

**Passaic Valley Regional High School
District #1**

AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

Order of Business

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF ANNOUNCEMENT

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 8, 2022, 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular and executive meeting(s) will be presented for review and approval.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Start Strong Assessment Fall 2021
- HIB / VVSA Report Period 1

CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Education Committee

1. Report of HIB

The Superintendent reports and requests approval of the following HIB investigation(s):

Incident #	Location	Consequences	Intervention	Other Action	Determination
2122-12	Internet	Office Lunch	Meeting Mrs. Cruz	Support by Ms. Moise, Mental Health Clinician	HIB
2122-13	Classroom	None	Meetin with Ms. Wilks and Mr. Settembre	None	Not HIB

2. Report of Suspensions

The Superintendent reports and requests approval of suspensions for January 2022. Attach. E-1

3. Approval / Professional Day Request

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following professional day(s):

Emp. ID #/ Position	Destination	Date/ Location	Benefits/Purpose	Cost
4256	Mental Health First Aide Awareness Training	Feb 23, 2022 Paramus NJ	Learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness & substance use disorders	No cost to BOE

4. Approval / Home Instruction 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following Home Instruction:

ID	
HI20-2122	Home Instruction - Educere

5. Approval / December 2021 Student Attendance

The Superintendent reports the following attendance for December 2021:

Possible number of days school has been open	18.00
Possible number of days attendance	18,103.00
Days absent	858.00
Percent of attendance	95.3%
Average daily attendance	958.06
Average daily enrollment	1,005.72

6. Approval / Revision Replace NRESC Alternate

The Superintendent requests approval Ms. Krista Voorhis, Vice Principal as the 21-22 alternate representative replacing Dr. Jared Fowler who resigned.

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7. Approval /Resignation Sylvestre Mercado, Multimedia Technician
 The Superintendent requests approval to accept the resignation of Sylvestre Mercado, Multimedia Technician effective February 14, 2022.

8. Approval/Fundraiser(s)
 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following fundraiser(s):

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	Class of 2024	Francis/ Van Ess	Candy gram sale	Feb 8-10, 2022/ In School	Raise funds for junior cotillion and senior prom
2	Winter Track & Field	J. Thornton	T-shirt sale	Feb 9-23, 2022/ In school	Funds raised will to support the Cappello family
3	Student Senate	Grande	Flower gram sale	Feb 8-11, 2022/ In school	Raise funds for student senate
4	Spanish Club	Arici & Ropero	Movie night	Mar 23, 2022/ In School	Raise funds for club activities

9. Approval/Fundraiser(s)
 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following 6th period assignments to cover employee #4062 effective 2/1/22 - 6/24/22 (marking period 3 and marking period 4). Compensation prorated as per PVEA contract.

- Suzanne Benvenuti
- Cheryl Grande
- Nicholas Andriani
- Melanie Vasa
- Michael Couden
- Lynn Trautz

10. Approval/Supplemental Instruction
 The Superintendent recommends approval of supplemental instruction for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year for Student ID #2001531 in English for 2 hours per week. Instruction will be provided by Chris Canning.

11. Approval /2021-2024 NJDOE English Language Learner Three Year Plan
 The Superintendent recommends the approval of the 2021-2024 NJDOE English Language Learner Three year plan.

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12. Approval/ Field Trip

The Superintendent recommends approval of following field trip:

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	3D Design	Czepiel	Glass Roots	April 12, 2022 / 9am-1pm / 10 Bleeker Street, Newark, NJ	Hands on learning experience in glass art making which aligns with anchor standards of the NJ State Learning Standards of the NJ State Learning standard in the visual and performing arts and science for students. Approx. 2 staff and 26 Students Cost to BOE – Substitute teachers

13. Approval / Move on the Guide

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following retroactive move(s) on the guide:

- ID #4731 To Step 6 Class 2 as of January 1, 2022

14. Approval/Revised Tuition Contract

The Superintendent recommends approval of the revised contract for Student ID #19018 for the 21-22 school year to include additional school hours. Tuition increase is \$4,760.00.

15. Approval / Math Honor Society Advisor

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following persons to be Co-Math Honor Society Advisors. Schedule B stipend \$1,625.00 (\$812.50 per advisor).

- Sal Silio
- Ennely Thornton

16. Approval / Revised 8th Grade Placement Test Creation/Revision & Grading

The Superintendent recommends the revision for the following persons to perform 8th Grade Placement Test Creation/Revision and Grading. Up to 30 hours each, rate \$37.00/hour. Funds to be paid from ESEA Title I account #20-237-100-100-07600-050

- Susanne Iobst
- Arianna Robeson
- Thomas Deeney
- Kathleen Menake
- Jamie Picarelli
- Kathleen Dellanno

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- 17. Approval / Part time Bus Aide & ABA Paraprofessionals 21-22 SY**
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following persons as part-time bus and ABA paraprofessionals for the 21-22 school year. Start date pending receipt of all necessary paperwork, clearance and certificates. Rate \$18.00 per hour, not to exceed 29 hours.
- Dawn Velardi
 - Roger Batraki
- 18. Approval / Think Reel Films**
The Superintendent recommends approval of Think Reel Films to provide professional video and audio services to produce Girls' Show 2022. Cost \$12,275.00.
- 19. Approval / Substitute Teachers 21-22 SY**
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year, start date pending receipt of all required paperwork and issuance of certificate.
- Madison Yodice \$115.00/per diem
 - Anthony Gennarelli \$100.00/per diem
 - Alex Guarnieri \$115.00/per diem

Finance Committee

1. Approval to Accept Funds – School Security Grant

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approves to accept funds for the School Security Grant in the amount of \$75,738.00.

Athletics and Activities Committee

1. Approval to Attend NJSIAA Wrestling Tournament in Atlantic City March 2nd through 6th, 2022

WHEREAS, the Athletic Director and the PVHS Wrestling Coach wish to have multiple students that qualify and three coaches from the wrestling team participate in the NJSIAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT being held in Atlantic City on March 3, 4 and 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the district’s three wrestling team coaches will all be attending the trip due to the fact that each student maybe participating in a match all at the same time and would require at least one coach to participate at each mat according to NJSIAA/NHSCA rule; and

WHEREAS, the travel to and from this event will be made by means of 2 PVHS Teachers/Coaches personal vehicles (J. Wassel, A. Greco); and

WHEREAS, the cost of this event is estimated at:

Travel cost	\$ 150.00
Hotel costs	\$1,900.00
Meal cost	\$1,400.00

WHEREAS, the total cost of the trip will not exceed \$3,500.00

WHEREAS, this trip will be in accordance with board policy 2431 – Athletic Competition; board regulation 2431.1 – Emergency procedures for Athletic Practices and Competition; board regulation 2431.2 – Medical Examination to Determine Fitness for Participation in Athletics; and board policy and regulation 2431.4 Concussions and Head Injuries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the qualifying student athletes and the three (3) wrestling team coaches to attend NJSIAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT in Atlantic City leaving Wednesday evening March 2, 2022 and returning Sunday morning March 6, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00 in accordance with board policies and regulations.

Operations Committee

1. Approval of Energy Savings Improvement Plan – Lease Purchase Bid and Authorization of Other Actions

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN; RATIFYING THE REQUEST FOR LEASE PURCHASE BIDS TO FINANCE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS COMPRISING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT’S ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Passaic Valley Regional High School District in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby) has, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6, (the “ESP Law”), determined to undertake an energy savings plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board appointed Alaimo Group (“Alaimo”) to develop an Energy Savings Plan (the “ESP”) pursuant to the ESIP Law; and

WHEREAS, Alaimo has developed an ESP based upon a scope of projects including individual energy conservation measures (“ECM’s”), including annual energy and operational savings and a proposed cash flow pro forma; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the ESP Law, the Board appointed Whitman Associates (“Whitman”) to act as a “third party verifier” in order to verify the savings set forth in the ESP; and

WHEREAS, Whitman has verified the savings set forth in the ESP; and

WHEREAS, the ESP, as verified, has been submitted to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the “BPU”) for review and for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the energy savings generated from ESP will be sufficient to cover the cost of the program’s ECM’s set forth in the ESP, and, therefore, has determined to implement the ESP, pending the BPU’s approval, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6 et seq. and to finance the ESP through the issuance of energy savings obligations authorized as a lease purchase agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6(c); and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to move the ESP forward, the Board seeks to: (i) approve and adopt the ESP, subject to BPU approval; (ii) authorize a contract with Alaimo for the undertaking of the planning and design of the ESP, subject to review

by either the Board's general counsel and/or Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.; (iii) authorizing the solicitation of bids for the lease purchase financing of the ECM's and other costs of the ESP; (iv) authorizing the delegation of the award of the lease to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and (v) authorize other actions in connection with the undertaking of the ESP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board hereby approves and adopts the ESP, pending BPU approval, with any minor modifications as may be necessary.

The ESP, once finally approved by the BPU, shall be posted on the School District's website in accordance with law.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby awards a contract to Alaimo (the "Alaimo Contract") to plan and to design, in accordance with the ESP Law, the ECM's set forth in the approved ESP, subject to the approval of the ESP and subject to the availability of funding. Further, the Board President, Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to execute such contract on behalf of the Board of Education; and the signature or signatures thereon are conclusive proof of the required review and approval of the contract.

SECTION 3. Alaimo is hereby authorized and directed to update and to amend the School District's Long Range Facilities Plan to reflect the projects set forth in the ESP and such amendment shall be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education. Further, Alaimo is hereby further authorized and directed to submit the schematic plans and any other required information to the Planning Board and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for review and comment, if necessary.

SECTION 4. Alaimo is hereby authorized and directed to submit the projects set forth in the ESP to the New Jersey Department of Education as "Other Capital Projects". This Board of Education further authorizes Alaimo to obtain any necessary construction approvals for the Energy Conservation Measures.

SECTION 5. The Board hereby authorizes the distribution of a request for bids for the lease purchase financing through the execution of one or more series of lease purchase agreements in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 to finance the improvements set forth in the ESP. Phoenix Advisors, LLC and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., are authorized to draft and distribute such request for bids. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized award the lease purchase agreement upon the advice of Phoenix Advisors, LLC and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. The Board hereby authorizes (i) the execution and the delivery of the Lease and other related documents, including an Escrow Agreement,

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and (ii) the performance by the Board of its obligations under the Lease and the Escrow Agreement, both to be dated the date of closing. The Board further authorizes and directs the Board President (or in every instance where the Board President is authorized to execute a document under this Resolution the same such authority shall also be given to the Vice President), and/or the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary to approve any non-material changes, additions or deletions to the Lease and the Escrow Agreement as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board's Bond Counsel. The Lease sets forth, among other things, the lease payments of the Board and their respective amounts. In all respects, the Lease shall be consistent with the terms of this Resolution. The Board President and/or the Board Secretary/Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute and to deliver on behalf of the Board each of the agreements referred to in this Resolution and such other agreements and certificates as may be necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by the Lease and the Board President and School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to take, on behalf of the Board, such other actions as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the lease purchase financing of the ESP in accordance with the terms of the Lease and this Resolution and pursuant to the terms of the agreements and the instruments authorized to be prepared hereby and to accomplish the performance of the obligations of the Board in respect thereof.

SECTION 6. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Lease, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease.

SECTION 7. The Board reasonably expects to reimburse its expenditure of ESP costs paid prior to the issuance of the Lease with proceeds of the Lease. This resolution is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Board's official intent to reimburse the expenditure of ESP costs paid prior to the issuance of the Lease with the proceeds of the Lease, in accordance with Treasury Regulations §150-2. The maximum principal amount of the Lease expected to be issued to finance the ESP is \$2,200,000. The ESP costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the Lease will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Code. The proceeds of the Lease used to reimburse the Board for ESP costs, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of the Lease or another issue of debt obligations of the Board, other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than

months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than the Lease is paid, or (ii) the date the ESP is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding - New Jersey Office of Emergency Management

The Superintendent recommends approval of the MOU between the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and Passaic Valley Regional High School.

3. Approval to Lease - Pick-Up Truck & Van

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends that the Board approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford F250 XL w/plow 4WD Reg Cab 8' Box Pick-Up Truck N.J. State Contract # 88727 and a Ford Transit Connect Van, ESC Co-Op #65MCESCCPS – ESCNJ 20/21/-09 from Beyer Ford, Morristown, New Jersey. This purchase will be a 5-year lease through 911 Leasing.com in the amount of \$15,144.72 per year. The lease will begin July, 1, 2022.

4. Approval to Auction Equipment

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve to auction the following items through Govdeals.com. Monies received will be deposited into the General Fund as miscellaneous revenues.

- Jacobson Turfcats 628D 2wd Serial # 94671302187 Asset #00002394
- Jacobson Turfcats T531G Serial # 66151-1651 Asset #00002157

Policy Committee

1. Approval / Policy Adoption

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

- P 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment (M) (Revised)
- P & R 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised)
- P 2451 Adult High School (M) (Revised)
- R 2460.30 Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (M) (New)
- P 2622 Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
- R 2622 Student Assessment (M) (New)
- P 3233 Political Activities (Revised)
- P 5460 High School Graduation (M) (Revised)
- P 5541 Anti-Hazing (M) (New)
- P 7540 Joint Use of Facilities (Revised)
- P & R 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts (M) (Revised)
- P 9560 Administration of School Surveys (M) (Revised)

Education Committee

Operations Committee

Finance Committee

Athletic/Student Activities Committee

Negotiations Committee

Public Relations/Student Welfare Committee

Policy Committee

Technology Committee

Ad Hoc Committee

Attorney's Report

Passaic County School Board's Association – Report of Delegate

New Jersey School Board's Association – Report of Delegate

Old Business

New Business

Call for members of the Public to be heard

Executive Session

Adjournment

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting:
Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Adra Suchorsky Library
Passaic Valley High School
East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey