

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

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, July 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, July 27, 2021

The minutes for the regular meeting of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 in the County of Passaic on Tuesday, July 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:

Mr. Bracken Healy, 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 July 7, 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

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to approve the June 22, 2021 Regular meeting minutes.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the June 22, 2021 Regular 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 - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Healy thanked the Board of Education for their trust in him and stated he is humbled and honored to be the superintendent.

Mr. Healy welcomed the Board members and the viewers at home.

Mr. Healy spoke about the following updates:

- He stated the month of July was a pleasure meeting everyone and learning about the Passaic Valley community. He stated the Meet & Greet last week was well attended and spoke about the outreach to the community and making the best decisions for the students and staff at Passaic Valley. He further stated he looks forward to having many of these during the year.
- He spoke about the reopening of school in September.

Mr. Monahan stated Finance agenda item #12 – School Bond Ordinance, by law a second reading needs to be done. He welcomed Mr. Tony Solimine, Bond Counsel, and Mr. Bryan Morris, Municipal Advisor, who are on the zoom if there are any questions.

VIII. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Yodice stated at this time, this will be the public portion.

Mr. Monahan stated Finance agenda item #12 – School Bond Ordinance, by law a second reading needs to be done. He welcomed Mr. Tony Solimine, Bond Counsel, and Mr. Bryan Morris, Municipal Advisor, who are on the zoom if there are any questions.

Mr. Monahan, Mr. Solimine and Mr. Morris spoke briefly on the Refunding Bond Ordinance.

Mr. Monahan asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Monahan closed the public comment.

Mr. Monahan stated this agenda item will be voted on in the Finance portion of the meeting.

Mr. Yodice stated the floor is open to the public.

There was no response.

Mr. Yodice thanked Mr. Solimine and Mr. Morris

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.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reddin stated there are two (2) personnel items and one (1) legal item for Executive Session; approximately 20 minutes. Action will be taken.

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. Yodice apologized for the extended Executive Session.

X. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Approval / Ms. Krista Voorhis, Vice Principal

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Krista Voorhis as a Vice Principal at Passaic Valley Regional High School. Full time 12-month position, Salary \$128,000. Anticipated start date of September 1, 2021, pending release from current district as well as receipt of criminal history clearance, sexual misconduct forms and TB test.

2. Approval / Dr. Michelle Barrett, Special Education Professional Development Consultation

The Superintendent recommended approval of Dr. Michelle Barrett to provide CST and SEL consulting consisting of two (2) monthly 60-minute phone conversations from Sept. 2021- June 2022. Cost \$1,000.00.

3. Approval / June 2021 Student Attendance

The Superintendent reported the following attendance for June 2021:

Possible number of days school has been open	13.00
Possible number of days attendance	12,780.00
Days absent	1,024.50
Percent of attendance	92.0%
Average daily attendance	904.27
Average daily enrollment	1,029.00

4. Approval / Mr. Bracken Healy, NRESC Board Member and Dr. Jared Fowler, Alternate

The Superintendent presented for approval Mr. Bracken Healy as the Chief School Administrator for Passaic Valley Regional High School to be a member of the Northern Regional Education Service Commission (NRESC) board to represent Passaic Valley Regional High School for the 2021-2022 school year with Dr. Jared Fowler as the alternate representative.

5. Approval / Part-Time Paraprofessional Bus Aides

The Superintendent recommended retroactive approval (July 8, 2021) of the following Part-Time Paraprofessional Bus aides, no benefits, up to 29 hours per week \$16.00 per hour:

- Camila Fermin
- Joellen Vitello

6. Approval / Olivia Pantale, Part-time ABA Paraprofessional

The Superintendent recommended retroactive approval of Olivia Pantale as an ABA Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year starting June 28, 2021. Up to 29 hours per week, no benefits, \$18.00/per hour.

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7. Approval / Junior Achievement Finance Park 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended the approval of Junior Achievement Finance Park Advanced curriculum for Passaic Valley's Financial Literacy courses during the 2021-2022 school year at no cost to the district.

8. Approval / Fundraiser(s)

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

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	Drama Club	Shue	Concert/ \$10.00 per ticket	Nov 13, 2021	Raise funds for theater program
2	PV Cheering	Picarelli	Can Shake	Aug 14, 2021/ Shop Rite, Little Falls	Raise funds for summer stunt & choreography clinics (all levels)

9. Approval / Out of District Placement Contracts 2021-2022

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

Student ID	Placement	Cost
937121	NJ Elks Disability Agency 15 Union Ave Clifton, NJ	ESY : \$9,476.76 tuition \$0 Extraordinary Services School Year \$73,375.14 Tuition \$0 Extraordinary Services Total: \$82,842.90
1600431	New Bridges High School 296 E. Ridgewood Ave Paramus, NJ	ESY: \$7,600.00 Extraordinary Services \$6,000.00 Total ESY: \$13,600.00
18002	New Bridges High School 296 E. Ridgewood Ave Paramus, NJ	ESY: \$7,600.00 Extraordinary Services \$6,000.00 Total ESY: \$13,600.00
14018	Springboard 321 E. Ridgewood Ave Paramus, NJ	ESY: \$6,600.00 Extraordinary Services \$5,000.00 Total ESY: \$11,500.00
1804157	Deron School 130 Grove School Montclair, NJ	\$61,002.00 Tuition
18003	Celebrate the Children 230 Diamond Spring Rd Denville, NJ	School Year \$74,160.00 Tuition \$27,000.00 Extraordinary Services Total: \$101,160.00
21582	YCS Sawtelle Learning Center 208 S. Mountain Ave Montclair, NJ	ESY: \$6,765.33

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- 10. Approval / Cheryl Joseph, Supplemental Retroactive Instruction Summer 2021**
The Superintendent recommended Cheryl Joseph, Special Education Teacher, to provide retroactive 10 hours of supplemental instruction each for two students 2001049 and 31927 at the PVEA home instruction rate of \$35.62.
- 11. Approval / Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired 2021-2022**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the contract for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for student 937589 for the 2021-2022 school year. Cost \$2,200.00.
- 12. Approval / Revised 2020-2021 BCSS Home Services Contract**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the revised 2020-2021 Home Services contract for student 19018 to include an additional 7.25 hours of services. Cost \$5,320.00.
- 13. Approval / Retroactive 2021-2022 Summer BCSS Home Services Contract**
The Superintendent recommended retroactive approval of the following 2021-2022 Summer BCSS Home Services Contract. Services started June 28, 2021.
 - Student #12 3 hours weekly student instruction; 1-hour weekly coordination. Not to exceed \$3,510.00
 - Student #19018 2 hours weekly student instruction; 1-hour monthly home parent training. Not to exceed \$1,740.00
- 14. Approval / Jeani Agosta, Retroactive Supplemental Instruction Summer 2021**
The Superintendent recommended Jeani Agosta, Special Education Teacher (retired), to provide retroactive 10 hours of supplemental instruction each for student #1801061 at the PVEA Home Instruction rate of \$35.62
- 15. Approval / Pillar Care Continuum Contract 2021-2022**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the Pillar Care Continuum contract for the 2021-2022 to provide services for student #14115 at the rate of \$100.00/hour.
- 16. Approval / Marshall Rubric, 2021-2022**
The Superintendent recommended approval of the Marshall Rubric for evaluations and observations of Administrators and faculty for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 17. Approval / Evaluation and Observation – Administration 2021-2022**
The Superintendent recommended approval to use District developed and approved evaluation and observation tools for all administrators for the 2021-2022 school year.

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18. Approval of Special Education Contracts – 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 the following special education tuition paying students for the Passaic Valley/Bergen Autism Program for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Caldwell/West Caldwell Public Schools: 1 student
- Cedar Grove Public Schools: 3 students
- Leonia Public Schools: 1 student
- Mahwah Public Schools: 3 students
- Manchester Regional HS: 2 students
- Montville Public Schools: 1 student
- North Arlington Public Schools: 1 student
- Ramsey Public Schools: 1 student
- Ridgefield Park Public Schools (via Little Ferry): 1 student
- Saddle Brook Public Schools: 1 student
- Westwood Public Schools: 1 student
- Ramapo Indian Hills Regional: 1 student
- Nutley Public Schools: 1 student
- Verona Public Schools: 1 student

19. Approval / Real Time 2021-2022 Contract

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the contract with Realtime for their services for the 2021-2022 school year at the stated contractual rate of \$23,368.38.

20. Approval / ESSER III Grant Application

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the ESSER III Grant Application in the amount of \$1,220,193.00.

21. Approval / Amy Scarpulla, Guidance Intern

The Superintendent recommended for approval Amy Scarpulla, a Monmouth University advanced counseling student, be approved for a one semester internship (fall/winter 2021) at Passaic Valley High School with the Guidance Department to complete her 300 hours of hands-on experience under the direct supervision of Ms. Jennifer Shue.

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22. Approval / Ashley Martinez, Part-time Paraprofessional 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended for approval, Ashley Martinez, as a part-time paraprofessional and bus aide for the 2021-2022 up to 29 hours per week, no benefits, rate \$16.00/hour. Start date pending completion of criminal history, TB test and state mandated Sexual Misconduct review forms.

23. Approval / Zorayha Montoya, Part-time ABA Paraprofessional 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended for approval, Zorayha Montoya, as a part-time ABA paraprofessional and bus aide for the 2021-2022 up to 29 hours per week, no benefits, rate \$18.00/hour. Start date pending completion of criminal history, TB test and state mandated Sexual Misconduct review forms.

24. Approval / Joellen Vitiello, Part-time ABA Paraprofessional 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended for approval, Joellen Vitiello, as a part-time ABA paraprofessional and bus aide for the 2021-2022 up to 29 hours per week, no benefits, rate \$18.00/hour.

25. Approval / Textbook / eBook Approval 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following textbooks/eBooks for the following courses:

- Culinary Arts: Introduction to Culinary Arts, Fourth Edition, (©2020) ; approximately \$3,099.86
- Structured Learning Experience (Class): Your Career How to Make it Happen, 10th Edition, Owens/Kadakia/Harwood (©2022); approximately \$999.75
- Entrepreneurship: Ideas into Action, 6th Edition, Greene (©2017); approximately \$1,650.00

26. Approval / Curriculum Writing ABA Environmental Science 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval for Mr. Randall Sanders and Mr. William Goodman 10 hours each to write an ABA Environmental Science Curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year, rate \$37.00/hour.

27. Approval / Google Classroom and Microsoft Meets 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval to use Google Classroom and/or Microsoft Meets as needed to facilitate classroom learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

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28. Revised Draft of Board Action for CTSO 2021-2022 School Year

The Superintendent recommended the approval of a NJ SkillsUSA chapter for the CTE Broadcasting Program and Engineering Program at Passaic Valley Regional High School during the 2021-2022 school year. The cost for dues is estimated at \$1,245.00 (75 students and 4 staff members). Advisors to be determined as per contracted club stipend - Schedule B. A NJ SkillsUSA chapter at Passaic Valley Regional High School is necessary for CTE programs to meet NJ Department of Education compliance.

29. Approval / 2020-2021 ESSA Title II Positions - Revised

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the revised ESSA Title II positions for the 2020-2021 school year. The amount charged to Title II is \$3,384.45 (account #20-270-200-100-007600-050) and \$880.55 charged to (account # 11-140-140-100-101)

Tech Team-\$4,265 each

- Mike Damico
- Matt Youngberg
- Jamie Picarelli
- Lori Quail
- Kevin Haimowitz
- Pia Vanderstreet
- Randall Sanders
- Brad Ottino
- Daria Leidig

30. Approval / 2020-2021 McKinney-Vento

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the 2020-2021 McKinney-Vento contract for student #2748831566 not to exceed \$18,023.00.

31. Approval / Alexandra Asaro, Italian Leave Replacement

The Superintendent recommended the approval of Ms. Alexandra Asaro, Italian Leave Replacement, from September 1, 2021, through November 15, 2021. Non-tenure track position, Step 1, Class 1, \$54,020.00, prorated for services, no benefits. Start date pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct and TB test.

32. Approval / Ana Radice, Reading Evaluations

The Superintendent recommended the approval for Ms. Ana Radice to conduct student reading evaluations during the summer of 2021 at the rate \$35.62/hour. Not to exceed 10 hours.

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Ms. Luker made a motion to approve Education agenda items 1 -32; 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

XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE

33. Approval / June 2021 Supplemental Monthly Bills List

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:

Date	Check Numbers	Total Amount
6/30/21	Pending	\$ 1,812,924.91

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.

34. Approval / July 2021 Monthly Bills List

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:

Date	Check Numbers	Total Amount
7/28/21	Pending	\$ 449,178.72

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 approves 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

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meetings if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting in accordance with Policy 6470- Payment of Claims.

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.

35. Acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report, Cash Reconciler's Cash Report and the Board Secretary's Certification of Funds for the Month of June 2021 /Preliminary

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, the preliminary Board Secretary's Report and the Cash Reconciler's Cash report for the month ending June 30, 2021 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 preliminary Board Secretary's Report and the Cash Reconciler's Cash report for the month ending June 30, 2021; 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.

36. 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>
Pomptonian	Invoice # 671051421	1224	\$9,680.64
Pomptonian	Invoice # 671063021	1225	\$3,554.38

37. Approval of Line Item Budget Transfers – June 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 months of June 2021 as presented.

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38. Acceptance of Financial Status Report – June 2021

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

39. Acceptance of Revenue Report – June 2021

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

40. Approval for the Removal of Old Outstanding Checks - District's Athletic, Authorization Checking and Student Activity Accounts - June 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education has the authority to remove old outstanding checks from the district's bank reconciliation outstanding check list as of June 30, 2021 through a board resolution;

WHEREAS, the schools Bank Reconciler has identified several checks greater than one year old that continue to be listed outstanding on the bank account reconciliation for the Athletic, Authorization and Student Activity checking accounts; and

WHEREAS, administration has determined that the following checks from the Athletic, Authorization and Student Activity checking accounts are aged more than six (6) months and recommended to the Board to have said checks removed from the outstanding check list.

41. Approval of Landsberger Foundation Grant

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board accept the Landsberger Foundation Grant in the amount of \$1,107.00. These monies will be used for the rain barrel collection system overseen by the environmental science teacher, Mr. Goodman.

42. Approval to Transfer Funds – Student Activity to Athletic Fundraising

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$22,019.55 from the school district's Student Activity Account to Athletic Fundraiser Account.

43. Approval Additional Revenue for Extraordinary Aide 2020-2021

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended retroactive additional revenue of extraordinary aide in the amount of \$449,855.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.

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44. Approval of Refunding School Bond Ordinance

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DO ALL ACTS AND THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY AND ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2010, The Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District No. 1 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 by the Board) issued \$6,788,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt School Bonds, dated July 8, 2010 (the "2010 School Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the "Refunding School Bonds") to refund all or a portion of the \$1,938,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2010 School Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2022 through 2024, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board introduced a refunding school bond ordinance (the "Refunding Bond Ordinance") on first reading by resolution of the Board on June 22, 2021, and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Board has held a public hearing on the Refunding Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to issue and sell such Refunding School Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to finally adopt the Refunding Bond Ordinance and to authorize certain actions in connection with the sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately.

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SECTION 2. The Refunding School Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to a purchaser (the “Purchaser”) as selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Municipal Advisor (as defined herein) after a proposal process.

SECTION 3. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, subject to the limitations contained herein and in consultation with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Board (“Bond Counsel”), and Phoenix Advisors, LLC, as municipal advisor to the Board (the “Municipal Advisor”), the power with respect to the Refunding School Bonds to determine and carry out the following:

- a) the sale of the Refunding School Bonds at private sale, provided that the purchase price paid by the purchaser thereof shall not be less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds so sold;
- b) the principal amount of Refunding School Bonds to be issued, provided that (i) such amount shall not exceed \$2,100,000, and (ii) such amount shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the costs of issuance associated with the Refunding School Bonds and to fund the deposit to the escrow fund as set forth in the Escrow Deposit Agreement (as defined herein) in an amount that, when invested, will be sufficient to provide for the timely payments required for the Refunded Bonds;
- c) the maturity dates and the principal amount of each maturity or sinking fund redemption amount of the Refunding School Bonds, provided that no Refunding School Bonds refunding the Refunded Bonds shall mature later than the maturity date of the Refunded Bonds;
- d) the interest payment dates and the interest rates on the Refunding School Bonds, provided that the true interest cost on the Refunding School Bonds shall produce a present value debt service savings of at least three percent (3%) of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds;
- e) the denomination or denominations of and the manner of numbering and lettering the Refunding School Bonds, provided that all Refunding School Bonds of like maturity shall be identical in all respects, except as to denominations, amounts, numbers and letters;
- f) provisions for the sale or exchange of the Refunding School Bonds and for the delivery thereof;

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- g) the form of the Refunding School Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Refunding School Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, ("DTC"), if applicable, and the Purchase Contract (as defined herein);
- h) the direction for the application and investment of the proceeds of the Refunding School Bonds;
- i) the terms of redemption of the Refunding School Bonds; and
- j) any other provisions deemed advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary not in conflict with the provisions hereof.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall execute a certificate evidencing the determinations or other actions taken pursuant to the authority granted hereunder, and any such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the actions or determinations of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as to the matters stated therein.

SECTION 4. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute by manual or facsimile signature the Refunding School Bonds in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Refunding School Bonds.

SECTION 5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve a Bond Purchase Contract (the "Purchase Contract"), if required, for the Refunding School Bonds, to be dated the date of sale of such Refunding School Bonds and to be executed by the Purchaser. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Purchase Contract.

SECTION 6. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve the Escrow Deposit Agreement (the "Escrow Deposit Agreement") with an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") to be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds, to be dated the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Deposit Agreement in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of

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said seal to the Escrow Deposit Agreement. The Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to act as the agent and representative of the Board for the purpose of subscribing for the purchase of United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series to be held by the Escrow Agent. In the alternative, if United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series are not available, the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to seek bids for the acquisition of United States Treasury Securities – Open Market Securities.

SECTION 7. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to appoint Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, as verification agent (the “Verification Agent”), with respect to the Refunded Bonds. The Verification Agent shall prepare the verification report required to verify the sufficiency of the escrowed monies to refund the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 8. The Board hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Certificate”) which will set forth the obligation of the Board to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provision of the Rule. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver this Certificate evidencing the Board’s undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Board to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Refunding School Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board to comply with its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 9. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary or any other appropriate officer or representative of the Board, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this resolution, the Purchase Contract, the Escrow Deposit Agreement and the Commitment, and for the authorization, sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds. The execution by such officials and officers of any such documents, with changes, insertions or omissions approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, as hereinabove provided, shall be conclusive and no further ratification or other action by the Board shall be required with respect thereto.

SECTION 10. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, within ten (10) days of the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall file a report with the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth (a) a comparison of the Refunding School Bonds’ debt service and the Refunded Bonds’ debt service, which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; and (d) a certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that (i) all of the conditions of Section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30- 2.5 have been met, and

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(ii) this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant to 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

SECTION 11. The Board hereby covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the “Code”) of the interest on the Refunding School Bonds. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the ability to designate the Refunding School Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.

SECTION 12. All other resolutions adopted in connection with the Refunding School Bonds and inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dr. Varcadipane made a motion to approve Finance agenda items 33-44; 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

XII. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

45. Approval to Bid / Athletic Field Improvements

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, recommended the Board approve to bid for Athletic Field Improvements.

46. Approval / Request for Proposal

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, recommended the Board approve to receive request for proposals for third party engineering services to review the district energy savings improvement plan (ESIP) completed by Alaimo Engineering/DCO.

47. Approval / Griswold Gym Floor Refinishing

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, recommended the Board approve Hardwood Floors Unlimited, South Amboy, New Jersey for the Griswold Gym floor refinishing in the amount of \$39,000.00. This is the lowest qualified quote and monies have been budgeted in 2021-2022 for this project.

48. Appointment / Operational Staff

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, recommended the Board appoint Mr. Armando Nieves as an Operational Staff member for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Nieves will begin work on or about, August 9, 2021, at a salary of Step-1 \$41,715.00 of the contractual Operational Staff salary guide. Mr. Nieves will be hired to work the second shift and receive a 5% differential of the contractual Operational Staff salary guide. Mr. Nieves employment is contingent on a successful criminal history review, receipt of Sexual Misconduct forms and TB test.

49. Approval of Energy Auction / Transparent Energy

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, permits public schools to purchase energy supplies through online bidding/reverse auction programs approved by the Division.

WHEREAS, Premiere Energy Auctions D/B/A Transparent Energy is an approved program.

WHEREAS, an online reverse auction conducted by Transparent Energy will be held on July 27, 2021 to provide electricity & natural gas supply for a one year term for the properties owned and operated by the Passaic Valley High School Board of Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Passaic Valley High School Board of Education awards contract to the lowest responsible bidder, with pricing All-In Fixed pricing not to exceed \$0.095/kWh for Electric Supply & \$0.69/th for Natural Gas Supply. The contracted term for both commodities will be for a length of 12 Months.

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50. Approval / Transportation Contracts for 2021-2022

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval to renew the following transportation contracts for the 2021-2022 school year at 1.69% increase.

Route #	Renewal #	CPI	Per Diem	Total Cost
<u>Laidlaw/First Student</u>				
2 PVHS	16	\$3.16	\$190.44	\$34,279.20
3 PVHS	16	\$2.93	\$176.71	\$31,807.80
7 PVHS	16	\$2.93	\$176.71	\$31,807.80
24 PVHS	16	\$2.93	\$176.71	\$31,807.80
42 PVHS	16	\$2.93	\$176.71	\$31,807.80
<u>Student Transportation Services L.L.C.</u>				
21 PVHS	16	\$2.79	\$168.43	\$30,317.40
22 PVHS	13	\$2.67	\$161.43	\$29,057.40
28 PVHS	16	\$2.79	\$168.43	\$30,317.40
<u>Trans-Ed</u>				
5 PVHS	6	\$2.77	\$167.02	\$30,063.60
8 PVHS	6	\$2.77	\$167.02	\$30,063.60
9 PVHS	6	\$2.77	\$167.02	\$30,063.60
23 PVHS	6	\$2.77	\$167.02	\$30,063.60
29 PVHS	6	\$2.77	\$167.02	\$30,063.60
41 PVHS	6	\$2.77	\$167.02	\$30,063.60

51. Approval / Contract Renewal

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval of Renewal No. 4 Multi-Contract No. 275 Student Transportation Contract-School Related Activities with Jordan Transportation, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year at 1.69% increase.

Route	Renewal #	CPI	Per Diem
AT1A	4	\$1.94	\$117.15
AT2A	4	\$1.87	\$112.89
FT1B	4	\$1.32	\$ 79.86
FT2B	4	\$1.32	\$ 79.86
FT2BW	4	\$1.76	\$106.49
FT1C	4	\$1.94	\$117.15
FT2C	4	\$1.87	\$112.89
FT2CW	4	\$1.87	\$112.89

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52. Approval / Use of Facilities

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval of the following use of facilities:

- Little Falls Police Department is requesting to run a Police Officer Wellness Program utilizing the cafeteria and staff lounge on August 9, 10, 11 (if needed) 2021 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Insurance will be on file with PVHS.
- Little Falls Township Recreation Department is requesting permission to use the Passaic Valley track on Sunday mornings from September 12 – November 14, 2021. The purpose of this request is for the LFAC Junior Track program to hold practices for all area youth.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to approve Operations agenda items 45-52; seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio.

Mr. Yodice discussed the turf field and gym floor. He stated the District is excited for the upgrades to the campus.

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. ATHLETIC/STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

53. Approval / Membership N.J.S.I.A.A.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following membership resolution between Passaic Valley Regional High School and the N.J.S.I.A.A. for the 2021-2022 school year:

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Board of Education of School District No. 3990, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as provided for in Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3. Et seq.) herewith enrolls Passaic Valley Regional High School as a member of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved interschool athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA.

This resolution to continue in effect until or unless rescinded by the Board of Education and shall be included among those policies adopted annually by the Board. *Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 in adopting this resolution, the Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.*

A photocopy of the minutes signifying the adoption of this membership is attached.

Administrative Responsibility – The Association must rely upon the voluntary compliance by its member schools in enforcing the eligibility standards set forth in Bylaws, Article V. Toward that end, the Principal in each member school has the affirmative obligation to report to the NJSIAA any violations of these standards. The fact that a school has disclosed that there has been an eligibility violation will not relieve the affected school of sanctions that may be imposed against it, pursuant to Article X of the Bylaws, including the forfeiture of games or events. However, the failure to disclose an eligibility violation may be grounds for imposing additional sanctions upon the offending school.

In addition, a school must maintain a status of “Member in Good Standing” as outlined in the Principal’s Affidavit to remain eligible for NJSIAA activities and tournaments.

54. Approval / Jessica Gamrat, Head Field Hockey Coach 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval of Jessica Gamrat, Head Field Hockey Coach, (Category 3 - Step 4) = \$7,761.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

55. Approval / Briana Salvemini, Asst. Field Hockey Coach 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval of Briana Salvemini, Asst. Field Hockey Coach, (Category 3 - Step 4) = \$5,533.00.

56. Approval / Marcus Jiminez, Asst. Boys Basketball Coach 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval of Marcus Jiminez, Asst. Boys Basketball Coach (Category 2 - Step 4) = \$5,858.00 pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct forms and TB test.

57. Approval / Volunteer Assistant Coaches 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Volunteer Assistant Coaches; all approvals pending paperwork, fingerprinting and background checks through the NJ criminal history report.

- Alex Pezzino - Football
- Anthony Gennarelli - Football

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58. Approval / Schedule B Stipends for the 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Schedule B Stipends for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Fall Play - Set Construction = Stephen Sallach = \$1,165.00
- Holiday Play - Set Construction = Rob Lavagno = \$1,165.00
- Spring Musical - Set Construction = Rob Lavagno = \$1,165.00
- Yearbook Advisor = Darcy Hall = \$2,342.00

59. Approval / Schedule C for the 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommended approval of qualified PVEA members for PVEA Schedule C positions for athletic and activity events such as Site Manager, Clock Operator, Cashier, and Supervision. If no qualified PVEA individuals are available, the position will be filled by qualified PV employees or individual contractors.

60. Approval / Brendan Byrnes, Pre-season Hours Summer 2021

The Superintendent recommended approval of pre-season hours prior to August 15th for the PVHS Head Athletic Trainer, Brendan Byrnes. These hours will be paid at the PVEA contracted rate of \$28.08/hr and the hours cannot exceed 42 hours total for the 6 day period of August 9 - 14, 2021.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve Athletic/Student Activities agenda items 53-60; 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

XIV. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

61. Approval / State Contract – ESSER II Funds

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board approve the NASPO ValuePoint Contract M-0483 in the amount of \$143,989.01 to VirtuIT Systems for the purchase of a VxRail 4-node cluster. VirtuIT Systems is an Authorized Dell EMC Distributor & Services Provider (Dell Vendor Contract #89967, EMC Vendor Contract #89968). This purchase will be paid through ESSER II, account #20-483-400-732-007600-050.

62. Approval / Emergency Connectivity Funding Application

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board approve the filing of the Emergency Activity Funding Application for the purchase of Chromebooks. This application will be completed by E-Rate Consultants.

Mr. D’Angelo made a motion to approve Technology agenda items 61-62; 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

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Ms. Luker asked for an Education Committee meeting be scheduled for August.

Operations Committee

Ms. Brigati stated there is an Operations Committee meeting schedule for tonight after the Board meeting.

Finance Committee

None

Athletic/Student Activities Committee

Mr. D'Ambrosio asked for an Athletic/Student Activities Committee meeting be scheduled for August.

Mr. Yodice asked to see the resumes of new coaches and volunteers.

Negotiations Committee

Mr. Damiano stated there is a Negotiations Committee meeting on August 17th.

Public Relations/Student Welfare Committee

Dr. Cathcart stated he appreciates the online meetings. He believes part of building public relations with the community is how to reach out through social media and the online meetings.

Policy Committee

Mr. Doell asked for a Policy Committee meeting to be scheduled.

Technology Committee

Mr. D'Angelo stated a Technology Committee meeting was held last night with reference to the projects that are being worked on. He spoke about the following items: school domain name change to @pvrhs.org; server upgrade; grant funding; ESSER II funding; management of grant funding for Passaic Valley to become a One to One school; Chromebooks.

Mr. Healy spoke about a One to One Device program.

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

Dr. Varcadipane spoke about the New Jersey School Boards Association contract with Passaic Valley Regional High School for the superintendent search. He believes the candidates not selected were not notified.

Mr. Yodice stated he has no problem reaching out and asking to see if the candidates were notified.

New Business

Mr. Monahan spoke about the following: Non-Public Transportation; NRESC bidding; and Aid in Lieu reimbursement to the parents.

Mr. Healy spoke about the Pfizer student vaccination drive to be held August 9th, 2021.

Mr. Yodice spoke about an occurrence on the Passaic Valley track and School Security personnel. He asked administration to speak with the staff on how they converse with community members.

Mr. Yodice welcomed Ms. Voorhis to Passaic Valley and wished her the Best of Luck..

Ms. Voorhis thanked the Board with their confidence in her. She stated she is humbled, honored and excited to be working back in the Passaic Valley community.

XVI. 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 meeting to Public Session;
seconded by Ms. Brigati

Mr. Monahan stated there is none.

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

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

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVIII. 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, August 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Adra Suchorsky Library
Passaic Valley High School
East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey