

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

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

The minutes for the regular meeting of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 in the County of Passaic on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 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 DR. VARCADIPANE, 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
Ms. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

Also Present:

Bracken Healy, Superintendent of Schools
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.

Public Notice

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 issued notice of this meeting on January 8, 2022, by having the date, time and location of the meeting posted on the bulletin board of Passaic Valley High School and sent to The North Jersey Herald News and The Record. Notice was also filed with the Township Clerk of Little Falls, the Borough Clerk of Totowa, and the Business Administrator of Woodland Park and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

None

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr. Varcadipane asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 19, 2022, of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 Board of Education.

Mr. D’Ambrosio made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 19, 2022, of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 Board of Education; seconded by Ms. Luker.

Roll Call:

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

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

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Healy gave updates on the following items:

- New Student Orientation
- Chromebook Distribution
- Track and Field Completion
- ESIP Project (Projection completion by mid-October)
- Auditorium Renovation (Projected completion in the Fall)
- Tutor.com
- ESSER Funds: Upgrades to teacher desks; chairs; and faculty rooms

VIII. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None

IX. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Approval / 2022-2023 Out of District Placement

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the following out of district placement(s):

	Student ID	Location	Cost
1	18002	New Bridges High School 296 E. Ridgewood Ave Paramus, NJ	Tuition: \$80,190.00 Non Resident Fee: \$6,750.00 Total: \$86,940.00
2	1600431	New Bridges High School 296 E. Ridgewood Ave Paramus, NJ	Tuition: \$80,190.00 Non Resident Fee: \$6,750.00 Total: \$86,940.00
3	32046	ECLC 302 North Franklin Turnpike Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ	ESY Tuition: \$6,873.00 Tuition: \$61,857.00 Total: \$68,730.00
4	937643	Lakeview Learning Center 18 Van Duyne Ave Wayne, NJ	Tuition: \$103,286.00
5	31391	Windsor Prep 60 West Midland Ave Paramus, NJ	ESY: \$9,634.80 Tuition: \$58,772.28 Total: \$68,407.08
6	32121	South Bergen Jointure Commission 123 Union Street Lodi, NJ	Tuition \$58,790.00
7	20549	Randolph Township BOE 25 School House Rd Randolph, NJ	Tuition: \$70,000.00

2. Approval / 2022-2023 HoHoKus School of Trades and Technical Services Shared Time High School Program

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following shared times program for the following students; classes begin 9/6/2022 and run through the end of our school year; 11:30am-2:00pm, M-F. Tuition is \$55.00/day, (\$9,900.00).

- ID 937715 (MC)

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3. Approval / 2022-2023 William Paterson University Academic Transition Program

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following shared times program for the following students. Classes begin 9/12/22 and run through the end of our school year, 10:00am-1:30pm. Tuition \$8,600.00 (\$4,300.00 per semester)

- ID 20159 (GA) Tuition \$8,600.00 (\$4,300.00 per semester) M-F
- ID 21635 (LA) Tuition \$8,600.00 (\$4,300.00 per semester) M-F
- ID 1800669 (CK) Tuition \$8,600.00 (\$4,300.00 per semester) M-F
- ID 937251 (JG) Tuition \$7,000.00 (\$3,500.00 per semester) 4 days week
- ID 937269 (SR) Tuition \$7,000.00 (\$3,500.00 per semester) 4 days week

4. Approval / Fundraiser(s)

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

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	Girls Tennis	Holsworth	Popcorn Sale	8/24-9/7/22 On-line	Raise funds for off season training, end of year dinner and team building activities
2	Girls Volleyball	Robertazzi	Can Shake	9/18/22 Shoprite Little Falls	Raise funds for summer camp program, Gold Medal Squared
3	Girls Volleyball	Robertazzi	Snap Raise	Online crowd funding 8/31-9/30/22	Raise funds for summer camp program, Gold Medal Squared
4	ABA Environmental Science	Sanders	Plant / Produce Sale	22-23 school year In school	Raise funds for end of school year activity for ABA program
5	Girls Lacrosse	Donovan	Stadium Chairs & Blanket Sale	22-23 School year Events including Back to School Night and Football games	Raise funds for team activities, end of year awards and program enhancements

5. Approval / Joseph Wassel, Move on the Guide

The Superintendent recommended approval of Joseph Wassel’s request to move on the guide to Step 8 Class 2 commensurate with the approved PVEA contract.

6. Approval / 2022-2023 Tech Team

The Superintendent recommended the following persons for the Tech Team 2022-2023 school year; each to receive a stipend of \$4,500.00 paid through ESEA Title II account #20-270-200-100-007600-050.

- Michael D’Amico
- Stephanie Roberts
- Lori Feo
- Matt Youngberg

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7. Approval / Webmaster-Tech Support 2022-2023

The Superintendent recommended Mr. Brad Ottino for the Tech Team/Webmaster stipend for the 2022-2023 school year; stipend of \$5,800.00 paid through ESEA Title II account #20-270-100-100-007600-050.

8. Approval / Lead Teachers 2022-2023

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Lead Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year; stipend \$6,000.00 funded through ESSER III 20-488-100-100-00760-050.

- English Mrs. Kathleen Dellanno
- Mathematics Mr. Salvatore Sileo
- Science Dr. Susanne lobst
- Social Studies Mr. Jeffrey Francisco

9. Approval of Tutoring – ARP ESSER III

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Tutor.com in the amount of \$32,850.00 for Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond The School Day Activities. Monies will be charged to ARP ESSER III Acct # 20-490-100-300-007600-050.

10. Approval / Revision - Library Media Specialist Job Description

The Superintendent recommended approval of the revised job description for the Library Media Specialist.

11. Approval / Revised 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

The Superintendent recommended approval of the revised 2022-2023 Academic calendar.

12. Approval / Revision - Curriculum Writing Stipend

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following curriculum writing revision position, compensated at \$37.00/hour.

- Spanish I, Spanish II (1 teacher, 5 hours) - Larisa Zulic

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13. Approval / 2022-2023 School Year Field Placement/Student Teacher:

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following placements for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. Evelin Vaquero, Clinical I & II, William Paterson University
Grades 9-12 Social Studies and Social Studies Special Education
Cooperating Teacher: Mr. Robertazzi
Clinical I 9/1 - 12/9/22, Clinical II 1/23 -5/12/23

- b. Steve Siragusa, William Paterson University
Grades 9-12 English
Cooperating Teacher: Mr. Van Ess
Clinical I 9/1 - 12/10/22

14. Approval / 2022-2023 Substitute Teachers

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year; rate \$115/per diem; no benefits; up to 29 hours per week. All hires are pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct forms and presentation of appropriate certificate.

- Mirko Kobylinski
- Glinys Fernandez-Mateo
James Schmitt (coach)

15. Approval / Yvonne Migliaccio, 2022-2023 Permanent Substitute Teacher

The Superintendent recommended approval of Yvonne Migliaccio as a permanent substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year; rate \$125/per diem; no benefits; up to 29 hours per week. All hires are pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct forms and presentation of appropriate certificate.

16. Approval / Olivia Pantale, Speech and Language Pathologist

The Superintendent recommended approval of Olivia Pantale, full time, tenure track, Speech and Language Pathologist for the 2022-2023 school year; compensation Step 1, Class 3, \$66,005.00. All hires are pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct forms and presentation of appropriate certificate.

17. Approval / Claudia Bocanegra, Teacher of Spanish

The Superintendent recommended approval of Claudia Bocanegra, full time, tenure track, Teacher of Spanish for the 2022-2023 school year; compensation Step 1, Class 3, \$66,005.00. Start date pending release from current district. All hires are pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct forms and presentation of appropriate certificate.

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18. Approval / Chromebook Distribution Stipend

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following 4 staff members for Chromebook distribution; rate \$37.00/hour.

- Matt Youngberg 8.5 hours
- Thomas Deeney 9 hours
- Joseph Feinstein 9 hours
- Jeffrey Francisco 8.5 hours

19. Approval / 2022-2023 Stipend Positions

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following 2022-2023 stipend positions; compensation as per PVEA approved contract.

NAME	DEPARTMENT	STIPEND
Thornton, Ennely	Math	6th Assignment
Iobst, Edward	Science	3/5
Iobst, Susanne	Science	Zero Period
Phillian, William	Science	1/5
Sanders, Randall	Science	6th Assignment
Joseph, Cheryl	English /Special Education	6th Assignment
Ziccardi, Maria	World Language	6th Assignment
DeLuccia, Michael	Visual and Performing Arts	Zero Period
Vanderstreet, Pia	Visual and Performing Arts	Zero Period
Geleta, Zuzana	CTE	6th Assignment
Dempsey, Lori	Visual and Performing Arts	6th Assignment
Kurtishi, Lindita	Math	6th Assignment

20. Approval / ECLC 2022-2023 Out of District Placement

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve ECLC 302 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, for student ID# 20549 for the 2022-2023 school year; tuition: \$61,857.00.

Dr. Varcadipane asked about the Tech Team and Webmaster.

Dr. Healy stated the Tech Team has been on-going for several years. He spoke about the Tech Team and their responsibilities. He stated the Webmaster is solely responsible for the website.

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Ms. Luker made a motion to approve the Education agenda items 1-20; 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
Ms. Luker - Yes
Dr. Varcadipane - Yes
Mr. Yodice - Yes

X. FINANCE COMMITTEE

21. Approval / August 2022 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
8/24/22	Pending	\$ 1,547,164.30

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.

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.

22. 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 2022 - Supplemental

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 (Continued)

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WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's Report and the Cash Reconciler's Cash report for the month ending June 30, 2022 Supplemental 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 June 30, 2022 Supplemental; 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.

23. Approval of Line Item Budget Transfers – June 2022 Supplemental

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 2022 Supplemental as presented.

24. Acceptance of Financial Status Report – June 2022 Supplemental

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board accept the Financial Status Report for the month of June 2022 Supplemental as presented.

25. Acceptance of Revenue Report – June 2022 Supplemental

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board accept the Revenue Report for the month of June 2022 Supplemental as presented.

26. Approval Cooperative Pricing Agreements Revised

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 authorized administration to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with:

- The Hunterdon County Educational Services
- Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)
- WSCA-NASPO
- National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
- Keystone Purchasing Network
- Sourcewell
- Camden County Educational Services Commission.
- Northern Region Educational Service Commission
- PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing National Contract Program
- NJSBA ACES

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WHEREAS these agencies conduct a certain function relating to the purchase of work materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions during the 2022-2023 school year; 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 recognized the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive bid for goods and/or services; and

WHEREAS the agencies are a Service Cooperative to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power at no cost; and

WHEREAS this resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1; and

WHEREAS the agencies 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), the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the listed agencies for the purchase of work materials and supplies, as needed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 is hereby authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the following agencies for the purchase of work materials, supplies and services for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed:

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- The Hunterdon County Educational Services
- Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)
- WSCA-NASPO
- National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
- Keystone Purchasing Network
- Sourcewell
- Camden County Educational Services Commission.
- Northern Region Educational Service Commission
- PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing National Contract Program
- NJSBA ACES

27. 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:

Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
Pomptonian	Invoice 671063022	1280	\$48,687.37
Jay-Hill Repairs	Ice Machine Repairs	1281	\$918.92
Ken Dietz	Tile Grout Kitchen	1282	\$764.25
NRESC	Nutrition Ad	1283	\$80.00

28. Approval of Additional Revenue for Extraordinary Aid 2021-2022

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval of additional Extraordinary Aid Revenue in the amount of \$483,191.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

29. Approval of Additional Revenue for Maintenance of Equity Aid 2021-2022

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval of additional Maintenance of Equity Aid Revenue in the amount of \$389,760.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

30. Approval / Northern Region Educational Services Commission for ESY 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 ESY transportation as requested by our Child Study Team for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

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Route#	School (s)	Contractor	No. of Students	Estimated Cost Per Route (incl. surcharge)	Date
PG22	PG Chambers	Jets Transportation	1	\$8,748.00 + \$262.44	7/7/22 - 8/15/22
2511	Chancellor Academy	Jersey Kids Transportation	1	\$3,972.53 + \$119.18	7/1/22 - 7/29/22
2511	Chancellor Academy	Jersey Kids Transportation	2	\$2,973.33 + \$118.93	7/1/22 - 7/29/22
2528	ECLC	Jordan Transportation	1	\$3,800.00 + \$114.00	7/5/22 - 8/1/22
2528	ECLC	Jordan Transportation	1	\$1,825.00 + \$54.75	7/5/22 - 8/1/22
2560	Newmark High School	Omar Transportation	1	\$6,660.00 + \$199.80	7/6/22 - 7/29/22
2565	New Bridges BCSS	Jersey Kids Transportation	1	\$10,730.00 + \$321.90	7/5/22 - 8/12/22
2621	Windsor School-PL	Jersey Kids Transportation	1	\$6,450.00 + \$193.50	7/5/22 - 8/15/22

31. Approval of Transportation Contract – New Jersey Department of Children Services

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the transportation contract for student AR #937731 in the amount of \$75.00 per day to New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

32. Approval of Federal Reimbursements - FEMA

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board accept the reimbursement of FEMA funds in the amount of \$24,125.34. These monies will be refunded to maintenance account 11-000-263-420-006000-050.

33. Approval 2021-2023 ESSER II Grant - Amendment

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the 2021-2023 ESSER II Grant Amendment.

34. Approval 2021-2024 ARP ESSER III Grant - Amendment

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the 2021-2024 ARP ESSER III Grant Amendment.

35. Approval of Resolution Opposing the Proposed Increase to the School Employees Health Benefits Program

WHEREAS, the School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to participating school district employees, retirees and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SEHBP plans are self-funded, meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from an SEHBP fund supplied by participating local employers and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits are responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SEHBP. The School Employees Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, the School Employees Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials, union representatives and a representative of the New Jersey School Boards Association, annually considers the calendar year premium levels for the Local Education Employee Group of the SEHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Education Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee has the responsibility for and authority over the various plans and components of the plans, including for medical benefits, prescription benefits, dental, vision, and any other health care benefits, offered and administered by the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires three (3) members of the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee to be appointed by the Governor as representatives of public employers (i.e., local school districts) whose employees are enrolled in the program, but currently all such representatives are state-level appointees;

WHEREAS, the recommended rate changes for medical and prescription drug coverage for the Active 2023 Local Education Employer Group is 15.1%, which includes a 15.3% increase for active employees enrolled in NJ DIRECT 10/15 and a 14.9% increase for active employees enrolled in the NJ Educators Health Plan (NJEHP); and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer, as well as school employees, at a time where there is record inflation; and
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WHEREAS, since employees enrolled the NJEHP pay a percentage of salary toward their health benefits per P.L.2020, c.44, commonly referred to as "Chapter 44", any increase in NJEHP premiums will fall almost entirely upon local boards of education, placing a severe strain on their budgets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local school districts that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 Board of Education in the County of Passaic call upon the School Employees Health Benefits Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 Board of Education in the County of Passaic urge the Legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the School Employees Health Benefits Commission and the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee to include additional representatives from local school district management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1 Board of Education in the County of Passaic urge the Legislature and executive branch to examine the impact that "Chapter 44" has had on school district budgets and to adopt legislation that will reverse any of its negative consequences and provide relief to those districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Kristin Corrado, Assembly Representatives Kevin Rooney and Christopher DePhillips and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Mr. Yodice made a motion to approve the Finance agenda items 21-35; seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio.

Roll Call:

Ms. Brigati - Yes

Dr. Cathcart - Yes

Mr. D'Ambrosio - Abstain on Bills List

P.O. #285; and Yes to everything else

Mr. Damiano - Yes

Mr. D'Angelo - Yes

Mr. Doell - Yes

Ms. Luker - Yes

Dr. Varcadipane - Yes

Mr. Yodice - Yes

XI. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

36. Approval of Security Shades – CRRSA ESSER II

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board retroactively approve the purchase of security shades in the amount of \$8,563.00 to S & M Interiors, LLC. The monies will be charged to CRRSA ESSER II Acct # 20-483-200-600-007600-050.

37. Approval of Furniture – ARP ESSER III

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture in the amount of \$21,600.00 (classroom furniture) and \$11,717.00 (office furniture) to Clarion Office Furniture. The monies will be charged to ARP ESSER III Acct # 20-487-200-600-007600-050.

Mr. Monahan stated that all old / unrepairable furniture will be disposed.

38. Approval of Honeywell System - ESIP

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and Alaimo Engineering/DCO Energy, recommends the Board approve the installation of plug load controls in the amount of \$25,248.90 to Best Energy Reduction Technologies LLC. The installation of the plug load controls will be paid through the Energy Savings Improvement Program lease financing.

39. Approval / Daniel Herreros, Custodian Resignation

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended to accept the resignation of Daniel Herreros, Custodian; last day August 15, 2022.

40. Approval of Furniture – ARP ESSER III

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommended the Board approve the purchase of 91 Hon chairs in the amount of \$13,650.00 to The Office Zone Inc. The monies will be charged to ARP ESSER III Acct # 20-487-200-600-007600-050.

Mr. Damiano made a motion to approve the Operations agenda items 36-40; 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
Ms. Luker – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Yes
Mr. Yodice – Yes

XII. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

41. Approval of Chromebooks – ARP ESSER

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Technology Coordinator recommended the Board approve SHI International Corp., PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing National Contract Program #528991 PEPPM 2019 in the amount of \$17,599.50 for the purchase of 50 Dell Pro Chromebooks for students. The monies will be charged to ARP ESSER III Acct # 20-483-100-600-007600-050.

42. Approval of Computers – Digital Lab

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Technology Coordinator recommended the Board approve the purchase of 25 - 24-inch iMac’s with AppleCare in the amount of \$47,450.00 to Apple Inc. for the school district’s Digital Lab. Apple Inc. is a unique vendor with proprietary software and is not subject to bid. The amount of \$5,650.00 will be charged to CARES Acct # 20-477-200-600-076000-050 with the remaining balance of \$41,850.00 charged to Acct # 11-190-100-500-005200-050.

43. Approval / Christopher Clementi, Part-Time Technology Support

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Christopher Clementi, Technology Support, part-time, no benefits at the hourly rate of \$35.62/hour.

Ms. Brigati made a motion to approve the Technology agenda items 41-43; 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
Ms. Luker – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Yes
Mr. Yodice – Yes

XIII. POLICY COMMITTEE

44. Approval / Policy Adoption

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

- P&R 7510 Use of School Facilities

Dr. Cathcart made a motion to approve the Policy agenda item 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
Ms. Luker – Yes
Dr. Varcadipane – Yes
Mr. Yodice – Yes

XIV. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

45. Approval Use of Facilities

The Superintendent recommended the following use of facilities requests: all outside organizations (not school related) must file proof of insurance with Passaic Valley Regional High School before the commencement of their designated event, including any preparation before, if necessary.

- Little Falls Athletic Club would like to use the track on Sunday mornings for their youth track program from 9am - 11am from September 18th to November 6th.
- PVHS Marching Band and Marching Band Parents Association are requesting to host a Marching Band Competition through US Bands on Saturday, September 17th from 1pm to 8pm. Passaic Valley Marching Band plus 5 other bands will perform in a competition on the new turf field. Areas used will be the indoor band wing, cafeteria for judges as a pre and post event holding area, the front fields for bands to assemble and practice, all areas of the parking lot, snack stand, press box and turf field (possibly needing lights). Costs to PVHS will be extra PV security outside of a normal Saturday schedule (need 3); PV Custodial Staff outside of a normal Saturday schedule; as well as Little Falls EMT coverage. Money collected at the gate will go toward PVHS expenses for hosting the event outside of a normal Saturday.
- Evolution Lacrosse via Sarah Burkarth is requesting the use of the turf field from 2-4 pm on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and November 13. Proof of insurance must be on file with Passaic Valley Regional High School before date of the first event. Hourly rate per policy.
- PASCO Soccer Club is requesting use of the Turf Field and Lights on Tuesdays from 8/ 30 -11/15, 7-10 PM; Sundays 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/30 and 11/6 and Saturday 10/22 from 5-8 PM at the approved hourly rate per policy. Proof of insurance must be on file with Passaic Valley Regional High School before date of the first event.

46. Approval /Coaches

The Superintendent recommended the following coaching positions; all hires are pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct forms and presentation of appropriate certificate.

Fall Sports 2022:

- Julia Boylan - Girls Soccer *Volunteer*
- Maryann Pacheco - Girls Volleyball *Volunteer*

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47. Approval / Stipend Positions

The Superintendent recommended the following stipend positions; all hires are pending receipt of criminal history, sexual misconduct forms and presentation of appropriate certificate.

- James Schmitt - Schedule D - Assistant Coach - Boys Basketball - Category 2 Level 4 = \$5,858.00
- Alicia Castillo - Schedule B - Color Guard Coordinator = \$2,400.00
- Suzanne Benvenuti - Schedule B - Yearbook Club = \$2,342.00

48. Approval of NJSIAA Membership Resolution for 2022-202 School Year:

Passaic Valley Regional High School hereby enrolled as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA), a non-profit association of the public and non-public high schools in the State of New Jersey; and is authorized to participate in the approved athletic activities sponsored by the NJSIAA. The Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education hereby adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

Mr. D’Ambrosio made a motion to approve the Athletics and Activities agenda items 45-48; seconded by Ms. Luker.

Roll Call:

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

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

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Varcadipane asked if there were any Committee Reports.

There were no Committee Reports.

Discussion was held on conducting Committee meetings once a month or immediately before Board meetings.

Attorney Report

None

Old Business

Dr. Varcadipane spoke about a newsletter going out in a bulk mail to everyone in the community to promote the school district. A public relations meeting will be scheduled for further discussion.

New Business

Dr. Healy stated he believes the community is hearing and saying good things about Passaic Valley. He stated he credits the Board and he could not do his job without them.

Dr. Healy spoke about the return of students from PCTI and private schools.

Dr. Healy thanked everyone for a successful year and is excited to start the school year in September.

Dr. Healy invited the Board to attend the first football game of the season on Friday, September 2nd and to join the team and administrators on the field.

XVI. CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Varcadipane asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Regular Meeting:
Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 7:00 pm
Adra Suchorsky Library
Passaic Valley High School
East Main Street
Little Falls, New Jersey