

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 19, 2022

Public Started: 6:30 P.M.

Private Started 7:23 P.M.

Private Ended: 8:08 P.M.

Public Ended: 8:15 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 4, 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 4, 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 4, 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. INTERVIEWS WITH BOARD CANDIDATES

The Board interviewed five candidates for the open Board position (Liz Adams, Dan Browne, Joe Bucco, Erin Comeau, Brian Shea). Mr. Bradler explained how the process will work. Each Board member will ask a question and the candidates will have three minutes to respond.

The interview then proceeded with the Board asking each candidate a series of six questions. The Board members took turns asking the questions and rotated which candidate would answer first.

V. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Agenda Items Only

Hearing of Citizens will be restricted to three minutes per person for a total of thirty minutes for questions and/or comments on non-agenda items only.

Two audience members spoke on behalf of Mr. Bucco. Both indicated that they had known Mr. Bucco for a long time and mentioned that he works with kids in Youth sports. They mentioned that he has shown his character through action and his volunteerism.

A resident thanked each person who interviewed. She stated that it was gratifying that there are so many committed individuals in town who were willing to give their time for this role.

VI. ADJOURNMENT TO PRIVATE SESSION

Private Closed Session was read by *President Bradler*.

The Park Ridge Board of Education will adjourn into private session to discuss item(s), which fall within specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential due to the nature of pending or anticipated litigation, attorney-client privilege, and personnel–employment matters affecting a specific, prospective or current employee privilege. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion, second and vote to enter into private session at 7:23 pm.

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The Board returned to Public at 8:08 p.m.

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VII. MEETING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a vacancy was created on February 28, 2022, when Mr. Triano resigned as a member of the Park Ridge Board of Education (the Board) and;

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in filling said vacancy with a qualified member of the community and;

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted interviews with interested candidates to fill said position;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby appoints Erin Comeau, to serve as a member of the Board of Education effective upon completion of a criminal history background check and fingerprinting, for a term prescribed by law.

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VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

The following resolutions were voted on as a consent agenda and passed as follows:

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS

S1. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education opened bids for the project Nurses Suite and Restroom Renovations at Park Ridge High School at 11:00 am on April 8, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the Board received four bids as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid
AERO Plumbing & Heating CO., Inc.	\$384,749
B. Puntasecca Contractors, Inc.	\$497,000
Brahma Construction Corp.	\$461,000
Northeastern Interior Services	\$449,000

AND, WHEREAS AERO Plumbing was determined to be the lowest, responsible bidder,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby awards the contract for the project Nurses Suite and Restroom Renovations at Park Ridge High School to AERO Plumbing for \$384,749.

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S2. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education opened bids for the project Restroom Renovations at East Brook and West Ridge Elementary School 12:00 pm on April 8, 2022, and;

WHEREAS the Board received five bids as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Total
AERO Plumbing & Heating CO., Inc.	\$392,664	\$304,739	\$697,403
Brahma Construction Corp.	\$328,000	\$243,573	\$571,573
Northeastern Interior Services	\$370,000	\$265,000	\$635,000
Premier Building & Construction	\$334,022	\$260,022	\$594,044
Salazar & Associates	\$409,000	\$328,000	\$737,000

AND, WHEREAS the low bidder, Brahma Construction Corp., was determined to be out of compliance due to missing paperwork and;

WHEREAS, Premier Building & Construction was the next lowest bidder and was found to be the lowest responsible bidder,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby awards the contract for the project Restroom Renovations at East Brook and West Ridge Elementary School to Premier Building & Construction for the Base Bid only of \$334,022.

S3. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education held a re-bid opening for the project Tennis Court Replacement at Park Ridge High School on Thursday, April 19, 2022, at 11:00 am and;

WHEREAS, there were two bidders who participated in said bid and submitted the following bids,

Bidders	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Total
Classic Turf Company	\$1,287,270	\$172,500	\$52,035	\$1,511,805
Flanagan's Contracting Group, Inc.	\$1,340,888	\$ 77,000	\$14,168	\$1,432,056

AND WHEREAS, both bids received were substantially higher than the Board's project 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby rejects all bids received on April 19, 2022, and;

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a negotiated contract for the above project as permitted in the Public Schools Contract Law 18A:18A-5.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

S1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a New Jersey Family Leave of Absence for Lisa McKenna beginning on April 25th and ending on or before June 23rd without pay but with benefits.

Board Comments:

Ms. Wagner thanked all the candidates. She said it was a difficult decision. Everyone was qualified and could serve Board. She encouraged them all to run in November.

Ms. Claire stated that it was a difficult decision. She also encouraged all the candidates to consider running in November

Ms. Sum thanked them for putting in the time and showing interest. She also felt it was a difficult decision.

Mr. Bradler also thanked everyone and relayed that it was worth it for him to run even after he lost the first time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 PM

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Robert Wright
Business Administrator/Board Secretary