

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

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, June 8, 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, June 8, 2021**

The minutes for the regular meeting of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 in the County of Passaic on Tuesday, June 8, 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 - Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D’Angelo – Yes

Mr. Doell – Absent

Mrs. Luker – Yes

Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

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. READING OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Monahan read the Public Notice 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 19, 2021 a revised board meeting notice was advertised in 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.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

None

V. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Monahan read correspondence addressed to the Passaic Valley Board of Education from Dr. Cardillo thanking the Board for the beautiful flowers and dinner acknowledging her retirement.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to approve the May 25, 2021 Regular meeting minutes, May 11, 2021 Executive Session meeting and May 25, 2021 Executive Session meeting.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to approve the May 25, 2021 Regular meeting minutes, May 11, 2021 Executive Session meeting and May 25, 2021 Executive Session meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Luker.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes

Dr. Cathcart – Yes

Mr. D’Ambrosio - Absent

Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D’Angelo – Yes

Mr. Doell – Absent

Mrs. Luker – Yes

Dr. Varcadipane – Absent

Mr. Yodice – Yes

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cardillo stated this is the week of Passaic Valley Regional High School's 80th Anniversary celebration. There are three (3) events happening this week.

- The Tri-Town Mayors discussion panel will be on all social media and TAPinto on June 9th.
- The Little Falls Historical Society will have a Zoom event to watch how Passaic Valley Regional High School evolved. Mr. George Eaton and Mr. John Veteri of the society put this program together and will also be presenting the program.
- A time capsule will be buried on the Passaic Valley Regional High School campus and will be opened in 20 years. This event will be livestreamed Friday, June 11th at 11:00 A.M.

Dr. Cardillo invited the students of the William Paterson Patient Care Technician Program, which is in its second year, to address the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board Members.

Ms. Tara Torres introduced Ms. Yolanda Evgeniou, Patient Care Instructor from William Paterson who has been working with these students for the past few months to complete the Patient Care Technician certification. She stated the students asked to address the Board.

The following students addressed the Board: Angie Blanco; Lilli Harrington; Victoria Mazzo; Alexandra Mora; and Samantha O'Hare. The students thanked the Board; Ms. Torres; Ms. Evgeniou; and their fellow students, family and friends. The students spoke about further schooling, work and their future endeavors.

Mr. Yodice congratulated Ms. Evgeniou and the students and wished them the best of luck.

Dr. Cathcart congratulated the students and welcomed them into the world of healthcare. He thanked Ms. Evgeniou and Ms. Torres.

Ms. Evgeniou thanked the Board for their passion and allowing this program to exist at Passaic Valley Regional High School. She thank Ms. Torres and stated she is grateful to have the privilege to work at William Paterson for 25 years and happy to be partners with Passaic Valley and Hackensack Meridian. She spoke about the students and job opportunities at the hospital with 100 % tuition reimbursement.

Ms. Evgeniou then congratulated each student while handing out the Patient Care Technician certificates.

The Board members congratulated the students.

VIII. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

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

Ms. Luker made a motion to open the Public Session; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Mr. Larry Whitney, 26 Old Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, spoke to the Board about Passaic Valley's varsity basketball program; his involvement with the program; his children; and Coach Lou Paradiso. He spoke about the successful season the team had being lead under Coach Paradiso. He stated he would like to know what it was that Coach Paradiso was investigated for and advocated for Coach Paradiso.

Mr. Chris Ceragno, 45 Wallace Lane, Woodland Park, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and asked the Board why Coach Paradiso was not being brought back after a successful basketball season. Mr. Ceragno advocated for Coach Paradiso and stated he would like to know why he was investigated.

Mr. Joe Ceragno, a Passaic Valley student, 45 Wallace Lane, Woodland Park, stated he has played basketball for approximately 10 years with many different coaches through all seasons. He advocated for Coach Paradiso.

Mr. Brian Whitney, a Passaic Valley student, 26 Old Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, stated he has played varsity basketball for three (3) years. He stated Coach Paradiso cares about them and advocated for Coach Paradiso.

Mr. Doell, Board Member, enters the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Aldry Carela, a Passaic Valley student, 672 McBride Avenue, Woodland Park, asked the Board to provide information on the non-reinstatement of Coach Paradiso.

Mr. Reddin stated he hopes the public can appreciate there are laws that the Board must follow which are geared toward protecting the confidentiality and the privacy of the individual involved.

Mr. Yodice stated a thorough internal investigation was completed by the full Board. Mr. Yodice further stated as far as a new head coach, that decision will lie with the Athletic Director and incoming Superintendent.

Whereupon, the present public leaves the room and more public enter the room.

Mr. Malachi Lighty, a Passaic Valley student, 148 Rose Place, Woodland Park, stated Coach Paradiso is very important to the team and has done so much for them. He advocated for Coach Paradiso.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Whereupon, the present public leaves the room and there are no other person's wishing to speak; no correspondence by email or hands raised electronically.

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

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

IX. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Approval / West Bergen Mental Health - Mental Health Clinician- 2021-2022**
The Superintendent recommended approval of West Bergen Mental Health as a contractor- employing a full-time mental health clinician for the 2021-2022 school year beginning July 1, 2021 at the rate of \$87,000.00.
- 2. Approval / Silvestre Mercado, Part-Time Multimedia Specialist 2021-2022**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Silvestre Mercado, part-time Multimedia Specialist for the 2021-2022 school year at the rate of \$35.00/hour, no benefits, not to exceed 29 hours.
- 3. Approval / Revise Part-Time Paraprofessional 2021-2022, Erica DiMartino**
The Superintendent recommended approval to revise the rate for Erica DiMartino part-time ABA Paraprofessional to \$18.00/hour, no benefits, not to exceed 29 hours for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4. Approval / Revise Summer Nurse Rate**
The Superintendent recommended the rate for the summer nurse be revised to \$300.00 a day. One third of this rate to be paid by the Passaic Valley Education Foundation.
- 5. Approve / Lynn Roehrich, Part-Time Summer 2021 Nurse**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Lynn Roehrich as the part-time 2021 summer nurse from June 28 - August 5, 2021 at the rate of \$300.00 a day, no benefits, not to exceed 29 hours.
- 6. Approval / 2021 Prom and Cotillion Nurse Coverage**
The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Salluce to cover Prom on June 3, 2021 and Ms. Coyle to cover Cotillion on June 22, 2021, compensation \$35.62/hour.
- 7. Approval / Summer 2021 Nurse Hours**
The Superintendent recommended approval of up to 10 hours each for Ms. Salluce and Ms. Coyle during the summer to log in student physicals at the contracted rate of \$28.08 per hour.

Education Committee

8. Approval Out of District Placements Contracts for 2021-2022 School Year

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following out of district placement contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student ID	Placement	Cost
31822	Banyan Upper School 471 Main Street Little Falls, NJ 07424	\$64,620.00 Tuition
21284	Banyan Upper School 471 Main Street Little Falls, NJ 07424	\$7,539.00 \$4,410.00 ESY + extraordinary Services \$64,620.00 + \$42,210.00 Tuition+ Extraordinary Services \$118,779.00 Total
1400728	Academy 360- Upper School Spectrum 360 6 Regent Street Livingston, NJ 07039	\$8,728.72 ESY \$72,607.08 Tuition \$81,335.80 Total
1500939	Academy 360- Upper School Spectrum 360 6 Regent Street Livingston, NJ 07039	\$8,728.72 + \$3,850.00 ESY + Extraordinary Services \$72,607.08 + \$32,025.00 Tuition + Extraordinary Services \$117,210.80 Total
1804136	Academy 360- Upper School Spectrum 360 6 Regent Street Livingston, NJ 07039	\$8,728.72 + \$3,850.00 ESY + Extraordinary Services \$72,607.08 + \$32,025.00 Tuition + Extraordinary Services \$117,210.80 Total
1600773	Sage Day School 295 Rochelle Avenue Rochelle Park, NJ	\$66,559.00 tuition
937121	Bayada Pediatrics 163 E. Main Street Suite B Little Falls, NJ	35 hours/week 3 days @ \$55.00(RN) 2 Day @ \$45.00 (LPN) Estimated total for 2021-2022 \$66,000.00
8458279751	Newmark High School 1000 Cellar Ave Scotch Plains, NJ	\$6,491.54 ESY \$61,498.80 Tuition \$67,990.34 Total

Education Committee

9. Approval / Revised Medical Leave, Kim Curtis

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the following FMLA leave starting June 11, 2021 through Sept. 3, 2021.

Dates	Coverage	Amount of Time
	Paid Sick Leave	
6/11-9/3/21	Federal Medical Leave Act	12 weeks
	NJ Family Leave Act	
	Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave	
	Emergency Federal Medical Leave Act	
	Unpaid Leave of Absence	

Ms. Luker made a motion to move Education agenda items #1-9; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Roll Call:

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

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

X. FINANCE COMMITTEE

10. Authorize Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Educational Data Services

RESOLVE that the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 to authorize a cooperative pricing agreement with the Educational Data Services, Inc. (Ed-Data) hereinafter referred to as the "lead agency" for the conduct of certain functions relating to the purchase of work materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 encourages the use of shared services through State approved cooperative entities; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 encourages open public bidding for goods and services; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 recognizes the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive bid for goods and/or services; and
WHEREAS, the Educational Data Services, Inc. (Ed-Data) hereinafter referred to as the "lead agency", is a Service Cooperative to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power at a cost of \$4,030.00 for 2021-2022 for licensing and maintenance fee; and
WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known and may be cited as The Educational Data Services, Inc. (Ed-Data) Cooperative Pricing resolution; and
WHEREAS, the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 shall be responsible for complying with the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:11-11(5) Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency for the purchase of work materials and supplies, as needed;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing agreement with Educational Services Inc. for the purchase of work materials and supplies, for the 2021-2022 school year, as needed at a cost of \$4,030.00 respectively for the licensing and maintenance fee.

11. Surplus Transfer to Capital Reserve

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board authorize a transfer of surplus funds to Capital Reserve in the amount up to \$1,000,000.00, should such funds be available.

Finance Committee

Mr. Damiano made a motion to move Finance agenda items #10 and 11;
seconded by Ms. Luker.

Roll Call:

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

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

XI. ATHLETICS/STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

12. Approval / Donations to Class of 2021

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following donations made to the PV Class of 2021 for the Senior Celebration at Yogi Berra Stadium:

- Totowa Mayor & Council \$200
- United Construction Services \$200
- Ms. Valerie Arrabito \$100
- Woodland Park Mayor & Council \$100
- Casa Arturo Bistro \$100
- Shop Rite of Little Falls \$500

Ms. Brigati made a motion to move Athletics/Student Activities agenda item #12; seconded by Ms. Luker.

Roll Call:

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

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

XII. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

13. Approval /Use of Facilities Rain Date for Graduation

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Woodland Park School District- June 22, 2021 to use the Griswold and Farrell gyms and parking lot as the rain date for their 8th Grade graduation. Approximately 800 persons to be on site. Start time 5:30pm for use of facility. District to provide insurance to Passaic Valley.

14. Approval /Use of Facilities Stagelite Academy

The Business Administrator recommended for approval Stagelite Academy, 44 Newark Pompton Tpk, Pequannock NJ and Michele Diaz the use of the auditorium and stage on June 26, 2021 from 11am-3pm. The use of facility cost includes, but is not limited to, \$750.00 fee, the cost of security staff, custodial staff and multi-media specialist for the event. Proof of insurance must be on file with Passaic Valley High School before the event.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to move Operations agenda items #13 and 14; seconded by Ms. Luker.

Roll Call:

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

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

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

None

Operations Committee

None

Finance Committee

None

Athletic/Student Activities Committee

Mr. Yodice wished the Passaic Valley Regional High School softball team the best of luck. He stated they have had a great spring season and hopes they will finish the season strong and the student athletes will find success.

Negotiations Committee

Mr. Reddin stated a mediator will be sent out to assist with further negotiations with the PVEA.

Public Relations/Student Welfare Committee

Mr. Yodice stated the front lawn looks beautiful with the signs for the Class of 2021 graduates.

Policy Committee

None

Technology Committee

Mr. D'Angelo asked for a Technology Committee meeting to be schedule in the next month.

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

None

New Business

Dr. Cardillo stated Passaic Valley will be holding a traditional graduation ceremony.

Mr. Yodice stated the newly painted flagpole looks great.

XIV. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

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

Ms. Luker 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.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to close the Public Session; seconded by Ms. Luker.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Luker.

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting:
Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Adra Suchorsky Library
Passaic Valley High School
East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey