

**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 2, 2022

Public Started: 6:30 P.M.

Public Ended: 7:15 P.M.

High School Little Theater

**I. ROLL CALL**

J. Pierotti	N. Agoos	L. Sum	D. Clare	A. Wagner	D. Bradler
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Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by Board President, David Bradler.**

**III. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT – was read by Board President, David Bradler.**

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," the Park Ridge Board of Education on April 28, 2022, caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on April 28, 2022, sent to The Record, 1 Garret Mountain Plaza, P.O. Box 471, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-0471 and The Ridgewood News, 41 Oak Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450-3805 and on April 28, 2022, delivered to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Public Library a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

**IV. BUILDING AND GROUNDS RESOLUTION**

*Mr. Wright described the process involved in a negotiated contract. He then reviewed the proposed changes and indicated that the district was still waiting for the Architect to sign off on the changes. The reason for the early approval from the Board was to be able to move quickly once the sign-off occurred, as the project is already behind schedule. The Board then asked Mr. Wright and Dr. Gamper several questions. Of concern was whether the changes to the design would impact insurance coverage, and if the courts would be safe. Mr. Wright explained that the contractor being considered has done numerous tennis courts over the years and has a good reputation. They also warranty their product for twenty years. Furthermore, the project could not move forward unless the Architect does sign off. The Board then asked about the necessity of doing the work now as they have heard that the courts were being used. Dr. Gamper explained that the courts were open temporarily for the Tennis team to practice at the request of the Tennis coach for a brief period at the beginning of the season. They have already been shut back down, and are not able to be used for league play. Mr. Wright then spoke about the savings from the original bids and that it was substantial. The Board moved forward with the resolution.*

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools in conjunction with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that the following actions be taken:

BG1. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education (the Board) went out for bid on the project known as Tennis Court Replacement at Park Ridge High School on two separate occasions, and;

WHEREAS, on both occasions, the bids received substantially exceeded the Board's budget, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-22(a), a board of education may reject all bids when the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Board has negotiated with the last two Vendors to bid the project; and

WHEREAS, one Vendor has submitted a proposal that is within the Board's budget,

WHEREAS, this negotiated price is based upon potential minor modifications to the scope of work as follows:

- re-use the existing sub base in lieu of new subbase material;
- provide a 4.5" thick, 3,000 psi post-tensioned concrete slab in lieu of a 5" thick, 3,500 psi post-tensioned concrete slab;
- provide 4" corner & gate fence posts with 15" diameter, 48" deep footings and 3" field fence posts with 12" diameter, 48" deep footings as part of a monolithic pour with a 12" x 12" concrete perimeter curb;
- remove the \$50,000 general allowance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education awards the Project Tennis Court Replacement at Park Ridge High School to Classic Turf Company, LLC for the negotiated amount of \$850,000 pending the approval of the Architect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

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**V. ADJOURNMENT – 7:15 pm**

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Robert Wright  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary