

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 20, 2021

Public Started: 6:00 P.M.

Private Started: 6:05 P.M.

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Private Started: 7:24 P.M.

Public Started: 7:50 P.M.

Public Ended: 8:12 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER

I. Roll Call

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

R. Gamper	R. Wright	B. You
X	X	X

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 January 12, 2021 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on January 12, 2021 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 January 12, 2021 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. 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. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified (RICED) in accordance with Policy #0162, Notice of Board Meetings by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator).

Motion, second and vote to enter into private session at 6:05 pm.

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Private Session Agenda

The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at 7:00 pm.

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V. Minutes for Approval

Private Session Meeting	November 22, 2021	Board Approved
Monthly Meeting	November 22, 2021	Board Approved

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board - None

VII. 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 agenda items only.

A resident asked about what Senior day would look like. Dr. Gamper responded that there would be two senior days, one at Park Ridge and one at Emerson. He did not have the details on how they would be run. The team name would be the Park Ridge/Emerson Owls.

A question was asked about signage. Dr. Gamper responded that there would be some type of banner that would say Park Ridge/Emerson OWLS. It would be on the fence, not the scoreboard.

A resident felt that the agreement needed a termination clause.

A resident wanted assurances that Park Ridge would remain the primary name. She commented that this agreement goes beyond the current year, and will impact future grades. She felt it was important that it is what is negotiated now, and should not be changed.

A resident commented that there would be more spectators and questioned whether the district would be purchasing more stands. She also commented that the visitor side was very dark. Dr. Gamper said that the district is looking to improve the lighting and add more stands.

A resident stated that stability and continuity are important. Felt the uniform colors should remain the same.

Dr. Gamper referenced the Lacrosse team, which has an OWL with crossed swords as the logo. He stated that nothing has been decided as to what will go on the uniforms.

A resident asked if this will be revisited next year and if so, would they let the public know. Ms. Wagner said it would be on the agenda and Mr. Bradler stated that more time will be given to discuss this between seasons.

A resident asked if there would be a delay in going back to our current status if the co-op was ever terminated. Dr. Gamper did not foresee a problem going back it.

A resident asked what would happen if this agreement was not agreed to by Emerson. Dr. Gamper said they would have to go back to drawing board.

VIII. Student Representative's Report

Mr. You reported that the student council met last Wednesday. The Junior class wants to have a kid's nights out. Snowball invites are going out. The hallways are being decorated now for Spirit week.

IX. President's Report

Mr. Bradler reported that he attended the High School vocal concert and enjoyed it very much. He stated that the winter sports programs were off to a great start. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and a Happy New Year.

X. Superintendent’s Report

 **HIB Update**

Dr. Gamper reported that there were two HIB cases at the High School, both confirmed. There were none at the elementary schools. The Winter concerts were well received. He reported that he met with the Park Ridge utility Board and discussed running an internship for two seniors. He thanked the town for getting this off the ground. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

XI. BOE Committee Reports

Community Relations – Reported that they met twice and discussed MS/HS text and diversity. They also looked at current coaching positions.

Finance Committee - Reported that they met to discuss bathroom renovations and a School security grant.

Buildings and Grounds – Reported that they met virtually to discuss options on increasing classroom space.

Education – Reported that they spoke about the Emerson co-op.

Ms. Sum thanked everyone for their input.

XII. Supplemental Agenda - None

Supplemental resolutions, if any, will be available the night of the meeting.

XIII. Consent Agenda

Item E8 was pulled out for separate vote. The Board went into Executive to discuss at 7:24 pm.

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Returned to Public 7:50 pm

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The Board passed the consent agenda as modified for E8 as follows:

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XIV. Hearing of Citizens

Mr. Burns commented that with COVID cases rising he hoped that the administration had a backup plan for cancelled games.

Dr. Gamper responded that they want to play a full season. Mr. Brown does his best to find replacement teams. One difference this year will be that vaccinated people will not have to quarantine.

Ms. McVie asked if the district was moving to test to play policy. Dr. Gamper stated he was unaware of this and would need to speak to Mr. Brown.

A resident commented about a CDC statement on unvaccinated students. Dr. Gamper responded that if the NJ Department of Health adopts the policy, then Park Ridge will follow it.

XV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Bradler thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a Happy Holiday.

XVI. Adjournment – 8:12 pm

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Robert Wright
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA (XIII)

EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS

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:

- E1. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the suspension, truancy and HIB reports from the Superintendent for the month of November with one suspension and no trancies reported.

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- E2. The park Ridge Board of Education approves the following consultant rate changes for the 2021/22 school year:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	HOURLY/SESSION RATE
Hillmar, LLC	Bilingual/Spanish Speech, Psych, Ed, Social, OT Evals	\$750.00
Hillmar, LLC	Bilingual/Other Languages Speech, Psych, Ed, Social, OT Evals	\$800.00

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- E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student on home instruction, as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE TIME</u>	<u>SUBJECTS</u>
*2711	11/22/21 – 12/8/21 12/9/21 – 12/22/21	2 hours/week 1 hour/week	British Literature
*2711	11/22/21 – 12/8/21 12/9/21 – 12/22/21	2 hours/week 1 hour/week	German I
*2711	11/22/21 – 12/8/21 12/9/21 – 12/22/21	2 hours/week 1 hour/week	US History II
*2711	11/22/21 – 12/8/21 12/15/21 – 1/7/22	2 hours/week 4 hours total	Algebra II
*2711	11/22/21 – 12/8/21 12/9/21 – 12/22/21	2 hours/week 1 hour/week	CP Anatomy & Physiology

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- E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Four Winds Hospital to provide bedside instruction as follows:

<u>Provider/Program</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Weekly Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Estimated Total</u>
Four Winds Hospital	2525(b)-050	5	\$40	\$200	11/23-12/23/2021	\$800.00

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- E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following students for the 2021/22 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
913 – 070	Bergen County Special Services Washington Elementary School Paramus, NJ	12/6/2021 – 6/30/2022	\$44,764.00
2325(a) - 050	Sage Day Middle School Mahwah, NJ	11/29/2021 – 6/30/2022	\$46,221.25
1011 – 060	Valley -TIP Program Norwood, NJ	11/15/2021 – 6/30/2022	\$32,860.56

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- E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the District Crisis Intervention Procedures, Forms and Protocols, as attached. **“E6”**

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- E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following outside consultant for services for the 2021/22 school year: **“E7”**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Tri-County Behavioral Care, LLC	School Clearance Assessments	\$100.00
	Substance Evaluation & Treatment	\$50.00

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E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the cooperative Football, Cheerleading and Marching Band agreement between Emerson Public School District and the Park Ridge School District, for the 2022/23 school year. ***“E8”***

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FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

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:

F1. Certification Resolution: The Park Ridge Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 I, certifies that the Board Secretary's November 2021 monthly financial report (appropriations section) did not reflect an over-expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, has not been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20 – 2.13(b), and based on the advice of the district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Park Ridge Board of Education also certifies that the financial records are in compliance with Park Ridge Policy numbers 0171, 1320, 4413 and 6510. **"F1"**

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F2. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the month of September and October 2021. **"F2"**

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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check # 46306 - #46438 in the total amount of \$3,129,234.01, and EFTs using ACH technology #L51026-L51161 in the amount of \$49,913.97. **"F3"**

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #12577 - #12661 in the total amount of \$9,603.00. **"F4"**

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Vouchers #N/A in the total amount of \$ N/A.

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F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the November 2021 "Report of the Secretary" and the "Report of the Treasurer" to the Board of Education. **"F6"**

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F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following 2021/22 General Fund Transfers for the month of November 2021 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. ***"F7"***

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F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of technical support and equipment, and maintenance, repair and operational supplies through State Contract/Cooperative pricing. Listed below are expenses anticipated to exceed the threshold (cumulatively):

<u>ITEMS PURCHASED FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>

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F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the cancellation of outstanding checks, as per attached listing, from the Operating, Athletic, and Payroll Accounts. ***"F9"***

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F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following Grant award:

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
School Security Grant	\$66,603.00

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F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations for the 21/22 school year:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO BE USED FOR</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
West Ridge PTO	Laminator & Poster Maker	Monetary	\$6,864.87

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F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves submitting an amendment to the CRRSA ESSER II grant application.

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F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Joint Transportation Agreement with Westwood Regional Board of Education, for one (1) student attending the Bergen County Applied Technical High School in Paramus, for the 2021/22 school year, at an estimated amount of \$4,860.00.

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F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Joint Transportation Agreement with Westwood Regional Board of Education, for one (1) student attending the Interactive Design High School at Northern Valley Regional High School, for the 2021/22 school year, at an estimated amount of \$11,160.00.

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS

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. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Little Ivy, for use of West Ridge classrooms as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from February 2022 to March 2022, as attached. **"BG1"**

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BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following payments to Parette Somjen Architects for the following projects: **"BG2"**

PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
8612	HS Restroom Restoration Phase 3	\$44.19
8612	HS Restroom Restoration Phase 3	\$1,613.35

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BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by TGA of Bergen County, for use of the East Brook Gym as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from March 9, 2022 to May 18, 2022, as attached. **"BG3"**

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BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by TGA of Bergen County, for use of the West Ridge Gym as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from March 8, 2022 to May 17, 2022, as attached. **"BG4"**

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BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Parette Somjen for Professional Services related to the HS Restroom & Nurse Suite Reconfiguration, in the amount of \$72,100.00. **"BG5"**

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NT JP NA LS DC AW DB

BG6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Parette Somjen for Professional Services related to the renovation of the Elementary School Bathrooms at East Brook and West Ridge, in the amount of \$75,500.00. **"BG6"**

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NT JP NA LS DC AW DB

BG7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Parette Somjen for Professional Services to conduct a Functional Capacity Report, in the amount of \$14,500.00. **"BG7"**

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NT JP NA LS DC AW DB

POLICY RESOLUTIONS

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:

PO1. The Park Ridge Board of Education reviews the following Policy and Regulation with second reading and approval on December 20, 2021: ***"PO1"***

Policy 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students
Regulation 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students

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PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

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:

- P1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the following substitute for the 2021/22 school year:

Teacher
Nicholas Annese

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- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves/acknowledges the appointments of the following, as indicated in the areas listed, for the amounts cited (if applicable), for the 2021/22 school year:

PARAPROFESSIONAL RESIGNATIONS

Montgomery, Keri	PT EB Paraprofessional
Scrivanich, Theresa	FT EB Paraprofessional
Waldorf, Michelle	FT WR Paraprofessional

SCHEDULE "E" RESCINDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Harvey, Steven	Head Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$7,764.00

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Kovacs, Chuck	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	\$5,843.00

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE/SALARY</u>
Barth, Katelyn	EXTRAS Adult Aide	\$22.00/hour
Bedrosian, Kristina	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$16.33/hour
Espinosa, Lysbeth	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$16.33/hour
Morales, Marc	FT EB Paraprofessional	\$18.00/hour
Neilan, Olivia	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$16.33/hour
Quinn, Caitlin	HS Paraprofessional	\$20,083.00*
Roach-Winter, Jonathan	EXTRAS Student Aide	\$13.00/hour
Simpson, Tyler	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$16.33/hour
Sosa, Donna	EXTRAS Substitute Teacher	\$32.50/hour

**Annual Salary Prorated to start date*

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- P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the reimbursement of anticipated conference/ seminar expenses for the following staff members for the 2021/22 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Valerie Baumann	The Prompt Institute Virtual	1/19 – 1/21/22	\$599.00
Chris Brown	DAANJ Atlantic City, NJ	3/14 – 3/18/22	\$975.00

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- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff member for the 2021/22 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Reiff, Lynn	\$25.43	5 hrs./week	Support for Students IEP's

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- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as home instructors for Student *2711, from November 22, 2021 to December 22, 2021 as follows:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>HOURL Y RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT PER WEEK</u>
Ady, Kimberly	German I	2 hours (11/22-12/8/21) 1 hour (12/9 – 12/22/21)	\$55.00	\$110.00 \$55.00
Afkari, Yashar	CP Anatomy & Physiology	2 hours (11/22-12/8/21) 1 hour (12/9 – 12/22/21)	\$55.00	\$110.00 \$55.00
Caine, Dana	Algebra II	2 hours (11/22-12/8/21)	\$55.00	\$110.00
Fogarty, John	US History II	2 hours (11/22-12/8/21) 1 hour (12/9 – 12/22/21)	\$55.00	\$110.00 \$55.00
Kovacs, Chuck	British Literature	2 hours (11/22-12/8/21) 1 hour (12/9 – 12/22/21)	\$55.00	\$110.00 \$55.00
Maskin, Sarah-Kate	Algebra II	4 hours (12/15/21- 1/7/22)	\$55.00	\$220.00

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- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Concetta Kolenut, Payroll Clerk, due to retirement, effective January 1, 2022.

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- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Samuel Arakelian as the Night/Lead Custodian for the 21-22 School year as per the collective bargaining agreement, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff members for the 2021/22 school year, to be charged to the ESSERIII/ARP grant:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Chemam, Kim	TBD	12/13/21 – 6/2022	EB Homework Help
Dow, Christine	\$61.00/hour	12/15/21 – 1 hour	Middle School Math Evening Office Hours
Girodano, Janine	TBD	12/13/21 – 6/2022	EB Homework Help
Maskin, Sarah-Kate	\$61.00/hour	12/14/21 – 1 hour	Writing Center Evening Office Hours
Meyer, Lucy	\$61.00/hour	12/16/21 – 1 hour	Writing Center Evening Office Hours

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- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for additional stipends for teaching a 6th period, as follows:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Awais, Muhammad	Period 16/17 Precalculus	1/6/22 -6/2/22	TBD
Caine, Dana	Period 1/2 Precalculus	1/6/22 -6/2/22	TBD
Caine, Dana	Period 9/10 Advanced Algebra w/ Trig	1/6/22 -6/2/22	TBD
Melen, Daniella	Period 12/13 Math Exploration 8	1/6/22 -6/2/22	TBD
Mullen, Erin	Period 9/10 Pre-College Math*	1/6/22 -6/2/22	TBD
Schulien, Allison	Period 5/6 Algebra 2 Honors	1/6/22 -6/2/22	TBD

**Erin Mullen will be teaching Dana Caine's Pre-College Math Course*

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