



PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 29, 2016

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.
 Private Started: 7:05 P.M.
 Public Started: 8:00 P.M.
 Public Ended: 8:45 P.M.

Park Ridge High School Little Theater

I. Roll Call

F. Church	P. Montalbano	B. von Bradsky	R. Sileo	D. Browne	P. Moran	J. Bruno
Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Also Present:

R. Gamper	R. Wright	E. Nyonly
Y	Y	Y

II. Pledge of Allegiance *was led by Board President Joseph Bruno*

III. Open Public Meetings Statement *was read by Board President Joseph Bruno*

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 11, 2016 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on January 11, 2016 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 11, 2016 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 Bruno.

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 7:05 p.m.*

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 FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB
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Private Session Agenda

The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at *8:00 p.m.*

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V. Minutes for Approval

Private Session Meeting
 Monthly Meeting

January 25, 2016
 January 25, 2016

Board Approved
 Board Approved

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board - None

VII. Hearing of Citizens - None

Agenda Items Only

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

VIII. Student Representative's Report

Eunique congratulated the wrestling team on winning the State Sectionals. She also congratulated Sam Schneider on making Athlete of the Week. Eunique remarked that Stan Woods recently achieved his 700th win. The boys' basketball team is currently 19-3. They won the NJIC Patriot Division Championship and are playing in the State Tournament. Bowling and winter track have also won the NJIC Patriot Division Championship. The Marching Band had a performance at Fairleigh Dickinson for a basketball game. DECA is at Cherry Hill competing for the championship. PRE will receive students from Arcola, Illinois as part of their exchange program. Park Ridge students were disappointed that their trip to Illinois was cancelled due to bad weather. This year's musical will be "You Are a Good Man Charlie Brown." Eunique mentioned that she will be in the play. The play will run three nights, March 10, 11 and 12. There will be a bake sale to raise money. The Popcert was a success. Eunique mentioned that she MC'd the event. The Snowball was held at the Pearl River Hilton. The food was good and Eunique mentioned she was the last one on the dance floor. The Virtual Day was interesting. There were some glitches but overall it was a good experience. The OPGRAD pasta dinner went well. The International Dinner is coming up on Thursday. It will be fun and people can learn about new cultures and try new foods. Spring sports season is coming up. There will be a coffee house and variety show coming up as well. This month was Black History Month. Mr. Lebreault and Ms. Jaffe did a lesson on a different black scientist each morning. Eunique commented that she would like to see more of an initiative among the teaching staff when it comes to Black History Month.

IX. President's Report

President Bruno reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting where he heard a presentation by the new owners of the Sony property. They proposed a large residential housing project, which was not received warmly by the Planning Board. He has asked Dr. Gamper to reach out to the Mayor and set up a meeting with the Board to have a discussion on the ramifications of a large residential development. He is waiting for a date and place to meet. He also spoke about a conversation he had with the Postmaster and problems with parents parking in the post office parking lot. It creates a dangerous situation. He related an observation he had on how parents are pretending to drop mail in mailbox or drop blank envelopes in mailboxes in order to be in the parking lot at dismissal time. The Administration has sent letters home to parents but apparently it has gone unheeded. President Bruno thanked Dr. Gamper and the staff for the Virtual School Day. He felt it exposed students to a different method of attending school.

X. Superintendent's Report



HIB Update

Dr. Gamper reported that there were no HIB investigations since his last report.

Dr. Gamper congratulated the winter sports teams. He mentioned that basketball was playing their game right now. He also commented that the wrestling team was the first school in Bergen County to win the Group 2 State Championship since 1982.

Dr. Gamper related that response to the surveys on the Virtual School Day was mostly positive. One complaint they received was that students experienced a technology glitch when logging on. The Technology Department believes this was caused by students being routed through the school filter all at the same time and the system could not handle all the traffic at once. The second comment received was that all assignments should be made available first thing in the morning as opposed to following the bell schedule. Students also commented on the lack of face-to-face interaction. Some missed it while others preferred it as it took away the "drama" normally associated with dealing with others. Parents have mostly said it was a great change of pace. There are currently no plans to do this on a regular basis. The District needs to take a deeper look. For a trial run, it was a positive day and received a lot of positive press.

Dr. Gamper also reported that on February 24th, there was a "Raising Resilient Girls" workshop. The presentation was excellent. The presenter spoke about challenges of raising girls in today's society. Hundreds of people attended.

River Vale teachers visited the District to see the 1:1 laptop program.

Dr. Gamper stated that he is looking forward to reading to students this Wednesday at "Read Across America" Day.

XI. BOE Committee Reports

Education Meeting

It was reported that they met on February 4th. Ms. Bernardo/Mr. Stokes spoke about basic skills at East Brook and Lisa spoke about trends in special education.

Finance Committee

It was reported that they met to review the 2016/17 budget.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

A pre-bid meeting was held with the architect on the fire alarm upgrade project. The current fire alarms are alive and well but the District wants to be proactive. Existing systems will continue to run until the new systems are up and running. The project will be done over the summer.

XII. Supplemental Agenda - None

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

XIII. Consent Agenda

There was a question on the London trip. Dr. Gamper explained that last April it was approved as a sanctioned school trip. After the Paris attacks, the Board became concerned that traveling to London may not be the safest option for students or staff. Then a video threat was released about London targets. The Board offered parents and Mr. Wilson two alternative locations. They were rejected. President Bruno added that given the climate and threat, the Board did not think it was prudent to move forward with the trip.

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Item BG2 was tabled. The revised Consent Agenda passed as follows:

M:	FC		S:	RS			
FC	PM	BVB	RS	DB	PatM	JB	
Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

BVB abstained on item BG3.

XIV. Hearing of Citizens - None

XV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business - None

XVI. Adjournment - 8:45 P.M.

M:	BVB		S:	RS			
FC	PM	BVB	RS	DB	PatM	JB	
Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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 January with no suspensions or trancies to report.

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 31st Summer Music School as part of the Park Ridge Community School Program, effective June 27, 2016 – July 27, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost per student is \$210.00 for the complete program, or prorated at \$50 per week or for any part of the week..

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- E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following positions for the 2016/17 school year, or as indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE EFFECTIVE DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Stanley Solomons	Woodwind Assistant for Summer Music Program	6/27/16 – 7/27/16	\$1,000.00*
Mike Ponella	Brass Assistant/Paraprofessional Volunteer for Summer Music Program	6/27/16 – 7/27/16	N/A

*Amount is contingent upon enrollment.

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- E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the following outside agencies and/or consultants for services for the 2015/16 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Four Winds Learning Center and Four Winds Hospital Katonah, NY	Medical and Bedside Educational Services	\$40.00/Hour	N/A
Mt. Pleasant Blythedale UFSD Valhalla, NY	Bedside Education Services	\$270/Day	N/A

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the placement of the following students on bedside instruction, as indicated, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE TIME</u>	<u>RATE</u>
2019(b)	High Focus Paramus, NJ	2 Hours/Day Feb. 11, 2016 for 4-6 Weeks	\$55.00 Per Hour
2019(b)	Four Winds Learning Center Katonah, NY	Jan. 29 – Feb. 10, 2016	1 Hour/Day x 2 Weeks @ \$40.00/Hour Est. Total: \$360.00
1219(b)	Mt. Pleasant Blythedale UFSD Valhalla, NY	Jan. 29 – April 15, 2016	\$270/Day

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- E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves nursing services for the following student, as indicated, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE TIME</u>	<u>TIME/RATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TOTAL</u>
2711	Epic Health Services, Inc./ Loving Care Agency	Jan. 25 – June 30, 2016	2 Trips Week @ \$135 Per Trip (46 Trips)	\$6,210.00

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- E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education rescinds all support for the student trip to London, England, from June 29, 2016 to July 5, 2016. Any funds received will be refunded by the Park Ridge Board of Education.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education rescinds Education First as the trip coordinator for the student trip to London, England from June 29, 2016 to July 5, 2016, originally approved in April 2015.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- E9. The Park Ridge Board of Education rescinds the Schedule E position of the Freshman Baseball Assistant Coach.

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

E10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the creation of an additional Boys' Lacrosse Assistant Coach position for the 2015/16 school year.

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

E11. The Park Ridge Board of Education acknowledges the PRE Club accommodating the high school students from Illinois from March 9, 2016 through March 12, 2016.

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

EDUCATION DISCUSSION

A. QSAC Results 2015-16

Dr. Gamper reported that the District received the designation as a “High Performing” district. He thanked Dr. Timpone and Mr. Wright for their efforts.

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 (e), certifies that the Board Secretary's January 2016 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 approves the Petty Cash Voucher #_0-_ in the total amount of \$_0-_.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #33185-33382 in the total amount of \$2,931,762.48. “F3”

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #9098-9175 in the total amount of \$9,731.75. “F4”

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #_0-_ in the total amount of \$_0-_.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the December 2015 "Report of the Secretary" and the "Report of the Treasurer" to the Board of Education. "F6"

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following 2015/2016 General Fund Transfers for the month of January 2016 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. "F7"

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the month of December 2015. "F8"

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of computers from Apple Inc. in the amount of \$_-0-_, per State Contract A70259.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of technical support and equipment in the amount of \$_-0-_, per HCESC/Educational Data.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the preliminary 2016/17 school year budget as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$28,690,249
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 1,210,652
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$29,900,901
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 414,452
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS and	\$30,315,353

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **GENERAL FUND** tax levy \$27,153,268 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$787,213 to support Debt Service, for the 2016/17 school year budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2016/17 school year budget includes automatic adjustments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39(e), in the amount of \$154,280 as an adjustment for health care costs.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following:

**Waiver of Requirements
Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program**

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2016/17, and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2016/17 school year.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

BUILDINGS 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 payment to EI Associates for the following projects:

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| ▪ Project ES7908.00 – Mechanical Upgrades at the HS | \$ 5,760.00 |
| ▪ Project ES7903.00 – Fire Alarm Upgrades | \$16,875.00 |

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

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BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of a Change-In-Use Application to the State for East Brook Elementary School.

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the lease renewal between Pascack Reformed Church and the Park Ridge Board of Education for the use of the Church parking lot, as outlined in the attached document. “BG3”

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Application for Use of Building Facilities for use of the High School Turf Field by Pride Lacrosse, per attached. “BG4”

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

POLICY AND PROCEDURE 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 to review the following Policy for first reading on February 29, 2016 and second reading and approval on March 21, 2016: "PO1"

Policy No. 2425
Policy No. 7424

Physical Education
Bed Bugs

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

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 substitutes for the 2015/16 school year:

Chhavi Sharma
Rosanne Ippolito

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of the following, in the areas listed, for the amounts cited, for 2015/16 school year, or as indicated:

Schedule E Appointments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Richard Popolizio	Summer Music Coordinator	*\$3,294.00
Sarah-Kate Maskin	Costume/Props Coordinator	\$847.00
Tanya Washnik	Spring Track Assistant Coach	\$4,706.00
Molly Jaffe	Girls Soccer Head Coach for 2016/17	\$6,364.00
Matthew Marini	Boys' Lacrosse Assistant Coach	**\$2,111.00

***Half of Total Stipend of \$4,222 (other half to be paid by Emerson)*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Richard Popolizio	Summer Music School Director	June 27 – July 27, 2016	*\$6,706.00

**Maximum amounts. Actual amount is subject to enrollment.*

Rescind:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Christopher Kulcsar	P/T Paraprofessional Effective March 1, 2016	\$15,925
Andrea Silverman	P/T Paraprofessional Effective March 1, 2016	\$15,392
Rona Wosk	Substitute Teacher	N/A
Madeline Clancy	Student Aide – Eff. March 3, 2016	N/A

Other Appointments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
Christopher Kulcsar	F/T Paraprofessional for Student 1311 - HS Effective March 1, 2016	\$23,760*
Andrea Silverman	F/T Paraprofessional - HS Effective March 1, 2016	\$23,760*
Caitlin Quinn Replacement for Silverman	P/T Paraprofessional – HS Effective March 1, 2016	\$11,272*
Chhavi Sharma	Home Instructor	\$55.00/Hour
Marissa Malloy	Student Aide	\$8.25/Hour

**Annual Salary To Be Prorated*

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education rescinds and/or approves the reimbursement of anticipated conference/seminar expenses for the following staff members for the 2015/16 school year:

Rescind:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT(S) NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Chris Brown	DAANJ Convention Atlantic City, NJ	3/21 - 3/25/16	\$1,015.00

Approve:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT(S) NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Christine McCaffery	"Leaders to Learn from 2016" Washington, DC	3/10 – 3/12/16	\$1,500.00
Stephanie O'Brien	"Zensational Kids" Park Ridge, NJ	3/21/16	\$180.00
Chris Brown	DAANJ Convention Atlantic City, NJ	3/21 - 3/25/16	\$1,330.00
Blair Buscareno	Bergen Makerspace @ Bergen Tech, Hackensack, NJ	4/1/16	\$160.00

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation, due to retirement, of Lorraine Bates, Media Paraprofessional at East Brook Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation, due to retirement, of John Westcott, High School Custodian, effective April 30, 2016.

M: S:
FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Allison Parisi, speech language specialist at East Brook Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Jessica Rotella, HS Secretary to the Principal, as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from May 2, 2016 through June 7, 2016, with pay and with benefits.
- A Federal and New Jersey Family Leave from June 8, 2016 to September 1, 2016, without pay but with benefits.
- A Child-Rearing Leave of Absence from September 2, 2016 through January 2, 2017, without pay and without benefits.

The dates listed above are based on current attendance and are subject to change.

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- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Wendy Rudis, East Brook School Psychologist, as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from May 23, 2016 through June 6, 2016, with pay and with benefits.
- A Federal Family Leave from June 7, 2016 through June 30, 2016, without pay but with benefits.
- A Federal Family Leave from August 30, 2016 through November 15, 2016, without pay but with benefits.

The dates listed above are based on current attendance and are subject to change.

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