

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

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
of the Board of Education
Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

The minutes for the regular meeting of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 in the County of Passaic on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 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. YODICE, BOARD PRESIDENT AT 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Mrs. Luker – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Yes
Mr. Yodice – Yes

Also Present:

Dr. JoAnn Cardillo, Superintendent
Colin Monahan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Raymond Reddin, Esq., Board Attorney

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Margaret J. DeYoung
- Laura Van Winkle

IV. READING OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Monahan read the following 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 7, 2021, 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. On February 11, 2021 a revised board meeting notice was advertised in the 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.

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Yodice spoke in remembrance of past Passaic Valley Board of Education member Laura VanWinkle. He stated he and his family have known Laura for a long time. He spoke about how passionate Laura was for Passaic Valley and she was an advocate and supporter of the theater program and Girls’ Show. Mr. Yodice stated he had the privilege of running with and against Laura; she was classy and generous person. He further stated Laura served the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education for 16 years. Mr. Yodice sent his condolences to her daughters and family. Mr. Yodice stated Laura will be missed.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to approve the March 23, 2021 Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes.

Mr. D’Ambrosio made a motion to approve the March 23, 2021 Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart – Yes
Mr. D’Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
Mr. Doell – Yes
Mrs. Luker – Abstain
Dr. Varcadipane – Yes
Mr. Yodice – Yes

VIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cardillo spoke in remembrance of past Passaic Valley Board of Education member Laura VanWinkle. She stated Laura was her first Board of Education President at Passaic Valley Regional High School during her superintendency. She further stated Laura gave of herself to be sure she assimilated the transition to Passaic Valley.

Dr. Cardillo spoke in remembrance of past Passaic Valley Secretarial Employee, Margaret J. DeYoung. She stated she was a lifelong resident of Little Falls. Dr. Cardillo spoke about the accomplishments and contributions Margaret made to the community and Passaic Valley Regional High School. She also spoke about her employment before Margaret began working at Passaic Valley. Dr. Cardillo stated Margaret was employed by the school district for 26 years as a secretary for the Director of Building and Grounds, Tim Platt. She further stated Margaret was a 1946 Passaic Valley Regional High School graduate.

Dr. Cardillo spoke about Social Emotional Learning, SEL, for students. She further spoke about the partnership between Passaic Valley and Imagine. Dr. Cardillo spoke about the teachers who were grief trained. She stated this partnership will continue into the next school year with the entire Guidance Department receiving training. She further stated at this time next year, over 23 people at Passaic Valley will be trained in grief.

Dr. Cardillo spoke about PVTV, the school broadcasting program, which is also the Career and Technical Education program. She stated Senior Alexandra Paese, of PVTV, herself, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Palmiere and all three (3) town mayors went to East Main Media, a partner of Passaic Valley, and filmed a television program that will be on TAPInto and social media with regard to Passaic Valley's 80th Anniversary.

Dr. Cardillo spoke about the 80th Anniversary Time Capsule burial being held on June 11th.

IX. PUBLIC HEARNG – Budget Presentation

Mr. Monahan and Dr. Cardillo conducted the 2021-2022 School Year Budget Presentation.

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

XI. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to open the Public Session.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to open the Public Session; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Mr. Monahan stated there are no emails or correspondence and no one from the public wishes to be heard.

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to close the Public Session.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to close the Public Session; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

XII. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Report of Suspensions – March 1, 2021 through March 23, 2021

Suspension	Grade	Date	Reason	Days/Return
S07-2021	11	3/19/21	Threat	Pending
S08-2021	10	3/31/21	Inappropriate language to staff	1/Apr. 1, 2021

2. Approval/Fundraiser(s)

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following fundraiser(s):

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	Class of 2021	Picarelli	Arts & Crafts Studio	May 2021/Woodland Park	Raise funds for Senior events
2	Class of 2021	Picarelli	Business Solicitation	Apr-June 2021	Raise funds for Senior events

3. Approval / Home Instruction

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Home Instruction assignments for the 2020-2021 school year:

ID	Grade	Location
Hi29-2021	11	Little Falls
Hi30-2021	12	Woodland Park
Hi31-2021	10	Totowa

4. Approval / Out of District Home Instruction Contract

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following revised contracts for the 2020-2021 school year:

	Student ID	Provider	Services/Tuition
1	21087	New Pathway 321 Changebridge Rd Pine Brook, NJ	\$600/week ; min of 6 weeks
2	31624	Silvergate Prep 981 Route 22 W. Suite 202 Bridgewater, NJ	\$30.00/hour up to ten(10)hours per week. Estimated 30 days.

5. Approval / March 2021 Student Attendance

The Superintendent reported the following attendance for March 2021:

Possible number of days school has been open	23.00
Possible number of days attendance	22,636.00
Days absent	755.50
Percent of attendance	96.7%
Average daily attendance	951.33
Average daily enrollment	1,037.00

Education Committee

6. **Approval / Summer / ESY Nurse Rate Revision**
The Superintendent recommended the rate for the summer/ESY nurse rate be approved to \$200.00 a day.
7. **Approval / 2021-2022 Academic Calendar Revision**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the 2021-2022 Academic calendar.
8. **Approval / Kendra Lewicki, Part-Time ABA Paraprofessional**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Kendra Lewicki as a part-time ABA Paraprofessional. Start Date June 1, 2021; rate \$18.00/hour up to 29 hours per week.
9. **Approval / 2020-2021 Part Time Bus Aides**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Emellyn Jaquez as a part-time Bus Aide for the Bergen/PV ABA program for the 2020-2021 school year retroactive to July 1, 2020. Rate \$16.00/hour, no benefits, not to exceed 29 hours.
10. **Approval / Resignation Jesse Paradiso**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the resignation of Jesse Paradiso ABA Aide as of April 16, 2021.
11. **Approval / NJ High School Voter Registration Law SOA**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the NJ High School Voter Registration Law Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2020-2021 school year.
12. **Approval / Mike Yesenosky, 2021 Spring Concert Assistant**
The Superintendent recommended the approval of Mike Yesenosky to assist the editing of the 2021 Spring Concert. Rate \$25/hour not to exceed 24 hours.
13. **Approval / Opposition to Charter School Proposal**
Whereas, the Superintendent's Office is in receipt of an application for a proposed High School to be approved to be housed in one of the sending districts of Passaic Valley Regional High School, and
Whereas, Passaic Valley Regional High School is the community high school for the three towns of Little Falls, Totowa, and Woodland Park, and,
Whereas, locating another high school program of choice serving two of the three sending districts would adversely affect the enrollment and programmatic offerings of Passaic Valley.
Be it resolved, that correspondence was sent to the NJ Department of Education from the Superintendent regarding this matter. A copy of the letter will be embedded in the Board minutes along with the resolution. This resolution and a copy of the letter be forwarded to the NJ State of Department of Education.

*See attachment of Dr. Cardillo's letter at the end of the minutes.

Education Committee

14. Approval of Shared Services Agreement Bergen County Special Services Addendum 2021-2022

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 2021-2022 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 ratifies and approves the Addendum for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

15. Approval / Sixth Period Stipends

The Superintendent recommended approval of 6th period stipends to cover teacher Id 4170. Rate \$7,500 prorated from May 3- June 18, 2021.

- Joe Wassel
- Max Wassel

16. Approval / Janice-Lynn Shuhan

The Superintendent recommended to approve Janice-Lynn Shuhan as a substitute teacher at the rate of \$150.00/per diem May 3- June 18, 2021 for marketing and math classes.

17. Approval / Amend Medical Leave, Richeall Kennedy

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education to approve the amended dates of the approved leave. The leave has been updated to include NJFLA.

Dates	Coverage	Amount of Time
12/ 7/20-1/8/21	Paid Sick/Personal Leave	18 days
1/11-4/2/21	Federal Medical Leave Act	12 weeks
4/12-6/30/21	NJ Family Leave Act	12 weeks
9/1-14/20	Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave	80 hours (ESPLA)
9/15-12/4/20	Emergency Federal Medical Leave Act	12 weeks (EFMLEA)
	Unpaid Leave of Absence	

Education Committee

18. Approval / Work Based Learning Experience

The Superintendent recommended the approval of a work-based learning experience with East Main Media (eastmainmedia.com) for students enrolled in Passaic Valley's CTE Broadcasting Program of Study. The Work-Based Learning Experience will include a community service project with TapInto TV for Passaic Valley's 80th Anniversary Celebration.

Ms. Luker made a motion to approve Education Agenda Items 1-18; seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio.

Mr. Damiano asked a question on Education Agenda Item 6; will the school nurse be present every day or only when students are present.

Dr. Cardillo responded this is the summer nurse. The nurse will be present every day the summer camp is in session and every day ESY (Extended School Year) Autism program students are present.

Mr. Monahan stated, as of this time, the summer nurse schedule is June 28th through August 5th, Monday through Thursday, 8:30am through 1:30pm.

Dr. Varcadipane asked if personnel will be approved later. Dr. Cardillo stated Passaic Valley is still actively seeking a school nurse.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart - Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D'Angelo - Yes
Mr. Doell - Yes
Mrs. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

XIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE

19. Adoption of the 2021-2022 School Budget

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board adopt the 2021-2022 School Budget as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Passaic Valley Board of Education, County of Passaic, that the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 budget:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2021-2022 Total Expenditures	\$32,845,150.00	\$1,027,115.00	\$736,052.00	\$34,608,317.00
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$5,512,921.00	\$1,027,115.00	\$250,257.00	\$6,790,293.00
Taxes to be Raised	\$27,332,229.00	\$0.00	\$485,795.00	\$27,818,024.00

20. 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>
4/28/21	Pending	\$ 1,373,948.64

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

21. 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 2021

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, 2021 for the Board to accept; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary’s Report and the Cash Reconciler’s Cash report for the month ending March 31, 2021; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and the Board of Education certifies that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District’s financial obligation.

22. 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.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Heerema Co.	Walk-In Freezer Repairs	1206	\$ 1,097.21
MGL Printing	Cafeteria Checks	1207	\$ 178.00
Jay-Hill Repairs	Oven Repairs	1208	\$ 157.50
Linda Paese	Refund	1209	\$ 12.70
Pomptonian	Inv# 671031221	1210	\$ 7,939.41
Pomptonian	Inv# 671031921	1211	\$ 1,212.51
Pomptonian	Inv# 671032621	1212	\$ 785.14
Pomptonian	Inv #671032621	1213	\$ 1,600.38

23. Approval of Line Item Budget Transfers – March 2021

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the following line item transfers to include administrative cost budget transfers for the month of March 2021 as presented.

24. Acceptance of Financial Status Report – March 2021

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board accept the Financial Status Report for the month of March 2021, as presented.

Finance Committee

25. Acceptance of Revenue Report – March 2021

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board accept the Revenue Report for the month of March 2021, as presented.

26. Approval / Northern Region Educational Services Commission

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval to enter into an agreement with the Northern Region Educational Services Commission for transportation requested by our CST per the quoted route listed below for the period of 2/1/21 through June 2021 as follows:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost Per	Starting Date
1067	Lakeview Learning Center	Omar Transpiration	1	10,350.00 + 310.05	2/1/21-June 2021

27. Approval / Venmo – Petty Cash Account

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve to accept payment through a school district Venmo account that will be deposited through the Petty Cash Account for Student Activity events.

Dr. Varcadipane made a motion to approve Finance Agenda Items 19-27; seconded by Mr. D’Ambrosio.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
 Dr. Cathcart – Yes
 Mr. D’Ambrosio - Yes
 Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D’Angelo – Yes
 Mr. Doell – Yes
 Mrs. Luker – Yes
 Dr. Varcadipane – Yes
 Mr. Yodice – Yes

XIV. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

28. Approval to Dispose of Equipment

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, recommended the Board approve the disposal of the following obsolete/unrepairable baseball items.

29. Approval of Donations

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the donation of Zoom Audio Assistance & Mixer from Mr. Peter D'Angelo in the approximate amount of \$889.00.

30. Approval of Permits – Turf Field

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board authorize the Business Administrator, Colin Monahan, to sign and issue payment for all permits and necessary paperwork as it pertains to the Turf Field project. Once all permits and payments are signed and issued, the school district's engineer, Suburban Engineering, will send to the proper agencies.

31. Approval / Use of Facilities

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator approved the following use of facilities:

- The Passaic Valley Education Foundation would like to run its Summer Performing Arts Camp at Passaic Valley using proper Covid protocols for the dates of July 5th to July 29th. The camp will be Mondays - Thursdays 8:30 to 1:00pm.
- The Passaic Valley Education Foundation would like to run Passaic Valley Summer Theater's Mainstage and Junior productions live and in person using proper Covid protocols for the end of July and beginning of August.

32. Approval / Grant Application – New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve to apply for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grant for Local Recreation on Improvements for Recreational Facilities.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to approve Operation Agenda Items 28-32; seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio.

Operations Committee

Mr. Yodice asked a question about Operations Agenda Item 32; is Millenium working with Passaic Valley on the grant application for the local recreation grant.

Mr. Monahan responded because of the timeframe, the administration is asking this be approved. There will be an Operatons Committee meeting scheduled for discussion on the grant.

Mr. D'Ambrosio stated he would like to thank Mr. D'Angelo for the donation of the Zoom Audio Assistance and Mixer.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart - Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D'Angelo - Yes
Mr. Doell - Yes
Mrs. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

XV. POLICY COMMITTEE

33. Approval / Policy & Regulation Adoption

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

- R 6470.01 Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification

General Policy and Regulation Guides

- P 0145 Board Member Resignation and Removal (M) (Revised)
- P 0164.6 Remote Public Board Meetings During A Declared Emergency (M) (New)
- R 1642 Earned Sick Leave Law (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis (M) (Revised)
- P 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (Revised)
- R 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (New)
- P & R 7430 School Safety (M) (Abolished)

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Policy and Regulation Guides

- P 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised)
- P 2415.01 Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability (M) (Abolished)
- P 2415.02 Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities (M) (Revised)
- P 2415.03 Highly Qualified Teachers (M) (Abolished)
- P 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M) (Revised)
- P & R 2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) (Revised)
- P 4125 Employment of Support Staff Members (M) (Revised)
- P 6360 Political Contributions (M) (Revised)
- P 8330 Student Records (M) (Revised)
- P 9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M) (Revised)

Mr. Doell made a motion to approve Policy Agenda Item 33; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart - Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D'Angelo - Yes
Mr. Doell - Yes
Mrs. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

XVI. ATHLETIC / STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

34. Approval / End of Year Senior Activities

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Senior activities:

- Senior Prom
Thursday, June 3, 2021
6:00pm-11:00pm
The Liberty House, Liberty State Park, NJ
- PV Senior Celebration
Yogi Berra Stadium, Little Falls, NJ
Thursday, June 10, 2021
(Rain Date: Monday, June 13, 2021)
6:30pm-10:30pm

35. Approval / Contract for Senior Event

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the approval of the contract with University Sports & Entertainment for 6/10/2021 at Jackals Stadium, Montclair NJ.

36. Approval / Pandemic Relief

The Superintendent recommended to approve a one-time pandemic relief payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Senior Class of 2021 for the Jackals Stadium event.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to Approve Athletic/Student Activities Agenda Item 34-36; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Ms. Brigati asked a question about Athletic/Student Activities Committee Agenda Item 35; could this be explained.

Dr. Cardillo responded that the contract is for a Senior Night event at Jackal Stadium.

Mr. Monahan stated he spoke with the class advisors and they already have some funds in their student activities account. They are approximately \$3,500.00 away from their goal.

Dr. Varcadipane asked how much money has been raised at this time.

Mr. Monahan stated there is approximately \$7,500.00 in their bank account.

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Mr. Yodice further explained each individual attending the event will be paying \$35.00 per person to offset the cost.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart - Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D'Angelo - Yes
Mr. Doell - Yes
Mrs. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

Dr. Cardillo stated if anyone would like to attend this event, it is \$35.00 per person.

XVII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

None

Operations Committee

Ms. Brigati asked for an Operations Committee meeting to be scheduled.

Finance Committee

None

Athletic/Student Activities Committee

None

Negotiations Committee

Mr. Damiano stated there have been several Negotiation Committee meetings held with reference to a Superintendent contract and the PVEA/Teachers contract. He asked for a Negotiations Committee meeting to be scheduled.

Mr. Yodice stated they have met with the teachers who presented their goals for the contract and the committee reviewed them. The Board sent their goals and responses to the teacher goals which will be followed up with another Negotiations Committee meeting.

Mr. Yodice stated with reference to the Superintendent contract, that discussion will be held for Executive Session tonight for review with a goal of sending the contract to the County Superintendent Office for a final review.

Public Relations/Student Welfare Committee

None

Policy Committee

None

Technology Committee

Mr. D'Angelo asked for a Technology Committee meeting to be scheduled.

Ad Hoc Committee

None

Attorney's Report

None

Passaic County School Board's Association – Report of Delegate

None

New Jersey School Board's Association – Report of Delegate

None

Old Business - 80th Anniversary Celebration

Dr. Cardillo stated the 80th Anniversary celebration is June 11th at 10:00am and invitations will be sent out.

Dr. Cardillo stated June 9th the Historical Society of Little Falls, Mr. John Veteri and Mr. George Eston will be conducting a Zoom meeting for the community to learn about the history of Passaic Valley High School. Links to the Zoom meeting will be sent out and placed on social media.

Mr. D'Angelo commended Dr. Cardillo with reference to the focus placed on the social, emotional learning component. He stated the Imagine program is very important and the fact that Passaic Valley is one of the first schools in the state to be participating with a non-profit, along with training the staff and have a plan in place for all the students and faculty at the school. Mr. D'Angelo thanked the administration, Dr. Cardillo and the faculty that have volunteered.

New Business

Dr. Cardillo stated she shared a copy of the Little Falls Newsletter which is published once a quarter.

XVIII. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to open the Public Session.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to open the Public Session; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Mr. Monahan stated there are no emails or correspondence and no one from the public wishes to be heard.

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to close the Public Session.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to close the Public Session; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Yodice stated there is one Negotiation item for Executive Session which should take approximately 10 minutes. No action will be taken.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart - Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D'Angelo - Yes
Mr. Doell - Yes
Mrs. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

Return from Executive Session:

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes
Dr. Cathcart - Yes
Mr. D'Ambrosio - Yes
Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D'Angelo - Yes
Mr. Doell - Yes
Mrs. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

Mr. Reddin stated there was discussion on the Superintendent Contract approval. No action was taken.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting:
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Adra Suchorsky Library
Passaic Valley High School
East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey

Office of the Superintendent
Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1

Dr. JoAnn Cardillo, Superintendent
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www.pvhs.k12.nj.us



Passaic Valley Regional High School
East Main Street
Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

April 21, 2021

Via: Fax, U.P.S Overnight

NJ Department of Education
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625

Attn: Ms. Angelica Allen-McMillian, Ed.D., Acting Commissioner, Department of Education

Dear Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillian,

On March 25, 2021 a proposal was delivered to Passaic Valley to my attention. This letter is being submitted as our formal objection to the proposed expansion of the J.P. Holland Charter School, located in the PNC Complex in Woodland Park, to include a newly developed High School program titled The Marion Rabel High School. Passaic Valley serves the 3 (three) communities of Little Falls, Totowa and Woodland Park and has been educating students for 80 years.

Our opposition is based on the foreseeable loss of enrollment at Passaic Valley Regional High School and its certain adverse effect on the future of Passaic Valley. This would be in addition to the 75-100 students that are recruited a year since the expansion and opening of the Diana C. Lobosco STEM Academy at Passaic County Technical Vocational School. The enrollment drop the past 5 years has negatively affected funding, and our ability to maintain our current programs at Passaic Valley. Additional loss of students will certainly compound the current situation and possibly include further loss of staff and faculty positions.

A Board resolution is being presented for approval on April 27, 2021 at the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education meeting and will be forthcoming to your office.

Thank you,


Dr. Jo Ann Cardillo,
Superintendent

Cc: Board of Education Trustees
Ms. Marinelli, Superintendent Little Falls School District
Ms. Capitelli, Superintendent Totowa School District
Dr. Pillari, Superintendent Woodland Park School District