

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

AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

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 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 January 14, 2021 a revised board meeting notice was advertised in the 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 February 23, 2021 and March 2, 2021 Regular/Special meeting(s) will be presented for review and approval. The minutes of the February 23, 2021 and March 2, 2021 Executive meeting(s) will be presented for review and approval.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Student Attendance

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. Report of Suspensions – March 1, 2021 through March 5, 2021

Suspension	Grade	Date	Reason	Days/Return
S05-2021	11	3/5/2021	Other	5/Mar 12, 2021

2. Approval / Revised Out of District Contract

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following revised contracts contract for the 2020-2021 school year:

	Student ID	Provider	Services/Tuition
1	16096	Chancellor Academy 157 West Parkway PO Box 338 Pompton Plains, NJ 07444	\$71,187.00 (tuition) \$ 7,780.00 (est tuition) \$78,967.00 total
2	937326	Chancellor Academy 157 West Parkway PO Box 338 Pompton Plains, NJ 07444	\$71,187.00 (tuition) \$ 7,780.00 (est tuition) \$78,967.00 total

3. Approval/Fundraiser(s)

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

	Department	Teacher/ Advisor	Event	Date/Time/Location	Purpose
1	Art Club	Czepiel	80 th Anniversary Logo Clothing and Sticker Sale	March-June 2021	Raise funds for club, supplies and field trip.
2	Baseball	Tiseo	SnapRaise	April 7-May 7, 2021- on line	Raise funds for baseball program.
3	Spring Track & Field	J. Thornton	Dine & Donate	TBD/ Wendy's Route 46E, Wayne NJ	Raise funds for senior gifts, end of season dinner (according to the guidelines)
4	Winter Track & Field	J. Thornton	Clothing Sale	March 2021	Raise funds for senior gifts, end of season dinner (according to the guidelines)
5	Environmental Club	Goodman/ Sanders	Vendor Donations	March 15-April 15, 2021	Requesting donations for an environmental club event.

4. Approval / Revise Rate Substitute Teacher

The Superintendent recommends revision of the per diem rate for the following substitute for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Star Kent-Finnegan \$100.00/per diem

Education Committee

5. Approval / Revise HIB Coordinator and Specialist

The Superintendent recommends revision of the previously approved positions of HIB Coordinator and Specialist as follows:

- Mr. Dave Settembre from HIB Specialist to HIB Coordinator
- Ms. Kelly Morris from HIB Coordinator to HIB Specialist

6. Approval/Jeffrey Blaine Bargiel, Part-time ABA Paraprofessional

The Superintendent recommends approval of Jeffrey Blain Bargiel as a part time ABA paraprofessional at the rate of \$18 an hour not to exceed 29 hours. Start date pending receipt of criminal history, tb test and disclosure forms.

7. Approval / Home Instruction

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

ID	Grade	Location
Hi26-2021	12	Totowa
Hi27-2021	9	Totowa
Hi28-2021	9	Woodland Park

8. Approval / Revised Medical Leave, Amy Niosi

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education to approve the following NJFLA leave starting March 8, 2021 through June 4, 2021.

Dates	Coverage	Amount of Time
	Paid Sick Leave	
12/7/20 - 3/5/21	Federal Medical Leave Act	12 weeks
3/8 – 6/4/2021	NJ Family Leave Act	12 weeks
9/1-15/2020	Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave	80 hours
9/16-12/4/2020	Emergency Federal Medical Leave Act	12 weeks
	Unpaid Leave of Absence	

9. Approval / English Coverage

The Superintendent recommends the following retroactive coverage for the English department from March 8, 2021 through June 4, 2021:

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

Education Committee

10. Approval / PVHS "Say Something Day" Proclamation

Whereas, when it comes to violence, suicide and threats, most are known by at least one other individual before the incident occurs; and

Whereas, 80% of school shooters told someone of their violent plans prior to the event. 7 out of 10 people who complete suicide told someone of their plans or gave some type of warning or indication; and

Whereas, *Say Something* teaches students in Middle and High School how to look for warning signs, signals and threats, especially in social media, from individuals who

may want to hurt themselves or others and to "say something" to a trusted adult to get them help.

Whereas, *Say Something* will benefit young people, educators, administrators, community-based organizations, parents, and caretakers by building a culture of looking out for one another; and

Whereas, by reporting possible threats of violence when someone sees, reads, or hears something, entire communities will become safer and lives will be saved; and
Whereas, Sandy Hook Promise, a national, non-profit organization led by family members whose loved ones were killed in the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012 supports sensible solutions that protect

children and prevent gun violence by bringing individuals and communities together, to look out for and care for one another; and

Whereas, Sandy Hook Promise's *Say Something* Program, is being celebrated as part of National *Say Something* Week, February 25 - March 1, 2019 at *Passaic Valley Regional High School*; and

Whereas, through *Say Something*, young people will see a positive change for everyone and save lives by looking out for one another.

Therefore, we, *the elected officials of the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education in Little Falls, New Jersey*, do recognize and commemorate the importance of this program and hereby proclaim *February 27, 2019* to be *Say Something Day* at *Passaic Valley Regional High School in Little Falls, New Jersey* and encourage all our citizens to recognize *Say Something's* significance.

Education Committee

11. Approval / February 2021 Student Attendance

The Superintendent reports the following attendance for February 2021:

Possible number of days school has been open	19.00
Possible number of days attendance	18,737.00
Days absent	584.00
Percent of attendance	96.9%
Average daily attendance	955.42
Average daily enrollment	1,037.00

12. Approval of Special Education Contracts – Tuition Paying Students for the Passaic Valley/Bergen Autism Program - Revised

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.

- Caldwell/West Caldwell (1 student)
- Nutley (1 student)
- Mahwah (3 student)
- Little Ferry (1 student)
- Saddle Brook (1 Student)
- Cedar Grove (2 Student)
- Edgewater (1 Student)
- Northern Highland/Westwood (1 Student)
- North Arlington (1 Student)
- Montville (1 Student)
- Manchester Regional High School (2 Student)
- Ramsey (1 Student)

Finance Committee

1. Approval of Monthly Bill List – February Supplemental

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

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 (Attachment F-1):

Date	Check Numbers	Total Amount
2/28/21	Pending	\$ 47,650.00

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemize, 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. Approval of Adoption and Submission of 2021-2022 Tentative School Budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board adopts and submits the 2021-2022 tentative School budget.

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2021-2022 School Year using the 2021-2022 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2021-2022 Total Expenditures	32,845,150	1,027,115	736,051	34,608,316
Less: Anticipated Revenues	5,512,921	1,027,115	250,257	6,790,293
Taxes to be Raised	27,332,229	0	485,794	27,818,023

Finance Committee

And to advertise said tentative budget in the North Jersey Herald News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in the Adra Suchorsky Library of the Passaic Valley Regional High School, Located on East Main Street, Little Falls, New Jersey on April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2021-2022 School Year.

3. Approval of Maximum Travel & Expense Reimbursement

WHEREAS, the Passaic Valley Regional High School District Policy # 6471 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 school year.

WHEREAS, the Passaic Valley Regional High School District appropriated \$12,250.00 for travel during the 2020-2021 school year and has spent \$100.80 as of February 28, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021-2022 school year at the sum of \$13,250.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

4. Approval of Legal Costs

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and school district auditor recommends the Board approve and acknowledge the school district exceeds 130% of the statewide average for legal costs. The school district will implement internal controls for the reduction of costs or to provide evidence that such procedures would not result in a reduction of costs.

5. Approval / Northern Region Educational Services Commission

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommended approval to enter into an agreement with the Northern Region Educational Services Commission for transportation requested by our CST per the quoted route listed below for the period of 1/19/21 through 1/29/2021 as follows:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost Per	Starting Date
Q1067	Lakeview Learning Center	Omar Transpiration	1	1,035.00 + 31.05	1/19/21-1/29/21

Operations Committee

1. Approval of Engineering/Architectural Services

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for exploratory Athletic Field Improvements.

2. Approval of Transportation Software System – Routfinder Plus

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve the Routfinder Plus Transportation Software System from Transfinder in the amount of \$9,250.00. This amount will be paid over a two-year period, \$5,500 in the 2020-2021 school year and \$3,750.00 in the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Approval of Equipment – Gum Remover

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve the Karcher Gum Remover from Atra Janitorial Supply Co. in the amount of \$3,097.60. This purchase is through Ed Data Bid # 10425.

4. Approval of Portable Sneeze Guards

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board approve the purchase of 1200, 24" tri-fold portable sneeze guards at a cost of \$13,200.00 from Hertz Furniture. The cost of the sneeze guards will be requested through the additional Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II). This purchase is through Ed Data Bid # 10430.

Athletic / Student Activities Committee

1. Approval of Side Bar Agreement / PVEA

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the approval of the revised school Side Bar Agreement between the Passaic Valley Education Association and the Passaic Valley Board of Education originally approved at the December 8, 2020 Board meeting to include Weight Room stipend. (Attachment A-1)

Technology Committee

1. Approval of Contract Renewal – LightPath Service Agreement

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary recommends the board approve the contract renewal to the LightPath Service Agreement. The renewal includes the upgraded bandwidth with E-Rate pricing in the amount of \$2,498.00 monthly from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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

Special Meeting:
Tuesday, March 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Adra Suchorsky Library
Passaic Valley High School
East Main Street, Little Falls New Jersey