

Passaic Valley Regional High School District

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**The Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School
In the County of Passaic, New Jersey**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
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The minutes for the regular meeting of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 in the County of Passaic on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, held in the Adra Suchorsky Library at the Passaic Valley High School located at East Main Street, Little Falls, New Jersey, 07424.

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY MR. DAMIANO, BOARD PRESIDENT,
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane -Absent

Also Present:

Bracken Healy, Superintendent of Schools
Colin Monahan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Raymond Reddin, Esq., Board Attorney

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. READING OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Monahan read the Public Notice.

Public Notice

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 issued notice of this meeting on January 6, 2023, by having the date, time and location of the meeting posted on the bulletin board of Passaic Valley High School and sent to The North Jersey Herald News and The Record. Notice was also filed with the Township Clerk of Little Falls, the Borough Clerk of Totowa and the Business Administrator of Woodland Park and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them. Notice was also filed with the Township Clerk of Little Falls, the Borough Clerk of Totowa and the Business Administrator of Woodland Park and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

None

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Damiano asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023.

Mr. D’Angelo made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of March 14, 2023; seconded by Mr. Doell.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Absent

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Healy stated the production company will be starting their prep work tomorrow on the field and some indoor offices. They will begin filming next week and it may carry over to approximately May 15th. The final contracted amount will be approximately \$130,000.00 and the additional cost of restoration to be determined at the end of filming.

Mr. Damiano asked if the track will be closed through May 5th or May 15th.

Dr. Healy responded the track should reopen the weekend of May 5th and there is a possibility they will be back to film on May 15th.

Dr. Healy stated he will update the Board as best he can.

Dr. Healy spoke about the production of a film being conducted on school property. He stated Passaic Valley will not have any school colors, banners or mention of the school district in the production of this film. Dr. Healy further stated the community was notified about the film production.

Mr. Monahan stated there are two (2) public hearings at tonight’s meeting. The first is for the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement and the second is the Budget Hearing presentation.

Mr. Monahan asked for a motion to go into Public Session for the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement.

Mr. D’Angelo made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Absent

Mr. Monahan read the Resolution approving the 2023 – 2028 Employment Agreement for Dr. Bracken Healy as Superintendent of Schools of Passaic Valley Regional High School.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Resolution Approving 2023-2028 Employment Agreement for Dr. Bracken Healy as Superintendent of Schools, Passaic Valley Regional High School:

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 2007, c.53, An Act Concerning School District Accountability; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act amended N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-11 to require boards of education to provide public notice 30 days prior to the renegotiation, extension, amendment, or alteration of an employment agreement with the superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent of schools, or school business administrator; and

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WHEREAS, said public notice was provided to the public via posting on March 10, 2023, to the district’s official newspapers, The Record and The North Jersey Herald News for publication, and filing on March 10, 2023, with the clerks of Little Falls, Totowa and Woodland Park for public posting; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act amended N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-11 to require boards of education to provide public notice of a public hearing 10 days prior to the renegotiation, extension, amendment, or alteration of an employment agreement with the superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent of schools, or school business administrator; and

WHEREAS, said public notice of a public hearing was provided to the public via posting on April 6, 2023, to the district’s official newspaper, The Record and the North Jersey Herald News for publication, and filing on April 10, 2023, with the clerk of Little Falls, Totowa, Woodland Park for public posting: now therefore be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Passaic Valley Board of Education hereby designates starting at 7:00 P.M. in the Adra Suchorsky Library, Passaic Valley High School, East Main Street, Little Falls, New Jersey, 07424, April 25, 2023 as the public hearing required by the Act, after which the Board may take action to amend and renew the Superintendent’s employment agreement.

Mr. Monahan asked if there was any public comment. There were no public comments or questions.

Mr. Monahan asked if the Board had any questions. The Board had no questions.

Mr. Monahan stated the Board will take action on Dr. Healy’s Employment Agreement under Negotiations in the regular agenda.

Mr. Monahan asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. D’Angelo.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

IX. PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET

Mr. Monahan asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for the Budget Hearing.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to open the meeting to the public for the presentation of the 2023 – 2024 School Year Budget; seconded by Mr. D’Angelo.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes	Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. Casanovas – Yes	Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes	Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent	Mr. Doell – Yes
	Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

Mr. Monahan presented to the public the 2023 – 2024 School Year Budget.

Mr. Monahan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions from the public or the Board.

Mr. Monahan asked for a motion to close the meeting of the Public Hearing Budget.

Mr. Doell made a motion to close the meeting of the Public Hearing Budget; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes	Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. Casanovas – Yes	Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes	Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent	Mr. Doell – Yes
	Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

None

XI. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mr. Damiano asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Mr. D’Angelo made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Ms. Brigati stated seeing none, made a motion to close the meeting to the public.

XII. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Approval / March 2023 Student Attendance

The Superintendent recommended approval of the March 2023 student attendance.

Possible number of days school has been open	22.00
Possible number of days attendance	22,779.00
Days absent	943.00
Percent of attendance	95.9%
Average daily Enrollment	1,035.00

2. Approval / 2022-2023 Out of District Placement

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the following out of district placement(s):

	Student ID	Location	Cost
1	937958	Glenview Academy 24 Dwight Place Fairfield, NJ	\$25,973.57 Prorated 3/22/23 \$440.23/day 59 days \$15,045.00 Extraordinary Services \$41,018.57 Total
2	32046	ECLC 302 N. Franklin Tpk Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ	REVISED: \$31,500.00 Tuition \$3,500.00 Extraordinary Services \$35,00.00 Total

3. Approval / 2023-2024 Out of District Placement

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the following out of district placement(s):

	Student ID	Location	Cost
1	1901008	New Beginnings 28 Dwight Place Fairfield, NJ 07004	\$12,960.00 ESY Tuition \$8,400.00 ESY Extraordinary Services \$78,624.00 Tuition \$50,960.00 Extraordinary Services \$150,944.00 Total

4. Approval / 2023-2024 Shared Time Program

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the following out of district placement(s):

	Student ID	Location	Cost
1	2001365 937715 2001028 31729 20197	HoHoKus School 634 Market Street Paterson, NJ	\$9,900.00/per student @ 180 days) \$49,500.00 Total
2	32988	HoHoKus School 634 Market Street Paterson, NJ	\$9,900.00/per student @ 180 days) \$9,900.00 Total

Education Committee

5. Approval / Home Instruction

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the following home instruction:

Student ID	Instructor	Location
34523	Aspire Counseling Center	PHP Program \$625.00/week
937922	Learn Well	Faciltiy \$52.75/hour up to 10 hours per week

6. Approval / 2022-2023 Augmentative Communication Assessment

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the augmentative communication assessment for student id #20549, cost not to exceed \$1,100.00. Assessment to be provided by Bergen County Special Services Educational Enterprise Division.

7. Report of HIB

The Superintendent reported and requested approval of the following HIB investigation(s):

Incident #	Location	Consequences	Intervention	Other Action	Determination
2223-06	Locker Room	Detention	Counseling with Mr. Burke	None	Not HIB
2223-07	Gris Gym	None	Referral to Mr. Burke	None	Not HIB

8. Approval / Mary Garofalo, Teacher of English, Resignation

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dr. Mary Garofalo, teacher of English retroactive as of April 21, 2023.

9. Approval / 2023-2024 Guidance Student Intern

The Superintendent recommended approval of Montclair State University graduate student Mackenzie Oliver as a Guidance Intern for the 2023-2024 year under the supervision of Danielle Vigilante. Ms. Oliver will submit fingerprints and any additional documents as required before her start.

10. Approval / Fall 2023-2024 Karina Guinart Counseling Intern

The Superintendent recommended approval of Karina Guinart, current 2022-2023 Guidance Intern, to complete her final semester internship, fall 2023.

Education Committee

11. Approval / Professional Day

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following staff professional days:

- Jennifer Shue, School Counselor – April 3, 2023, ½ day (retroactive). University of Pittsburgh admissions and representatives networking. Fairfield, NJ. No cost.
- Corine Czepiel, Fine Art Teacher – March 31, 2023 (retroactive). Phoenix Workshop, Professional Development for art educators. Summit, NJ. No cost.

12. Approval / Overnight Professional Day

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following staff overnight professional day:

- Kelly O’Brien, Special Education Supervisor – May 17-19, 2023. NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference, Atlantic City, NJ. Registration and lodging \$796.00. Meals, mileage and fees will also be reimbursed.

13. Approval / Fundraisers

The Superintendent recommended approval of following fundraisers:

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	PVRHS Golf	J. Wassel	Snap Raise	April 7-May 5, 2023 Online (retroactive)	Raise funds to support program needs
2	Italian Club	Napolitano	Dine and Donate	May 2, 2023 / Chipotle Wayne, NJ	Raise funds for annual dinner
3	Italian Club	Napolitano	Tee shirt sale	April 28-May 12, 2023/ In School	Raise funds for annual dinner
4	Art Club, Culinary Club, GSA Club	Czepiel, Geleta, Vasa	Hand crafted bowl and food sale	May 23, 2023/ Art Show/Pops Concert	Raise funds to support “Empty Bowl” project that support food banks and soup kitchens fighting hunger
5	Class of 2024	Francis/Van Ess	Can Shake	April 22, 2023/ Shop Rite, Little Falls NJ (retroactive)	Raise funds for prom

14. Approval / Virginia Monk, Piano Accompanist

The Superintendent recommended retroactive approval of Ms. Virginia Monk as the piano accompanist for the spring concert on March 23, 2003. Rate \$175.00.

15. Approval / Revision 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

The Superintendent recommended retroactive approval of the revision of the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

Education Committee

- 16. Approval / Rita Jourdan, Part Time ABA Paraprofessional / Bus Aide**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Rita Jourda as a part time PV ABA paraprofessional/bus for the 2022-2023 school year, no benefits, up to 29 hours per week, rate \$22.00 per hour. Start date pending completion and receipt of fingerprinting and of paperwork.
- 17. Approval / Brianna Torres, Part Time ABA Paraprofessional / Bus Aide**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Brianna Torres as a part time PV ABA paraprofessional / bus for the 2022-2023 school year, no benefits, up to 29 hours per week, rate \$22.00 per hour. Start date pending completion and receipt of fingerprinting and of paperwork.
- 18. Approval / Spring 2023, Fatima Martinez, Clinical Observations**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Fatima Martinez, Caldwell University, to do her required Clinical Observation; 3 hours observation, date TBD. A. Francis, C. Joseph, J. Picarelli supervising.
- 19. Approval / Substitute Teacher(s) 2022-2023**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the following substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year, part time up to 29 hours, no benefits. Start date pending receipt of criminal history and paperwork required.
- Gregory Desbiens
 - Momin Rasool
- 20. Approval / Yvonne Migliaccio, English Long Term Leave Replacement**
The Superintendent recommended retroactive approval of Yvonne Migliaccio as a long-term English leave replacement teacher effective April 24, 2023 through June 22, 2023. No benefits, Class 1, Step 1 at \$57,395.00 prorated.
- 21. Approval / Cherylyn Costello, Full Time, Tenure Track Special Education Math Teacher 2023-2024 School Year**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Cherylyn Costello for the 2023-2024 academic year, Special Education Math Teacher, full time tenure track. Compensation Class 1, Step 13 at \$70,150.00.
- 22. Approval / Paige Gensinger, Permanent Substitute Instructional Paraprofessional**
The Superintendent recommended approval for Ms. Paige Gensinger as a Permanent Substitute Instructional Paraprofessional / ABA Program, at \$25.00 per hour.

Education Committee

23. Approval / Field Trips

The Superintendent recommended approval of following field trips:

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	Music	DeLuccia	Meet with middle school band students	March 24, 2023/ 11:40am-3pm/ Little Falls School #1	Connect with the middle school students. Introduce them to our students and program. Approx 16 students 1 staff Cost to BOE-substitute
2	SAC	Morris	Passaic County Teen Summit	June 2, 2023/ 8:30am-1:00pm/ WPU, Wayne NJ	Empower students to make positive decisions, resist peer pressure and be active in the community. Approx 8 students 2 staff Cost to BOE -substitute
3	Environmental Science	Goodman	Duke Farms	May 11, 2023/ 8:15am-2pm/ 1112 Dukes Pky, Hillsborough, NJ	Students will explore amount other things several ecosystems, identify ecosystems and examine sustainability initiatives. Approx 50 students 4 staff (to fulfill farm required staff: student) Cost to BOE- substitutes
4	Principals of Energy	Robeson	NJ Robotics Competition	May 9, 2023/ 8:30am-12:30pm/ Passaic County Community College, Paterson NJ	Attend the NJ Robotics competition. Approx 20 students 1 staff Cost to BOE-substitute

24. Approval / 2023-2024 ESY Hours

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Bergen ABA Summer 2023 program ESY hours Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 1:30pm, June 26, 2023 through August 3, 2023. The program will be closed July 3, 2023 and July 4, 2023.

25. Approval / March 2023 Suspensions

The Superintendent recommended approval of March 2023 suspensions.

Education Committee

26. Approval of Shared Services Agreement Bergen County Special Services Addendum 2023-2024

WHEREAS the Passaic Valley Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services School District are parties to a Shared Services Service Agreement providing for BCSS’s provisions of services for the BCSS/Passaic Valley Collaborative Program for pupils with similar intensive educational, behavioral and other needs related to their disabilities; and

WHEREAS the parties wish to continue the services of and renew the above-referenced Agreement through the 2023-2024 school year and seek to amend certain portions of the Agreement per the attached addendum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Passaic Valley Board of Education ratified and approved the Addendum for the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator be and is hereby authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

27. Approval of Special Education Contract – Tuition Paying Students for the Passaic Valley / Bergen Autism Program

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve one student from the Cedar Grove Public School to attend the Passaic Valley / Bergen Autism Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dr. Cathcart made a motion to approve Education items 1 – 27; seconded by Mr. Doell.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

XIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE

28. Adoption of the 2023-2024 School Budget

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board adopt the 2023-2024 School Budget as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Passaic Valley Board of Education, County of Passaic, that the 2023-2024 school district budget be approved as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following GENERAL FUND AND DEBT SERVICE tax levies be approved to support the 2023-2024 budget:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023-2024 Total Expenditures	\$36,391,366.00	\$734,221.00	\$661,165.00	\$37,786,752.00
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$7,954,914.00	\$734,221.00	\$225,439.00	\$8,914,574.00
Taxes to be Raised	\$28,436,452.00	\$0.00	\$435,726.00	\$28,872,178.00

29. Approval of Monthly Bill List - April

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Board of Education to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the Board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the following bill lists are drawn from the Authorization checking account and is being presented to the Board with the recommendation that it be paid:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
4/26/23	Pending	\$ 1,707,909.37

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education approved the above bill list from the Authorization checking account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education authorized the School Business Administrator to pay bills between board meetings if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting in accordance with Policy 6470 – Payment of Claims.

Finance Committee

30. Acceptance of the Board Secretary’s Report, Cash Reconciler’s Cash Report and the Board Secretary’s Certification of Funds for the Month of March 2023

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation: and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary’s Report and the Cash Reconciler’s Cash report; and

WHEREAS, attached are the Board Secretary’s Report and the Cash Reconciler’s Cash report for the month ending March 31, 2023 for the Board to accept;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education acknowledged receipt of and accepted the Board Secretary’s Report and the Cash Reconciler’s Cash report for the month ending March 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and the Board of Education certified that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District’s financial obligation.

31. Approval of Payment of Cafeteria Invoices

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve payment of the following cafeteria invoices:

Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
Pomptonian	Inv# 671031023	1317	\$20,666.69
Pomptonian	Inv# 671031723	1318	\$24,571.43
Pomptonian	Inv#671032423	1319	\$ 6,428.48
Pomptonian	Inv#671033123	1320	\$18,936.46
Solution Tek	Freezer Door Lock Repairs	1321	\$ 589.81
Solution Tek	Refrigerator Door Lock Repairs	1322	\$ 446.76
St. Philip’s	Payment in Error	1323	\$ 216.20

32. Approval of Line Item Budget Transfers – March 2023

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the following line-item transfers for the month of March 2023 as presented.

33. Acceptance of Financial Status Report – March 2023

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board accept the Financial Status Report for the month of March 2023, as presented.

Finance Committee

34. Acceptance of Revenue Report – March 2023

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board accept the Revenue Report for the month of March 2023, as presented.

Dr. Cathcart made a motion to approve Finance items 28 – 24; seconded by Mr. D’Angelo.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

XIV. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

35. Approval of Use of Facilities

The Superintendent recommended the following use of facilities requests: all outside organizations (not school related) must file proof of insurance with Passaic Valley Regional High School before the commencement of their designated event, including any preparation before, if necessary.

- Dr. Iobst requested the retroactive use of rooms 222 and 243 on April 10-11, 2023 from 11am-2pm for AP exam review.
- May 10, 2023 (7pm - 9pm) Griswold Gymnasium. Educating Athletes Organization. FREE Recruiting Seminar for North Jersey HS Football Players. College Coaches from D1, D2, D3. Panel Discussion, presentation & question/answer period.

36. Approval / Emergency Exit Drills

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended authorization to conduct Emergency Exit Drills with Laidlaw Transit/First Student, School Transportation Service and Trans-Ed for all Passaic Valley High School bus routes and Passaic Valley Buses and other busing for students from various boards of education participating in the PV/ABA Program. Drills will be scheduled in accordance with NJAC:6:21-11.4 dates in May to be determined based on weather conditions.

37. Approval / Disposal of Items

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the approval to dispose of unrepairable and outdated computer equipment to Sycamore International, West Grove, Pennsylvania. Sycamore will recycle this equipment and issue a check to the school district.

38. Approval of Donation – Sound System

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, recommended the approval of the donation of a sound system for the softball and baseball field at a cost of \$6,341.82 by Herff Jones.

39. Approval of Donation

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, recommended the approval of the donation of \$792.15 from the Little Falls Masonic Lodge to pay for three families lunch program balances.

40. Approval of Millennium Strategies – US Department of Justice Grant

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, recommended the Board approve Millennium Strategies at a consulting fee cost of \$4,500.00 to complete the grant application for the US Department of Justice, through the COPS School Violence Prevention Program.

Operations Committee

41. Approval of Location Agreement – 20th Television

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, recommended the Board approve the location agreement with 20th Television.

42. Request for Proposals

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, recommended the Board approve the Request for Proposals for the following services:

- Attorney/Negotiator
- Auditor
- Special Council
- Insurance Broker/Risk Manager
- Architectural/Engineering Services

43. Approval of PPE Supplies – ESSER II

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommended the Board approve the purchase of PPE supplies (4 outdoor receptacles) in the amount of \$6,100.00. These monies have been approved through the school district's ESSER II Grant, Account # 20-483-200-600-007600-050.

44. Approval of Cafeteria Tables – ESSER III

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommended the Board retroactively approve the purchase of 30 cafeteria tables from LEE Distributors, State Contract ED Data Bid #10430 in the amount of \$51,694.20. These monies have been approved through the school district's ESSER III Grant, Account # 20-487-200-600-007600-050.

Mr. Doell made a motion to approve Operation items 35 – 43; seconded by Mr. Casasnovas.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D'Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

XV. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

45. Approval / Spring 2022-2023 Coaches

The Superintendent recommended retroactive approval of the following coaching positions for the 2022-2023 spring season:

- Approval of **Marc Salvatore**, Head Boys Lacrosse. Schedule D, Category 3, level 4 = \$7,761.00
- Approval of **Andrew Greco**, Asst. Boys Lacrosse. Schedule D, Category 3, level 4 = \$5,533.00
- Approval of **Frank Kalokitis**, Volunteer Coach, Boys Lacrosse. Pending receipt of background check and volunteer paperwork

Mr. Casasnovas made a motion to approve Athletic item 45; seconded by Mr. D’Angelo.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

XVI. POLICY COMMITTEE

46. Approval / Policy Adoption

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, recommended approval and adoption of the following policies:

- P 0144 Board Member Orientation and Training (Revised)
- P & R 2520 Instructional Supplies (M) (Revised)
- P 3217 Use of Corporal Punishment (Revised)
- P 4217 Use of Corporal Punishment (New)
- P 5305 Health Services Personnel (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5308 Student Health Records (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5310 Health Services (M) (Revised)
- P 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M) (Revised)
- R 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs (M) (New)
- P 6115.04 Federal Funds – Duplication of Benefits (M) (New)
- P 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)
- P 7440 School District Security (M) (Revised)
- P 9100 Public Relations (Abolished)
- P 9140 Citizens Advisory Committees (Revised)
- R 9140 Citizens Advisory Committee (M) (Abolished)

Mr. D’Angelo made a motion to approve item 46; seconded by Mr. Doell.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

XVII. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

47. Ratification of the Executive County Superintendent's Approved 2023-2028 Employment Contract – Superintendent

It is the recommendation of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District Board of Education to ratify the Executive County Superintendents approved 2023-2028 employment contract for Dr. Bracken Healy, as Superintendent.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to approve Negotiation item 47; seconded by Mr. D'Angelo.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes
Mr. Casasnovas – Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes
Mr. D'Angelo – Yes
Mr. DeLuca - Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

XVIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attorney's Report

None

Operations

Mr. Doell stated Dr. Healy spoke to the Operations Committee about Passaic Valley's increase in enrollment and the decrease in enrollment at PCTI from last year.

Discussion was held on the film production schedule.

Dr. Healy also stated to the Operations Committee that there is discussion of a fundraiser for upgrades to the wrestling gym.

Mr. Doell stated Mr. Monahan spoke of the ESSER Fund amendment and use of those funds.

Mr. Doell further stated the District is currently obtaining prices for fencing repairs and installation.

Mr. Doell spoke about the revision of the Academic Calendar and the approval of donation of speakers from Herff Jones.

Athletics

Mr. Casasnovas stated there was an Athletic Committee meeting held. He spoke about Girls' Show production, tryouts, student selection, judge selection, scoring and feedback. He further stated PVTV producing Girls' Show saved the District \$16,000.00 and production was excellent. The students did an amazing job.

Mr. Casasnovas spoke about the Spring sports. He further spoke about sports clinics and having programs in the three (3) towns. There is a District mission statement which is in the process of being revised to align with the mission statement of the NJSIAA.

Dr. Healy stated the District is close to 90% participation rate amongst students participating in athletics, clubs and activities. Dr. Healy credited the Board for supporting our programs.

Passaic County School Board's Association – Report of Delegate

None

New Jersey School Board's Association – Report of Delegate

None

Old Business

Mr. D'Angelo thanked Dr. Healy and Mr. Monahan for their diligent work. The Board agreed with Mr. D'Angelo.

New Business

None

XIX. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mr. Damiano asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Mr. D’Angelo made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Mr. Casasnovas.

Ms. Brigati stated seeing none, made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Mr. Doell.

Dr. Healy stated he appreciates the Board’s confidence and support in him for the next five (5) years.

Mr. Damiano asked when negotiations will begin for the teachers. Mr. Monahan stated teacher negotiations will begin early fall.

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. D’Angelo made a motion to enter into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Casasnovas.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati – Yes

Mr. Casasnovas – Yes

Dr. Cathcart – Yes

Mr. D’Ambrosio – Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D’Angelo – Yes

Mr. DeLuca - Yes

Mr. Doell – Yes

Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Damiano asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. DeLuca.

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting:

May 9, 2023

Adra Suchorsky Library

Passaic Valley Regional High School

East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey