

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

***MINUTES***

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, September 7, 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, September 7, 2021**

The minutes for the regular meeting of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 in the County of Passaic on Tuesday, September 7, 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 - Absent  
Mrs. Luker - Absent  
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**

##### **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.

**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 Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of August 24, 2021.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of August 24, 2021; 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 - Absent  
Mrs. Luker - Absent  
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes  
Mr. Yodice - Abstain

Mr. Yodice asked for a motion to approve the Executive Board of Education meeting minutes of August 24, 2021.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the Executive Board of Education meeting minutes of August 24, 2021; 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 - Absent  
Mrs. Luker - Absent  
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes  
Mr. Yodice - Yes

**VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Healy spoke about the first week back at Passaic Valley Regional High School; the first school day went very well. He briefly spoke about Hurricane Ida and the damages to the school campus.

Mr. Monahan expanded on the damages to the campus. He discussed the addendum to tonight's meeting, which is included under Operations to include paving; track; fencing; and bleacher repairs.

Dr. Varcadipane asked if we can receive more than one (1) quote for the fence and bleacher repairs.

Mr. Monahan explained that tonight's addendum was to approve the emergency paving and track repairs; and fencing and bleacher repairs if needed.

Mr. Monahan said she will speak to Mr. Gaita regarding additional quotes and explained the school district's engineer will be on campus tomorrow to review if in fact the bleachers need any repairs.

Mr. Yodice asked if the addendum can be split into two (2) resolutions: one (1) being to approve paving and track repairs and two (2) being to obtain quotes for fencing and bleacher repairs, if needed.

Mr. Monahan responded yes, these two (2) resolutions will be voted on under the Operations agenda.

Mr. Doell entered the Board meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Healy thanked the custodians for their hard work during the flood cleanup.

**VIII. 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.

No one present 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.

## **IX. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **1. Approval / Yvonne Migliaccio, Maternity Leave Replacement**

The Superintendent recommended approval of Yvonne Migliaccio as the maternity leave replacement for employee #4425 starting on October 1, 2021, through December 3, 2021. Dates are subject to change. Non tenure track, no benefits, step 1 class 1 as per PVEA contract.

### **2. Approval / Part-Time Paraprofessional and Bus Aide 2021-2022**

The Superintendent recommended approval the following part-time paraprofessional(s) and bus aide(s) for the 2021-2022 school year. Rate \$16.00/hour (para), \$16.00/hour (bus), not to exceed 29 hours, no benefits. Start date pending receipt of criminal history, TB test and Sexual Misconduct forms:

- Elizabeth Van Dam

### **3. Approval / 2021-2022 Out of District Placement Contracts**

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

	Student ID	Location	Cost
1	31743	Gateway School 304 East Midland Ave Paramus, NJ	\$62,640.00 Tuition \$6,750.00 Resident fee  <i>\$69,390.00 Total</i>
2	16000431	New Bridges High School 296 E. Ridgewood Ave Paramus, NJ	\$80,190.00 Tuition \$6,750.00 Resident fee  <i>\$86,940.00 Total</i>
3	18002	New Bridges High School 296 E. Ridgewood Ave Paramus, NJ	\$80,190.00 Tuition \$6,750.00 Resident fee  <i>\$86,940.00 Total</i>
4	21732	ECLC 302 N. Franklin Turnpike Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ	\$6,397.80 ESY \$57,580.20 Tuition  <i>\$63,978.00 Total</i>

### **4. Approval / Ms. Madison Yodice, CST Intern**

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Madison Yodice as an intern to fulfill practicum requirements for Montclair State University. Ms. Yodice will be supervised by Mr. Ken Burke from 9/2-12/13/2021.

### **5. Approval / Revised 2021-2022 Shared Time Program**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following revised contract for shared time program at William Paterson University Academic Transition Program for student #937269. Revised contract \$6,598.00.

**Education Committee**

**6. Approval / Shared Services Agreement, Bergen County Special Services Addendum 2021-2022 Revised**

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 ratified and approved the revised addendum for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**7. Approval / 2021-2022 Writing Lab Stipend Positions**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Writing Lab positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Compensation paid through ESSA Title I funds account # 20-237-100-100-007600.

• Jamie Picarelli	Director	\$3,000.00
• Ashley Francis	Supervisor	\$1,000.00
• Tim Donnelly	Supervisor	\$1,000.00
• Darcy Hall	Supervisor	\$1,000.00

**8. Approval / Comprehensive Equity Plan SOA 2021-2022**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2021-2022 school year.

**9. Approval / 2021-2022 NJSLA Portfolio Saturday Classes Stipend Positions**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following NJSLA Portfolio Saturday Classes (Winter 2022) positions for the 2021-2022 school year.

Compensation \$1,500.00 per person paid through ESSA Title I funds account # 20-237-100-100-007600.

• ELA	Jamie Picarelli
• ELA	Neil Van Ess
• Math	Lindita Kurtishi
• Math	Arianna Robeson
• Math	Brad Ottino

**Education Committee**

**10. Approval / Adam Christopher, Assistant Principal**

The Superintendent recommended approval of Adam Christopher, Assistant Principal, full-time, 12-month tenure track with benefits. Start date on or about 11/7/21 pending release from current district and receipt of criminal history, TB test and Sexual Misconduct forms.

Mr. Yodice made a motion to approve Education agenda items # 1-10; seconded by Ms. Brigati.

Mr. Yodice stated Dr. Christopher is present in the audience; he spoke about him and stated Dr. Christopher and his wife are both alumni of Passaic Valley. Mr. Yodice congratulated Dr. Christopher.

Mr. Yodice asked for a roll call.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes

Dr. Cathcart – Yes

Mr. D'Ambrosio - Yes

Mr. Damiano – Yes; abstain on #10

Mr. D'Angelo – Yes

Mr. Doell – Yes

Mrs. Luker – Absent

Dr. Varcadipane – Yes

Mr. Yodice – Yes

Mr. Yodice asked Dr. Christopher if he would like to say a few words.

Dr. Christopher thanked the Board for giving him this opportunity. He spoke about his experience with STEM and working hard to retain as many students as possible at Passaic Valley. He further stated he is looking forward to being back home at Passaic Valley.

The Board members wished Dr. Christopher the Best of Luck.

**X. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**11. Acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report, Cash Reconciler's Cash Report and the Board Secretary's Certification of Funds for the Month of July**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 required 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 required 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 Board Secretary's Report and the Cash Reconciler's Cash report for the month ending July 31, 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 Board Secretary's Report and the Cash Reconciler's Cash report for the month ending July 31, 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.

**12. Approval / Line Item Budget Transfers – July**

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 July 2021 as presented.

**13. Acceptance / Financial Status Report – July**

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

**14. Acceptance / Revenue Report – July**

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

**15. Approval / Additional Revenue for Extraordinary Aide 2021-2022**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended additional revenue of Extraordinary Aide in the amount of \$851,448.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.



**Finance Committee**

**16. Approval / Northern Region Educational Services Commission for Transportation**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval to enter into agreements with the Northern Region Educational Services Commission for transportation for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	No. of Students	Estimated Cost Per Route (incl. surcharge)	Date
NP39	DePaul High School	D & M Tours	54 Pass	\$47,917.80 + \$1,437.53	9/8/21 – June 2022

**17. Approval / Northern Region Educational Services Commission for Transportation**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval to enter into agreements with the Northern Region Educational Services Commission for transportation for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	No. of Students	Estimated Cost Per Route (incl. surcharge)	Date
PC54	PCTI	Trans-Ed, Inc.	54 Pass	\$58,206.60 + \$1,746.20	9/8/21 – June 2022
PC58	PCTI	Trans-Ed, Inc.	54 Pass	\$58,206.60 + \$1,746.20	9/8/21 – June 2022
PC63	PCTI	Trans-Ed, Inc.	54 Pass	\$58,206.60 + \$1,746.20	9/8/21 – June 2022
PC64	PCTI	Aldin Transportation	54 Pass	\$63,882.00 + \$1,916.46	9/8/21 – June 2022
PC65	PCTI	Trans-Ed, Inc.	54 Pass	\$73,216.80 + \$2,196.50	9/8/21 – June 2022
PC67	PCTI	Trans-Ed, Inc.	54 Pass	\$73,216.80 + \$2,196.50	9/8/21 – June 2022

## Finance Committee

### **18. Approval / Northern Region Educational Services Commission for Transportation**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval to enter into agreements with the Northern Region Educational Services Commission for transportation for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	No. of Students	Estimated Cost Per Route (incl. surcharge)	Date
851	Chancellor Academy	Sami Peadia, Inc.	5	\$44,845.20 + \$1,345.36	9/7/21 – June 2022
916	ECLC	Trans-Ed, Inc.	1	\$69,145.20 + \$2,074.36	9/3/21 – June 2022
1030	Benway School	Omar Transportation	1	\$32,947.20 + \$988.42	9/8/21 – June 2022
1038	Gateway HS	Omar Transportation	1	\$38,439.00 + \$1,153.17	9/8/21 – June 2022
2016	Celebrate the Children	R & May Transportation	1	\$38,700.00 + \$1,161.00	9/9/21 – June 2022
2023	Deron School (Montclair)	York Transportation	1	\$22,320.00 + \$669.60	9/1/21 – June 2022
2031	Felician School	Joshua Tours	2	\$36,000.00 + \$1,080.00	9/2/21 – June 2022
2042	NJEDDA HS	Jersey Kids Transportation	1	\$57,600.00 + \$1,728.00	9/2/21 – June 2022
2048	Newmark High School	Omar Transportation	1	\$43,020.00 + \$1,290.80	9/7/21 – June 2022
2061	Sage Day School	Omar Transportation	1	\$30,600.00 + \$918.00	9/1/21 – June 2022
2080	Windsor Learning Center	Jersey Kids Transportation	1	\$30,600.00 + \$918.00	9/8/21 – June 2022
2090	New Bridges	Shaddai Transportation	1	\$37,620.00 + \$1,128.60	9/9/21 – June 2022

Dr. Varcadipane made a motion to approve Finance agenda items # 11-18; 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 – Absent  
Dr. Varcadipane – Yes  
Mr. Yodice – Yes

## **XI. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **19. Approval / Use of Facilities**

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

- OpGrad is requesting the use of the cafeteria at 7pm on the following dates:

September 15, 2021  
October 13, 2021  
November 10, 2021  
December 8, 2021  
January 12, 2022  
February 9, 2022  
March 16, 2022  
April 13, 2022  
May 11, 2022

All protocols for health and safety of the building will be required, including social distancing and the wearing of masks.

### **20. Approval / ARP ESSER Grant Application**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the ARP ESSER Grant Application in the amount of \$813,462.00.

### **21. Approval / Ronald Pescatore, Custodian Retirement**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended acceptance of retirement with regret of Mr. Ronald Pescatore, Custodian. Last day of employment September 30, 2021.

### **22. Approval / Emergency Repairs**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds recommended the Board approve the following emergency repairs:

- F. Antonucci & Sons, Inc. – faculty parking lot in the amount of \$32,675.00 and asphalt walk area in the amount of \$4,450.00
- Copeland Coating – track repairs – amount to be determined

Correspondence has been sent to the Passaic County Interim Superintendent of Schools for acknowledgement of emergency repairs.

### **Operations Committee**

**23. Approval / Quotes for Emergency Repairs**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds recommended the Board approve to receive quotes for the following emergency repairs:

- Fencing
- Bleachers (if needed)

Correspondence has been sent to the Passaic County Interim Superintendent of Schools for acknowledgement of emergency repairs.

Ms. Brigati moved Operations agenda items # 19-23; seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes  
Dr. Cathcart – Yes  
Mr. D'Ambrosio – Yes; Abstain #22  
Mr. Damiano - Yes

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

## **XII.ATHLETICS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### **24. Approval / Ben Adili, Volunteer Soccer Coach 2021-2022**

The Superintendent recommended the approval of Ben Adili as a volunteer soccer coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Start date pending receipt of criminal history, TB test and Sexual Misconduct forms.

Mr. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve Athletics and Student Activities agenda item # 24; 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 – Absent  
Dr. Varcadipane – Yes  
Mr. Yodice – Yes

### **XIII. POLICY COMMITTEE**

#### **25. Approval / Policy Adoption**

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

P 1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements
P 2422	Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)
P 2467	Surrogate Parents and Resource Family Parents (M) (Revised)
P 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
P 5114	Children Displaced by Domestic Violence (Abolished)
P 5116	Education of Homeless Children (Revised)
P & R 7432	Eye Protection (M) (Revised)
P 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (Revised)
R 8420.1	Fire and Fire Drills (M) (Revised)
P 8540	School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)
P 8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Revised)
P 8600	Student Transportation (M) (Revised)
P 8810	Religious Holidays (Abolished)
P 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs (M) (New)
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures (M) (New)
P 6115.03	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Conflict of Interest (M) (New)
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)
P 0131	Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations (Revised)
P 1521	Educational Improvement Plans (M) (Abolished)
P 1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (M) (Abolished)
P 2421	Career and Technical Education (Revised)
R 2421	Vocational - Technical Education (Abolished)
P 3134	Assignment of Extra Duties (Revised)
P & R 3142	Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member (Revised)
P & R 3221	Evaluation of Teachers (M) (Revised)
P & R 3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M) (Revised)
P & R 3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (Revised)
P & R 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (Revised)
P & R 4146	Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member (Revised)
P & R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (New)
P & R 6471	School District Travel (M) (Revised)
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

**Policy Committee**

Mr. Doell made a motion to approve Policy Committee agenda item #25; 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 - Absent  
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes  
Mr. Yodice - Yes

#### **XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Education Committee**

None

##### **Operations Committee**

None

##### **Finance Committee**

None

##### **Athletic/Student Activities Committee**

None

##### **Negotiations Committee**

Mr. Monahan stated the PVEA is still working on their salary guide.

##### **Public Relations/Student Welfare Committee**

None

##### **Policy Committee**

None

##### **Technology Committee**

Mr. D'Angelo asked Mr. Monahan to schedule a Technology Committee meeting in October.

##### **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**

Mr. D'Angelo spoke about the email to the Board Members with reference to the NJSBA survey and encouraged everyone to complete the survey. He stated their feedback will help determine the outcome of the NJSBA Strategic Plan through 2025.

##### **Old Business**

None

##### **New Business**

Mr. Monahan stated the district will be posting for custodial positions.



**XV. 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.

No one present 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.

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**XVII. 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, September 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Adra Suchorsky Library  
Passaic Valley High School  
East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey