pascack Hills Main Office | Executive Secretary, Pascack Hills Main Office |
| Christine Pollinger | Assistant Principal, Pascack Hills | Principal, Pascack Hills |

Ms. Doreen Babis spoke to recognize promoted staff members.

## VI. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

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| Board President Report: | Debra Stephans (attached) |
| Interim Superintendent's Report: | Dirk Phillips |
| Committee Reports: | |
| Steering Committee, 8/17/26, 9/15/26 | Debra Stephans |
| Policy Committee, 8/11/26, 9/23/26 | James Stankus |

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| Negotiations Committee, 8/13/26 | Gini Varghese |
| Finance and Facilities, 8/18/26 | Gini Varghese |
| Governance Personnel Committee, 8/24/26 | Kristin Martin |
| Student Reports: | Isabelle Mednard – Pascack Hills High School<br>Max Buchanan – Pascack Valley High School |

VII. **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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| August 24, 2026 | Regular Meeting | 7:01 p.m. |
| August 24, 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 |
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| Calderone | | | x | | Stankus | | | x | |
| Guzman | x | | | | Varghese | | | x | |
| Huang | x | | | | Weaver | x | | | |
| Keller | x | | | | Stephans | x | | | |
| Martin | x | | | | | | | | |

VIII. **PRESENTATION (attached)**

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| 2025-2026 Graduation Results | Dr. Mark Russo |
| 2026-2027 District Goals | Dr. Mark Russo |

IX. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Citizens are invited to make comments regarding agenda items and are limited to three minutes, according to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education policy number 0167. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in and state their name, town of residence, and which agenda item(s) they are referencing.

None.

X. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Items 1-9

1. **2027-2028 School Calendar**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the 2027-2028 school calendar (attached).

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

**Goal 1:** Expand choice-driven and authentic learning experiences to increase engagement and support the diverse needs and interests of all learners.

**Goal 2**: Cultivate a learning environment where technology is purposely integrated to enhance teaching and learning, empowering students with the digital literacy and self-regulation skills for responsible use.

**Goal 3**: Strengthen a positive, inclusive, and connected school culture by fostering strong relationships, promoting participation, and ensuring that all members of our school community feel safe, respected, and supported.

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

**Goal 1: Superintendent Search & Governance**
To conduct a comprehensive, transparent search for a new superintendent that implements clear checks and balances separating governance (the Board) from daily administrative operations (the Superintendent/Administration).

**Goal 2: NJSBA Board Certification (3-Year Timeline)**
To engage in structured, continuous group professional development to strengthen team cohesion, completing all requirements—including accumulating **16 group credits**, passing a policy Wellness Check, and holding full-day retreats—to achieve official New Jersey School Board Association Certification by the end of the 3-year cycle.

**Goal 3: Post-Secondary Pathways & NJ-Compliant Career Internships**
To sustain and expand the district's post-secondary pathway choices and Structured Learning Experiences (SLE), ensuring internship programs comply with New Jersey laws while boosting student readiness for college and careers.

4. **Chemical Hygiene Plans**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the Chemical Hygiene Plans for Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. **Pascack Valley Regional Nursing Services Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the 2026-2027 Nursing Services Plan (attached).

6. **New Job Description - Part-time General Secretary - Special Services**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the new job description for Part-time General Secretary - Special Services (attached).

7. **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Appeal**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, after careful deliberation and in compliance with applicable laws and policies, hereby [upholds/modifies/rejects] the outcome of the HIB # 310414 investigation as presented.

8. **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** |
|---|---|
| Transgender Students (M) - Revised | P 5756 |

9. **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 Regulation:

| **Name of Policy or Regulation** | **Policy / Regulation Number** |
|---|---|
| Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M) - Revised (Previously named Use of Electronic Communication Devices) | P 5516 |
| Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M) - Revised (Previously named Use of Electronic Communication Devices) | R 5516 |
| Transportation by Private Vehicle - To and From School -Related Activities (M) - Revised | P 8660 |
| Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles - To and From School (M) - New | P 8662 |
| Tardiness - Revised | P 5240 |

Moved by: Martin Seconded by: Calderone

VOTE

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

Ms. Guzman voted NO to item #8, P5756.
Mrs. Huang abstained from item #8, P5756 and abstained from item #9 P5516 & R5516.
Mrs. Martin voted NO to item #9, P5516 & R5516.
Mrs. Varghese voted NO to item #8, P5756.
Mr. Weaver voted NO to item #9, P5516 & R5516, and abstained from the rest.
Ms. Guzman commented on why she is voting no to the transgenser policy, item #8, and discussed providing a safe learning environment for all students. Mr. Weaver commented on the cell phone policy, student safety issues with taking phones away and not wanting to prevent communication with parents. Mrs. Huang commented on the cell phone policy and also commented on on item #8, policy #5756 and parental access to student records. Mrs. Varghese commented on policy #5756 and student safety in school during school hours and student privacy. Mr. Weaver asked if this topic qualified to be discussed in executive session due to the legalities surrounding the issue so that the full board could participate in discussion, not just committee members. Mr. Phillips discussed the history surrounding revising the policy, including tabling the policy in August, reviewing the policy with the committee and providing the opportunity for board members to ask questions on the proposed revised policy.

## XI. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 3

1. **Service provided by Bergen County Special Services - Audiology**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following audiology service, per students' 504 plans, for the 2026-2027 school year.:

| Student ID # | Frequency | Unit Cost | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 814046<br>814909 | No more than six hours combined | $195.00 | $1,170.00 |

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 IEP:

| Student ID# | Frequency | Unit Cost | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Teacher of Deaf<br>813984 | 4 additional sessions | 170 | From: $6,460<br>To: $7,140 |

3. **OT-PT-Speech Services**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve additional OT, PT, and Speech services through Thera-Pede, LLC for the 2026-2027 school year, per students' IEPs.

| Student ID# | Dates | Service | Frequency | Cost /Session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 813580 | 8/19/26-8/26/26 | PT Ind 60 min | 6 x monthly | $155 | $930 |
| 813580 | 8/4/26-8/25/26 | Speech Ind 60 min | 6 x monthly | $155 | $930 |
| 813009 | 8/6/26 & 8/10/26 | Speech Ind 60 min | 2 total | $155 | $310 |
| 813009 | 8/3/26 & 8/6/26 | OT Ind 60 min | 2 total | $155 | $310 |

Moved by: Martin 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 | | | | | | | | |

XII. **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 1-23 (includes supplemental agenda item)

1. **New Hires**

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

| Name | Position | Salary* | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kerribeth McKenna | PVHS Part-time General Secretary - Special Services | $38,237 prorated plus $382 prorated for previous experience, without benefits, tenure track position, per PVRSSA contract | On or about October 16, 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 for the position indicated:

| Name | Position | Salary* | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elzbieta Gryglik | PHHS Part-time Custodian 12 mos. Nights M-F | $35,195 prorated, plus annual nights stipend of $302 prorated, without benefits, per PVRSSA contract | On or about October 16, 2026 |

*Subject to PVRSSA contract negotiations outcome.

2. **New Hire - 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 previously board-approved resolution for Tara Skiba to Assistant Principal at Pascack Hills High School to include an annual stipend of $1,500 prorated for a doctoral degree.

3. **Change of Position - 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 previously board-approved resolution for change of position for Christine Pollinger to Principal of Pascack Hills High School to include $3,000 for longevity.

4. **Staff Assignment Change - 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 previously board-approved resolution for staff assignment change for Jeffery Ennis. Mr. Ennis changed his work location to PHHS and is assigned to work days from Tuesday through Saturday. Additionally, Mr. Ennis is entitled to receive the black seal annual stipend of $1,058* and the Saturdays annual stipend of $604* for the 2026-2027 school year.
* Subject to PVRSSA contract negotiations outcome.

5. **Staff Assignment Change**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a change of assignment for Geoffrey Adnams to lead night custodian at Pascack Valley High School. Mr. Adnams will receive an annual stipend for custodian lead of $2,418* prorated effective October 1, 2026. *Subject to PVRSSA contract negotiations outcome.

6. **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 |
|---|---|---|
| 2668 | PVHS Guidance Counselor | Total Leave Period:<br>January 4, 2027 - May 10, 2027<br>Using 26 sick days<br>FMLA and NJFLA:<br>February 9, 2027 - May 10, 2027<br>Leave of Absence:<br>None |

7. **Leave of Absence - Revision**

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

| Employee ID# | Position | Request |
|---|---|---|
| 1837 | PVHS World Language Teacher | From:<br>Total Leave Period:<br>August 27, 2026 - December 9, 2026<br>Using 14 sick days<br>FMLA and NJFLA<br>September 17, 2026 - December 9, 2026<br>Leave of Absence<br>None<br><br>To:<br>Total Leave Period:<br>August 27, 2026 - December 18, 2026<br>Using 20 sick days<br>FMLA and NJFLA<br>September 28, 2026 - December 18, 2026<br>Leave of Absence<br>None |

8. **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#s 1192 and 2057 are on leave.

| Name | Position | Salary | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lois Jasper | Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher - PHHS | $500 per diem without benefits | September 22, 2026 - on or about January 4, 2027 |

9. **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 assignments for the 2026-2027 school year:

| Name | Course | School | Duration |
|---|---|---|---|
| David Frangiosa | Biological Science | PHHS | FY |
| Edward Sandt | English I | PHHS | FY |

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 for the 2026-2027 school year starting September 29, 2026 - June 16, 2027 (7 days, 15 weeks and semester 2):

| Name | Course | School | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vita Guardabasio | Italian I | PHHS | $10, 080 |

10. **Home and Supplemental Instructors**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve all teachers in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District as home and supplemental instructors for the 2026-2027 school year.

11. **Home Instructor - Out-of-District Teacher**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Robert Zitelli, as a home instructor for the 2026-2027 school year, including summer 2027.

12. **Athletic Resignation**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret the resignation of Sam Stewart, PHHS Assistant Coach for Football, for the 2026-2027 school year.

13. **Athletic Appointment**

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

| Name | Team | Position | Stipend/Step |
|---|---|---|---|
| Christine Colgan | PHHS Volleyball | Assistant Coach | $7,338/Step 3 |

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

| Name | School | Activity |
|---|---|---|
| Mike Haemmerle | PHHS | Wrestling |
| Peter Santoli | PHHS | Wrestling |
| Matthew Lokshin | PHHS | Cross Country, Winter Indoor Track, and Spring Track |
| Ben Bauta | PHHS | Cross Country |
| Ethan Lekaj | PVHS | Theatre |
| Eric Zoback | PHHS | Theatre |
| Stephen Bacica | District | Robotis |
| Sara Bressler | District | Robotis |
| Amit Dave | District | Robotis |
| David-John Sollader | District | Robotis |

15. **Game Help - Non-Staff**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following individuals to provide game help pending the receipt of all necessary paperwork for the 2026-2027 school year:

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| Robert Buccino, PHHS | Tyler Henry, PHHS | Kevin Moran, PHHS |
| Lillian Murray, PHHS | Thomas Murray, PHHS | Linda McNulty, PVHS |
| Kevin Doyle, PVHS | Anthony Piccinich, PVHS | |

16. **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 2026-2027 school year:

| Name | Activity | Position | Stipend |
|---|---|---|---|
| Angela Rossi | PHHS Art Club | From: Advisor<br>To: Co-advisor | From: $1,579<br>To:$789.50 (.50) |
| Danielle Linz | PHHS Art Club | Co Advisor | $789.50 (.50) |
| George Scillia | PVHS Model UN | Co Advisor | $789.50 (.50) |

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| Christopher Guinta | PVHS Model UN | Co Advisor | $789.50 (.50) |
| Tom Lupfer | PVHS Fall Drama Assistant Director<br>Scenic Designer/ Construction Advisor | Co-Advisor | $1,816.50 (.50) |
| Merielle Lupfer | PVHS Spring Musical Assistant Director<br>Costume Designer | Advisor | $3,633.00 |
| Kelsey McGrail | PVHS Spring Musical Assistant Director<br>Choreographer | Advisor | $3,633.00 |
| Gayle Fuentes | PVHS Spring Musical Assistant Director<br>Vocal Music Director | Advisor | $3,633.00 |

17. **Lunch Duty**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following PHHS staff members for lunch duty for the 2026-2027 school year. The stipend for staff providing cafeteria supervision shall be $1,400 per semester. Compensation will be prorated for staff who are not able to perform lunch supervision every day.

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| Craig Buckley | Julianne Downes | Claire Mazan | Margaret Schmidt |
| Cynthia Candrilli | Doug Goodman | Ani Mooney | Jennifer Stalknecht |
| Stephen Comanto | Deborah Horn | Adam Ostrowski | Melissa Szabo |
| Deven Deppert | Tyler Johnson | Alexandra Pfleging | Jennifer Zimmermann |
| Katherine Donahue | Evan Lampert | Robert Salgado | |
| Ryan Dore | Kaitlyn Mahaffey | Axelle Sandt | |

18. **Translation Services**

**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following staff members to provide translation services for the guidance department, special services department, and building administration as needed. Compensation for the service is $65 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year:

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| Melissa Comitto | Vita Guardabascio | Ivica Kanova |
| Vanessa Martinez | Liam O'Neill | Noemi Rodriguez-Grimshaw |
| Axelle Sandt | Margaret Schmidt | Patricia Sularz |

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| Yi Ping (Deb) Yao | Jane Yeam | |

19. **Overnight Trip Chaperone - Revision**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve a revision to the chaperones for the previously board-approved overnight trip for PHHS Model UN students. Vanessa Martinez will chaperone in place of Christopher Volk, from November 19 - 22, 2026 (4 days).

20. **Chaperones**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following chaperones to attend the regional band and choir events at the rate of $80 per event, with additional compensation at $40 per hour prorated after the first two hours.

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| October 27, 2026 | Margarita Elkin | Bergen County Choir Auditions | 3:30-9:30pm |
| January 9, 2027 | Margarita Elkin | Regional Choir Auditions | 7:00-3:00pm |
| January 12, 2027 | Margarita Elkin | Bergen County Choir Rehearsal | 3:30-9:30pm |
| January 19, 2027 | Margarita Elkin | Regional Choir Rehearsal | 3:30-9:30pm |
| January 23, 2027 | Margarita Elkin | All-State Choir 27-28 Choir Auditions | 3:30-9:30pm |
| January 24, 2027 | Margarita Elkin | All-State Treble Choir Rehearsal | 1:00-6:00pm |
| February 21, 2027 | Margarita Elkin | All State Treble Choir Rehearsal & Concert | 9:00-5:00pm |

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| October 18, 2026 | Argine Safari | All-State Mixed Choir rehearsal | 3:30-9:30pm |
| October 21, 2026 | Argine Safari | All-State Jazz Choir Rehearsal | 4:00-9:00pm |
| October 27, 2026 | Argine Safari | Bergen County Choir Auditions | 3:30-9:30pm |
| November 8, 2026 | Argine Safari | All-State Mixed Choir Concert | 1:00-6:00pm |
| January 9, 2027 | Argine Safari | Regional Choir Auditions | 7:00-3:00pm |
| January 12, 2027 | Argine Safari | Bergen County Choir Rehearsal | 3:30-9:30pm |
| January 19, 2027 | Argine Safari | Regional Choir Rehearsal | 3:30-9:30pm |

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| January 23, 2027 | Argine Safari | All-State Choir 27-28 Choir Auditions | 3:30-9:30pm |
| January 24, 2027 | Argine Safari | All-State Treble Choir Rehearsal | 1:00-6:00pm |

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| February 21, 2027 | Argine Safari | All State Treble Choir Rehearsal & Concert | 9:00-5:00pm |

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| December 1, 2026 | Craig Yaremko | Bergen County Band Auditions | 4-8pm |
| January 9, 2027 | Craig Yaremko | Region Band Auditions | 7am-3pm |
| January 23, 2027 | Craig Yaremko | All-State Band Auditions | 8am-4pm |
| February 6, 2027 | Craig Yaremko | Intermediate Region Band Auditions | 7am-3pm |
| March 15, 2027 | Craig Yaremko | Region Jazz Auditions | 4-8pm |
| May 3, 2027 | Craig Yaremko | All-State Jazz Auditions | 3-8pm |

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| December 1, 2026 | Ryan Dore | Bergen County Band Auditions | 4-8pm |
| January 9, 2027 | Ryan Dore | Region Band Auditions | 8am-3pm |
| January 23, 2027 | Ryan Dore | All-State Band Auditions | 8am-4pm |
| February 6, 2027 | Ryan Dore | Region Jazz Auditions | 8am-3pm |
| February 7, 2027 | Ryan Dore | Intermediate Region Band Auditions | 8am-3pm |

21. **Testing Support**

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following staff members to provide support for the SAT test on October 3, 2026, at PHHS:

| Name | Assignment | Payment |
|---|---|---|
| Steven Casamento | Testing Coordinator | $1,000 |
| Shelley Tobin | Testing Help | $200 |

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the following technical coordinators for the SAT and PSAT testing for the 2026-2027 school year:

| **Name** | **Test** | **Date** | **Payment** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lauren Patasnik | PHHS SAT | October 3, 2026 | $500* |
| Lauren Patasnik | PHHS PSAT | October 17, 2026 | $500 |

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| Scott Jones | PVHS PSAT | October 17, 2026 | $500 |
| Scott Jones | PVHS SAT | March 6, 2027 | $500* |
| Scott Jones | PVHS SAT | May 1, 2027 | $500* |
| Lauren Patasnik | PHHS SAT | June 5, 2027 | $500* |

*$150 will be paid directly from the College Board. The remaining $350 will be paid by the district.

22. **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** |
|---|---|---|
| Sol Marguiles | Classroom Teacher | New |
| Matthew Mugno | Classroom Teacher | Renew |
| Dawn Priester | Classroom Teacher | Renew |
| Erika Velez | Classroom Teacher | Renew |

Moved by: Calderone Seconded by: Keller

VOTE

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

Mrs. Huang abstained from item #8.
Mr. Weaver abstained from item #16.

XIII. **FINANCE**
Consent Agenda for Items 1 – 41

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 September 28, 2026 | $2,043,730.75 |
| Payroll as of August 31, 2026 | $446,109.03 |

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| Payroll as of September 10, 2026 | $1,678,530.31 |
| Total | $4,168,370.09 |

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

6. **Revised June Board Secretary Report** (attached)
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, revise the Board Secretary unaudited 2025-26 financial report.which is in agreement, reflecting the district's financial activities for the period June 2026.

7. **Revised June Transfer Report** (attached)
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at

the recommendation of the interim superintendent, revise the Transfer Report for the period June 2026.

8. **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 |
|---|---|
| Doreen Babis | NJSBA Workshop |
| Jonathan Hesney | NJSBA Workshop |
| Stephanie Huang | NJSBA Workshop |
| Cynthia Kirk | NJSBA Workshop |
| Tracy Leigh | NJSBA Workshop |
| Valerie Mattessich | National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention |
| Dirk Phillips | NJSBA Workshop |
| Dirk Phillips | League of Innovative Schools |
| Tracy Recine | NCTE National Convention |
| Noemi Rodriguez | NECTFL 2026 Regional Conference |
| Argine Safari | LEGAL ONE Arts Education and the Law |

9. **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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8/19/26 | Wegmans | $500 | PH - Robotics Team |
| 8/25/26 | Wegmans | $1000 | PV - Girls Soccer |

10. **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.

11. **Return to Capital Reserve - Closed/Completed Projects**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the return to Capital Reserve for the following closed/completed projects as of 6/30/2026.

| School | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| PV | Auditorium Renovation | $84,490.88 |
| PV | Lot Paving | $58,748.75 |
| PV | Turf Drainage Improvement | $24,580.00 |
| PH | Auditorium Renovation | $56,213.00 |
| PH | Field Lighting | $78,000.00 |
| PH | Grandstand Drainage | $575.00 |
| | Total | $302,607.63 |

12. **Amendment of the Long Range Facility Plan**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("Board") at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, authorize the amendment of the current Long Range Facilities Plan to include the following: Install energy recovery ventilators at the Milestones Building.

13. **Settlement**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("Board") at the recommendation of the interim superintendent approve the settlement of the lawsuit filed against the Board, bearing Docket No. PAS-L-1871-23, and authorizes the Board President to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the Board and the implementation of the terms of settlement.

14. **Settlement**
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("Board") at the recommendation of the interim superintendent approve the settlement of the lawsuit filed against the Board, bearing Agency Dkt. No. 2026-41036, and authorizes the Board President to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the Board and the implementation of the terms of settlement.

15. **Settlement**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of

Education ("Board") at the recommendation of the interim superintendent approve the settlement of the lawsuit filed against the Board, bearing Docket No. BER-L-004876-23, and authorizes the Board President to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the Board and the implementation of the terms of settlement.

16. **Lunch & Learn Workshops funded by ESEA Title IIA**
**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 of Workshop | # of Hours | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Noemi Rodriguez Grimshaw | 12/9/26 | 2 | $51 |
| Jessica Sachs | 10/15/26 | 2 | $51 |
| Patricia Sularz | 10/22/26 | 2 | $51 |

17. **Bergen County Special Services Sound Solutions (attached)**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve Bergen County Special Services Sound Solutions to provide a Central Auditory Processing Evaluation for the 2026-2027 school year.

18. **Submission of the Project Application to NJ Department of Education - Milestones**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission of the Project Application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the Energy Recovery Ventilators in the Milestones building, per application and drawings as prepared by Architect Robert E. Donahue LLC. This project is an "Other Capital" Project, and the Board is not seeking State funding.

19. **Submission of the Project Application to NJ Department of Education – Pascack Valley High School**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the submission of the Project Application to the New Jersey Department of Education for proposed security upgrades at Pascack Valley High School, per application and drawings as prepared by Architect Robert E. Donahue LLC. This project is an "Other Capital" Project, and the Board is not seeking State funding.

20. **KSI Consulting Engineers, LLC Proposal – RTU3 & RTU6 Replacement Project**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the engineering fee proposal from KSI Consulting Engineers, LLC, Farmingdale , New Jersey for the RTU3 & RTU6 Replacement Project at Pascack Valley High School in the amount of $65,000 or $62,000 depending on whether the Design/Bid/Build Option or the Direct Install Option is selected.

21. **KSI Consulting Engineers, LLC Proposal – Milestones @ PVR ERV Design Project**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the engineering fee proposal from KSI Consulting Engineers, LLC, Farmingdale , New Jersey for the Milestones @ PVR ERV Design Project at Pascack Valley High School in the amount of $6,000.

22. **Delta-T Staffing Services**
**WHEREAS,** the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education desires to contract with a vendor for Substitute Custodial Services for the 2026-2027 school year; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Delta-T Group North Jersey, Inc. submitted a quote in the amount of $30 per hour for each and every custodial personnel assigned; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board finds Delta-T Group North Jersey, Inc.'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 Delta-T Group North Jersey, Inc. 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 Delta-T Group North Jersey, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $30,000; 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.

23. **Agreement to Provide Services and/or Equipment Under the Nonpublic School Security Aid Program 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, approve the agreement to provide services and/or equipment under the Nonpublic Security Aid program for the 2026–2027 school year.

24. **Agreement to Provide Equipment - Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for the 2026-2027 School Year (attached)**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement to provide equipment to St. Joseph Regional High School under the NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for the 2026–2027 school year.

25. **Agreement to Provide Textbooks - Nonpublic School Textbook Program 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, approve the agreement to provide textbooks to St. Joseph Regional High School under the NJ Nonpublic School Textbook Program for the 2026–2027 school year.

26. **BSN Sports Reward Program - Retroactive Approval of Agreement (attached)**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent,, retroactively approve an agreement with the BSN Sports Reward Program, to obtain product rebates from purchases made through BSN Sports, for a term beginning July 1, 2026- June 30, 2028, at no cost to the district.

27. **High Focus Centers (attached)**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement with High Focus Centers (HFC), for the period beginning August 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, at a daily rate of $150 per student per day of instruction.

28. **BCBA Services**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement with Montvale Board of Education for BCBA Consultation Services, for the period beginning September 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, as needed, at a rate of $150 per hour, not to exceed $10,500.

29. **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 |
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| 1 | Pioneers Utility Trailer | Tag # 10224 |

30. **Revised Chapter 192/193 Service Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District for 2026-2027 (attached)**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the revised Chapter 192/193 Service Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

31. **Agreement with New Jersey School Boards to Perform a Superintendent Search for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve an agreement between the Pascack Valley Regional High School District and New Jersey School Boards to provide superintendent search services to the Board according to be conducted throughout the 2026-2027 school year, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the fees and expenses for services to New Jersey School Boards will be not to exceed $15,500, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby authorizes New Jersey School Boards to conduct a superintendent search for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District throughout the 2026-2027 school year.The steering committee has evaluated the proposals and determined that this firm will best serve the district's needs in assisting with the upcoming superintendent search.

32. **InSite Health, Inc. (attached)**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the agreement with InSite Health, Inc., for Psychiatric Clearances/Evaluations as needed, at a rate of $650 per evaluation, not to exceed $6,500 for the 2026-2027 school year.

33. **Teach Stem Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant**
**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Education has approved the Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant application submitted for Pioneer Academy to form a partnership with Kursad Altayli, math teacher at Pascack Hills High School, to teach STEM classes at the nonpublic school in FY2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved grant funds shall be allocated by the Department of Education to the school district of the eligible teacher participating in the program and the district shall use the funds to provide compensation to a participating eligible teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement between the nonpublic school, the teacher, and the district states the mutually agreed upon times and hours during which the teacher will teach the STEM classes at the nonpublic school, which are outside of Pascack Valley Regional High School District's regular school hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award for Kursad Altayli is calculated based on the teacher's 2026-2027 contract salary hourly rate and total number of teaching hours of 210, however will be paid on the actual hours taught, not to exceed 210; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the allocation of the Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant for FY2027.

34. **Teach Stem Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant**
**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Education has approved the Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant application submitted for Heichal Hatorah to form a partnership with Steven Comanto, science teacher at Pascack Hills High School, to teach STEM classes at the nonpublic school in FY2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved grant funds shall be allocated by the Department of Education to the school district of the eligible teacher participating in the program and the district shall use the funds to provide compensation to a participating eligible teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement between the nonpublic school, the teacher, and the district states the mutually agreed upon times and hours during which the teacher will teach the STEM classes at the nonpublic school, which are outside of Pascack Valley Regional High School

District's regular school hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award for Steven Comanto is calculated based on the teacher's 2026-2027 contract salary hourly rate and total number of teaching hours of 98.42, however will be paid on the actual hours taught, not to exceed 98.42; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the allocation of the Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant for FY2027.

35. **Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan**
**WHEREAS,** the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (Employer) has maintained the Pascack Valley Regional High School Dist Plan ("Plan") since January 1, 2009 for the benefit of eligible employees; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Education is restating the above-referenced Plan to comply with 2022 Cumulative List of Changes in Section 403(b) Requirements for 403(b) Pre-approved Plans and to continue to receive the tax benefits of an IRS pre-approved plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education hereby adopts the Pascack Valley Regional High School Dist Plan as a complete restatement of the prior Plan, to be effective on January 1, 2026; and

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary (or authorized representative) is authorized to execute the restated Plan document and authorize the performance of any other actions necessary to implement the adoption of the Plan restatement.

36. **Dual Enrollment Agreement – Syracuse University (attached)**
**RESOLVED,** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the interim superintendent approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Syracuse University and Pascack Valley Regional High School District at the rate of $115 per credit hour for the 2026-2027 school year.

37. **Revised 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 revised Pomptonian lunch price list for the 2026-27 school year.

38. **Pascack Hills High School –1st Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for School Bus Riders for the 2026-2027 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 interim superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill:
For Pascack Hills High School, 225 West Grand Ave Montvale, NJ
The first of two annual drills for bus riders for the 2026-2027 school year was conducted on Friday September 4, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Evacuation Drill was held in the front of the Gym at Pascack Hills High School.
Route Numbers: All students participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drill.
For all Routes.

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

39. **Pascack Valley High School –1st Annual Report for School Bus Emergency Evacuation Instruction Drill for School Bus Riders for the 2026-2027 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 interim superintendent, approve the following completed school bus emergency evacuation drill:
For Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Ave Hillsdale, NJ
The first of two annual drills for bus riders for the 2026-2027 school year was conducted on Thursday September 17, 2026, at 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
Evacuation Drill was held in the front of Pascack Valley High School.
Route Numbers: Routes 9,10,11,12 AM Routes only.
Tom Gallione Assistant Principal of Pascack Valley High School conducted the Emergency Evacuation Drill.

40. **Joint Transportation Agreement - Westwood Regional School District**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the interim superintendent, approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Westwood Regional School District (Host District) and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Joiner District) with the purpose of share cost in transporting students on Route BCAT2 to the Bergen County Applied Technology High School, Paramus, NJ for the 2026-2027 school year.

41. **Parent Transportation Contract**
**RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education at the recommendation of the interim superintendent approve the Transportation contract to the Parent for student CL for transportation to ECLC for ESY and the 2026-27 school year. Route Cost .67/mile=not to exceed $2,000.

Moved by: Calderone — Seconded by: Guzman

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 | | x | | Weaver | x | x | | |
| Keller | x | | | | Stephans | x | | | |
| Martin | x | | x | | | | | | |

Mrs. Huang abstained from items #8 and # 31.
Mrs. Martin abstained from item #31.
Mr. Weaver voted NO to item #31.
Mr. Weaver commented on item #31, approving firm for superintendent search and why he is voting no. Ms. Calderone commented on item #31, and why she is voting yes to using a superintendent search firm. Mrs. Varghese commented on item #31 and why she is voting yes to

using a superintendent search firm. Ms. Guzman commented on item #31 and why she is voting yes to using a search firm. Mr. Stankus commented on item #31 and why he is voting yes to using a search firm for the superintendent search. Mr. Weaver commented on the use of a search firm for a prior superintendent search and questioned why the same process was not used as last time in selecting a firm to conduct the search.

XIV. **OLD BUSINESS**
None.

XV. **NEW BUSINESS**
2027-2028 Budget Calendar (attached) - Ms. Cynthia Kirk
Ms. Kirk provided an overview of the proposed 2027-2028 budget calendar.

XVI. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Citizens are invited to make comments and are limited to three minutes, according to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education policy number 0167. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in and state their name and town of residence.

Nancy Cagland of Old Bridge commented on custodial outsourcing. Meredith Kates of Hillsdale commented on P5756. Linda Giovanni of Hillsdale commented on district goal #3 and also transgender safety.

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT**
A motion was made by Ms. Guzman to adjourn the public session at 9:05 p.m. Ms. Keller seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Kirk
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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