

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 12123**

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**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
CONTRACT WITH WISS & COMPANY, LLC WITH REGARD TO PASCACK  
VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Hillsdale is a duly constituted municipal corporation having its offices at 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) empowers the governing body and its autonomous agencies to award contracts for professional services without competitive bidding; and,

**WHEREAS**, Woodcliff Lake and Montvale filed an application with the County Superintendent of Education on or about March 19, 2012, in which they request to withdraw from Pascack Valley Regional High School District, relying primarily upon a feasibility study submitted with their application; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is in need of professional services to prepare a response to the application filed by Woodcliff Lake and Montvale, as well as to address for the Superintendent the extraordinary financial, educational and societal impact that will be imposed upon Hillsdale and the other participating municipalities of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has sought proposals from consulting firms that have experience with financial and educational matters involving public school systems, in order to obtain the necessary professional services for the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is in receipt of a proposal from Wiss & Company, LLC to provide the requested professional services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposal submitted by Wiss & Company, LLC demonstrates that it has the requisite education, skills and experience to provide the requested professional services on behalf of the Borough, due to the depth of its experience with advising its public clients on matters of finance and education, which includes school districts in the State of New Jersey (including regional school districts), municipalities, authorities, colleges, universities, state agencies and not-for-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is interested in retaining the professional services of Wiss & Company, LLC for the Phase I portion of its review, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contract was not awarded through a fair and open process as set forth at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. and there have not been any political contributions made to any representative of the Borough of Hillsdale that would deny Wiss & Company, LLC from providing the requested professional services: and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds required for Hillsdale to meet the financial obligations anticipated for this portion of the contract with Wiss & Company, LLC; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the said Professional Services Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Wiss & Company, LLC on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale to provide the professional services necessary to respond to the application submitted by Woodcliff Lake and Montvale to the County Superintendent of Education seeking to withdraw from the Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

| <b>Council member</b> | <b>Motion</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Becker, Leslie        |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| DeRosa, Anthony       |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Frank, Douglas        |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Giancarlo, Michael    |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Hanlon, Marie         |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Pizzella, Frank       |               |               |            |           |               |                |

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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Susan Witkowski  
Municipal Clerk

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Max Arnowitz  
Mayor