

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

*AGENDA*

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

**Order of Business**

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**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 11, 2020, 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 September 4, 2020 the change of time notice was 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.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the October 27, 2020 regular meeting(s) will be presented for review and approval.

The minutes of the October 13, 2020 executive session(s) will be presented for review and approval

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- HIB Presentation

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Lia Trehwella

Noor Agha

Teresa Payne

Julia Perdomo

**CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Education Committee**

**1. Approval / Home Instruction**

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

ID	Grade	Location
Hi15-2021	12	Little Falls

**2. Approval /FMLA Medical Leave, Amy Niosi**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education to approve the following FMLA leave starting December 7, 2020 through March 5, 2021.

Dates	Coverage	Amount of Time
	Paid Sick Leave	
12/7/20 - 3/5/21	Federal Medical Leave Act	12 weeks
	NJ Family Leave Act	
	Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave	
	Emergency Federal Medical Leave Act	
	Unpaid Leave of Absence	

**3. Approval /Amend Medical Leave, Fulya Arici**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education to approve the following amendment to the medical leave of absence for Ms. Fulya Arici, effective September 1, 2020 through December 4, 2020 returning December 7, 2020, detailed below.

Dates	Coverage	Amount of Time
	Paid Sick Leave	
	Federal Medical Leave Act	
	NJ Family Leave Act	
<b>11/23/20 – 12/4/20</b>	<b>Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave</b>	<b>10 Days (80 Hours)</b>
9/1/20 – 11/20/20	Emergency Federal Medical Leave Act	12 weeks (EFMLEA)
	Unpaid Leave of Absence	

**4. Approval / September 2020 Student Attendance**

The Superintendent reports the following attendance for October 2020:

Possible number of days school has been open	22.00
Possible number of days attendance	21,845.00
Days absent	682.50
Percent of attendance	96.9%
Average daily attendance	961.91
Average daily enrollment	1,035.00

### **Education Committee**

- 5. Approval / Articulation Agreement Extension with Kean University**  
The Superintendent recommends approval of an extension to the articulation agreement with Kean University effective September 2021 through June 2023 to earn college credit for Holocaust and Genocide elective course.
- 6. Approval / Part-Time Multimedia Technician Evaluation**  
The Superintendent recommends approval of the evaluation form for the Part-Time Multimedia Technician. Att E-1
- 7. Approval / Broadcasting CTE - Virtual Industry Panel Discussion**  
The Superintendent recommends the approval of students' participation in the virtual industry panel discussion, Pour the IndusTEA on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. The virtual event is part of SkillsUSA membership, a career and technical student organization for the CTE Broadcasting Program of Study at Passaic Valley. No additional cost to the district. Att E-2
- 8. Approval / SkillsUSA CONNECT**  
The Superintendent recommends the approval of student participation in SkillsUSA CONNECT, a virtual community which provides access to resources, events, news and discussion forums for SkillsUSA members. SkillsUSA CONNECT is offered through SkillsUSA membership, which is available to students enrolled in broadcasting and engineering courses. No additional cost to the district.
- 9. Approval / Broadcasting CTE - Virtual Fall Leadership Conference**  
The Superintendent recommends the approval of students' participation in SkillsUSA virtual Fall Leadership Conference from November 16, 2020 to November 19, 2020. The virtual event is part of SkillsUSA membership, a career and technical student organization for the CTE Broadcasting Program of Study and the Engineering Program at Passaic Valley. Registration fee is \$5.00 per student. Cost to district: \$60.00 for up to 12 students. Att E-3
- 10. Approval / NJ Department of Children and Families Office of Education Tuition Contract(s) 2020-2021 School Year**  
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following contracts mandated by the Department of Children and Families Office of Education for the 2020-2021 school year :

  - Student ED Tuition: \$18,972.00
- 11. Approval / George Dassinger – Business Schedule Replacement**  
The Superintendent recommends approval of Mr. George Dassinger to cover Ms. Odgers class due to retirement as follows. Mr. Dassinger will have full responsibility of the classes.

  - Jan 1 - Jan 27, 2021 \$125.00 /per diem
  - Jan 28 – Apr 12, 2021 \$150.00/per diem
  - Apr 13 – June 18, 2021 \$175.00/per diem

**Education Committee**

**12. Approval/Fundraiser(s)**

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

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Teacher/ Advisor</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date/Time/Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
1	Class of 2022	Feinstein/ Joseph	Clothing/Apparel Sale – Pierce Apparel	On-line 11/8 – 12/6-2020	Raise funds for Cotillion and Prom
2	Class of 2022	Feinstein/ Joseph	Mr. Cupcakes Sale	On-Line 12/1/20-1/5/21	Raise funds for Cotillion and Prom
3	Class of 2022	Feinstein/ Joseph	PV Blanket Sale	On-line 12/1/20-1/15/21	Raise funds for Cotillion and Prom
4	Class of 2022	Feinstein/ Joseph	Clothing/Apparel Sale – Collegemania	On-line 12/1/20-1/15/21	Raise funds for Cotillion and Prom
5	Spanish	Ropero	Christmas Goods Sale Supportmyschool.org	On-Line 11/18-12/17/2020	Raise funds for club activities

**13. Approval / Resignation Part-Time Aide Emely Mercedes**

The Superintendent recommends retroactive approval of the resignation of Emily Mercedes part-time aide effective November 13, 2020.

**14. Approval / Resignation Kevin Nendze, Security**

The Superintendent recommends approval of the resignation Kevin Nendze, Security Guard with Passaic Valley High School effective 12/31/2020.

**15. Approval / Dr. JoAnn Cardillo, Superintendent Retirement**

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommends approval to formally accept the retirement of Dr. JoAnn Cardillo Superintendent of Passaic Valley Regional High School in accordance with contractual obligations effective June 30, 2021.

**16. Approval / English Coverage**

The Superintendent recommends the following retroactive coverage for the English department from November 2, 2020 through March 5, 2021:

- Yvonne Migliaccio, Class 1 Step 1 to cover Ms. Niosi, Teacher of English

**Finance Committee**

**1. Approval of Monthly Bill List - November**

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 provide by resolution approval by a person designated by the board, and

WHERAS, 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 (Attachment F-1):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
11/18/20	Pending	\$ 882,715.72

WHERAS, 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 authorizes 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.

**2. Acceptance of the Board Secretary’s Report, Cash Reconciler’s Cash Report and the Board Secretary’s Certification of Funds for the Month of October 2020**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation, and WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary’s Report and the Cash Reconciler’s Cash report; and

WHEREAS, attached (Attachment F-2) are the Board Secretary’s Report and the Cash Reconciler’s Cash report for the month ending October 31, 2020 for the Board to accept; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary’s Report and the Cash Reconciler’s Cash report for the month ending October 31, 2020; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and the Board of Education certifies that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District’s financial obligation.

**Finance Committee**

**3. Approval of Payment of Cafeteria Invoices**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve payment of the following cafeteria invoices.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pomptonian	Invoice #671-101620	1163	\$ 16,381.30
Pomptonian	Invocie #671-102320	1164	\$ 986.51
Pomptonian	Invocie #671-103020	1165	\$ 5,989.83

**4. Approval of Line Item Budget Transfers – October 2020**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve the following line item transfers to include administrative cost budget transfers for the month of October 2020 as presented. (See Attachment F-3)

**5. Acceptance of Financial Status Report – October 2020**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board secretary recommends the Board accept the Financial Status Report for the month of October 2020, as presented. (See Attachment F-4)

**6. Acceptance of Revenue Report – October 2020**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board accept the Revenue Report for the month of October 2020, as presented. (See Attachment F-5)

**7. Approval 2020-2021 ESEA Title I & Title II Grant - Amendment**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, recommended the Board approve the 2020-2021 ESEA Title I & Title II grant amendment.

**8. Approval of Transportation Contract Addendum 2020-2021 Laidlaw/First Student**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends the approval of the addendum of the school district’s transportation contract with Laidlaw/First Student for the 2020-2021 school year. Each route will receive a 10% discount per month from November, December and January as the school district moved to an all virtual model due to Covid-19.

**9. Approval of Transportation Contract Addendum 2020-2021 – Student Transportation Services**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends the approval of the addendum of the school district’s transportation contract with Student Transportation Services for the 2020-2021 school year. Each route will receive a 10% discount per month from November, December and January as the school district moved to an all virtual model due to Covid-19.

**Finance Committee**

**10. Approval of Transportation Contract Addendum 2020-2021 – Trans-Ed**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends the approval of the addendum of the school district's transportation contract with Trans-Ed for the 2020-2021 school year. Each route will receive a 15% discount per month from November, December, and January as the school district moved to an all virtual model due to Covid-19.



### **Operations Committee**

**1. Comprehensive Facilities Maintenance Plan**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve the M-1 form, Comprehensive Facilities Maintenance Plan and LRFP worksheet as per the state monitoring guidelines. (Attachment O-1)

**2. Approval of Energy Savings Plan – Development Contract**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve The Energy Savings Plan Development Contract with the school districts engineer, The Alaimo Group. There is no fee associated with the Energy Savings Plan Phase.

**3. Approval /Use of Facilities**

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

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

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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

**Policy Committee**

**1. Approval / Policy Adoption**

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

- Bylaw0164.6 REMOTE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY

**Athletic/Student Activities Committee**

**1. Approval to Oppose S-2843/A-1911 - Establishes Overreaching Job Protections for High School Athletic Coaches**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the following resolution.

**WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2843 and Assembly Bill 1911**, currently pending in the State Legislature, establish various measures to provide employment stability for high school coaches employed in school districts, and

**WHEREAS**, The job protections mandated by S-2843/A-1911 include three-year contracts for head coaches and two-year contracts for assistant coaches; and

**WHEREAS**, S-2843/A-1911 includes several other employment protections for coaches that would severely inhibit a board of education's authority to make prompt and decisive personnel actions; and

**WHEREAS**, The preferential treatment of, and granting of stronger protections, to coaches is inequitable and gives the impression that they are more valuable or important to the educational community than other school employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Existing laws and regulations, along with collective bargaining agreements, provide all employees with protection against unjust termination; and

**WHEREAS**, The intent of S-2843/A-1911 to provide protections from the arbitrary dismissal of high school coaches from their positions must be balanced with a board of education's obligation to make personnel decisions based on educational needs, financial capacity and operational considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, This bill constitutes an unnecessary and inappropriate overreach and, if enacted, will tie the hands of local school board members and administrators, preventing them from making sound personnel decisions that they deem to be in the best interest of students, parents and the overall school community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Passaic Valley Board of Education urges the State Senate, General Assembly and the Governor to oppose S-2843/A-1911; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the 40th Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

### **Athletic Committee**

**1. Approval /Andre Snead, Boys Basketball Coach Resignation**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends Board approval of resignation from the position of Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the winter season 2020-2021.

- Andre Snead

**2. Approval /Andrew Tomlin, Boys Basketball Coach**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends Board approval of Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the winter season 2020-2021. This approval is pending all paperwork, fingerprinting and background check through the NJ Criminal History Report.

- Andrew Tomlin Category 2 / Assistant 4 = \$5,858

**3. Approval /Alex Fleischman, Assistant Ice Hockey Coach Resignation**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends Board approval of the resignation from the position of Assistant Ice Hockey Coach for the winter season 2020-2021.

- Alex Fleischmann

**4. Approval / Christopher Birdsall, Assistant Ice Hockey Coach**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends Board approval of an Assistant Ice Hockey Coach for the winter season 2020-2021. This approval is pending all paperwork, fingerprinting and background check through the NJ Criminal History Report.

- Christopher Birdsall Category 3 / Assistant 4 = \$5,533

**5. Approval /Volunteer Wrestling Coaches**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends Board approval of the following Volunteer Wrestling Coaches for the 2020-2021 season. This approval is pending all paperwork, fingerprinting and background check through the NJ criminal history report.

- Dominic Carfagno
- Justin Ramirez
- Louis Fontana

**6. Approval /Fulya Arici, Spanish Club Advisor, Revised**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends Board approval to revise the stipend appointment of Ms. Fulya Arici as a Spanish Club advisor, pro-rated stipend payment of \$243.75 from September 2020 through November 2020. Upon completion of leave and return to district status of Spanish Club advisor will resume.

**Technology Committee**

**1. Approval of Cloud Web Filter**

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator, recommends the Board retroactively approve the purchase of cloud web filter from Iboss Inc. in the amount of \$2,095.00. The cost of this web filter is paid through CARES funds, account # 20-477-400-732-007600-050.

**Education Committee**

**Operations Committee**

**Finance Committee**

**Athletic/Student Activities Committee**

**Negotiations Committee**

**Public Relations/Student Welfare Committee**

**Policy Committee**

**Technology Committee**

**Ad Hoc Committee**

**Attorney's Report**

**Passaic County School Board's Association – Report of Delegate**

**New Jersey School Board's Association – Report of Delegate**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Call for members of the Public to be heard**

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting**

Regular Meeting:  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
Adra Suchorsky Library  
Passaic Valley High School  
East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey