

**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 26, 2020

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 8:10 P.M.

Board Office Conference Room

*TELECONFERENCE*

**I. Roll Call**

N. Triano	D. Bradler	B. von Bradsky	R. Sileo	A. Wagner	J. Pierotti	F. Church
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Also Present:

R. Gamper	R. Wright
Y	Y

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** *was led by Board President, Frank Church.*

**III. Open Public Meetings Statement** *was read by Board President, Frank Church.*

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 May 20, 2020 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on May 20, 2020 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 May 20, 2020 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. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

##### **A. District Facilities 2020-21**

*Mr. Wright began the discussion by outlining what steps were taken to address the issues with COVID prior to the shut down in March. He then outlined what he feels will be needed to comply with the current CDC guidelines for returning in September. He discussed several changes to the cleaning regiment including using microfiber cloths and switching to a two bucket mop system. He then outlined the need to purchase additional cleaning equipment including electrostatic sprayers, Odorox air cleaners and additional floor scrubbers. He concluded by outlining several changes that are in the works to modify building space including adding plexi –glass in front of counters, dividers and moveable partitions to create separation. The Board asked some questions regarding the cost of the supply and equipment purchase. Mr. Wright indicated that he thought the amount would be in the \$50-60K range. The Board agreed to move forward with these purchases.*

*Mr. Wright then discussed several Grants that the district is eligible for that could be used to offset expenses incurred due to COVID-19. These grants include the CARES act and FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Wright then expressed his concern about possible loss of State Aid. He explained that in the past, this type of emergency reduction was based on current reserves. If this were the case, the district could lose a considerable amount of funding. He recommended moving the timeline up for planned projects. When asked, Mr. Wright outlined several projects, which this could be done with. The Board agreed and directed Mr. Wright to take the necessary steps to make this happen.*

*Finally, Mr. Wright discussed current staffing needs. The district is anticipating three openings at year-end. His intentions were to fill those positions as they currently are. Mr. Church and Mr. Sileo questioned the need for the continuation of the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Wright outlined his reasons for keeping the position.*

*After the Presentation, the Board discussed Graduation. Dr. Gamper reported that the Governor was allowing in person graduations. Districts are awaiting guidelines to see how they will take place. Guidance is expected to come tomorrow. Mr. Bradler asked about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. Dr. Gamper responded that he had not been given any information on this and will inquire futher.*

#### **V. FINANCE**

- F1. Be it resolved that the Park Ridge Board of Education “SFA” approves the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for 2020-2021.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$19,064.00 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed in 10 monthly installments of \$1,906.40 per month as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

The FSMC guarantees the SFA a loss of \$10,000.00 for school year 2020-2021.

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**VI. PERSONNEL**

P1. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Vincent Lemba, West Ridge Custodian, due to retirement, effective July 1, 2020.

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P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Antonio Fornari, District Custodian, due to retirement, effective July 1, 2020.

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**VII. Hearing of Citizens**

**VIII. Adjournment - 8:10 P.M.**

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Robert Wright  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary