



PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 14, 2015

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Private Started: 7:05 P.M.

Public Started: 8:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 9:35 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
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Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright E. Nyonly
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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 9, 2015 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on January 9, 2015 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 9, 2015 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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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

November 16, 2015
November 16, 2015

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board

A. National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended Student:

Alessandra Jago

Mr. Lederman explained that 1.5 million took the preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test last October and entered the National Merit Program. Approximately 234,000 students achieved "Commended" status and are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. He congratulated her for the remarkable achievement and presented her with a certificate.

B. Sports

Girls' Cross Country Team	NJIC Patriot Division Champions
Girls' Soccer Team	NJIC Patriot Division Champions
Football Team	NJIC Meadowlands Division Champions
Michael Farrell	NJIC Patriot Division Cross Country Coach of the Year
Steven Kopelman	NJIC Patriot Division Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year
Tom Curry	NJIC Meadowlands Division Football Coach of the Year

The Park Ridge Athletic Director, Chris Brown, recognized the accomplishments of all the fall teams. He reported that Park Ridge was awarded NJIC Sportsmanship Award. Mr. Brown then introduced Mr. Kopelman as the Coach of the Year for boys' soccer. He reviewed highlights of the year, including his win over Wallington in the State Tournament. Mr. Kopelman was presented with an award by the Board.

Next, Mr. Brown spoke about the girls' soccer team and the high ranking they received in the final state poll (6th). They ended their season with a record of 13-0-1 and won their fourth consecutive league title. One of the highlights of their season was the 2-1 win over Waldwick to clinch the title. They were ranked sixth in the State. Girls were called up and received a sweatshirt.

Mr. Brown then spoke about the girls' cross country team. They finished 7-1 and won the Group D title and had five runners finishing in the top 20. The team qualified for both the County and State meets and were ranked 18th in the final record poll. Mr. Brown called each girl up and presented them with a championship sweatshirt.

Mr. Brown introduced Coach Farrell who he informed the Board was named NJIC coach of the Year for cross country. Mr. Brown stated that the team has run their best races under his guidance.

Mr. Brown then spoke about the football team. He reported that they had a record of 8-2 and won the NJIC championship. On the night when Gary Mioli was honored, the team defeated Hasbrouck Heights. They were ranked 19th in the final Record poll. He congratulated them on their great season and called each up to receive a championship sweatshirt.

After the presentation, Mr. Brown presented Patty Mioli with a sweatshirt for her unwavering support of the team.

Mr. Brown then called up Coach Curry who was named Football Coach of the Year. He was recognized for his accomplishments with a token of the Board's appreciation.

C. PARCC Testing Results – Dr. Cathy Timpone, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Grades 3-11

Dr. Timpone gave a presentation on the PARCC test results. She indicated in her presentation that the District did well. In her presentation, Dr. Timpone mentioned that there were new standards adopted by New Jersey in 2010. She explained the five performance levels with Level 1 being not meeting the standard, Level 2 partially meeting the standard, Level 3 approaching expectations, Level 4 meeting the standard, and Level 5 exceeding the standard.

Approximately 30,000 students participated in PARCC. New Jersey compared the testing results to different tests offered to determine its validity as a measurement tool. Dr. Timpone explained that the State feels the PARCC test is reliable because it is close to what other methods have tested.

Dr. Timpone then reviewed the Park Ridge scores. In all grades, our students scored better than the NJ average.

Next she compared just the results of the two elementary schools. Once again, in all cases, both schools were better than the State's average. She also noted that the scores were very close between the schools.

Dr. Timpone then reviewed the High School literacy results. In all grades, Park Ridge students scored better than the State average.

Dr. Timpone pointed out that in elementary math, in all cases, except for Grade 4, the District exceeded the State results. In high school math, the District met or exceeded State results except for Grade 8. She pointed out that in that grade, only 14 students took the test. The majority of Park Ridge students took the algebra test and not the PARCC. Still, the District plans to offer differentiated instruction for 8th grades.

The District also reviewed the opt outs. There were a higher number of high school students who opted out as opposed to elementary. She noted that there was a "very high" percentage at the high school.

In regards to what will be new in 2015/16 for the PARCC, Dr. Timpone indicated that this year, they are condensing the testing dates.

Currently, graduation requirements allow students to pass one test for English and one for mathematics. They do not need the PARCC to graduate but could use it.

Dr. Timpone concluded by saying that New Jersey did better than the average of the ten states that participated in PARCC.

One parent commented that they felt larger class sizes contributed to the low test scores in Grade 4.

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 reported that the choir was at the town tree lighting. The Mini Maestros gave a performance on Thursday night along with the Women's Show Choir. The band held its winter concert last Thursday night. She mentioned that some of the staff added their talents to the finale. Winter sports have started. The Interact Club held a food drive and collected over 1,000 items. These items will provide food for families that are in need of assistance. The Middle School play is underway. On a sad note, Eunique reported that Bridget (the cookie lady) passed away.

IX. President's Report - None

X. Superintendent's Report

HIB Update

Dr. Gamper mentioned that there were no HIB investigations.

Dr. Gamper reported the he is working on planning the Virtual School Day with Mr. Lederman. Students will engage with online learning with teachers. For students, coming to school will be optional. They can use laptops to do class work. Dr. Gamper commented that the reason for us doing this is to better prepare students for college. Parents have the option to send students to school - the building will be open. Dr. Gamper stated that this will happen sometime after the New Year and will count towards the 180-day minimum.

XI. BOE Committee Reports

Education Committee Meeting reported that they looked at professional development costs.

Finance Committee reported that they met two weeks ago and will meet again on December 22nd.

XII. Supplemental Agenda - None

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

XIII. Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. The agenda passed as follows:

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XIV. Hearing of Citizens - None

XV. Board Comments - New/Unfinished Business

President Bruno wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

XVI. Adjournment - 9:35 p.m.

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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 no suspensions and one truancy reported.

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E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition rates for the new placement of the following students for the 2015/16 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
2623	Rockland County BOCES West Nyack, NY (Shared-Time Placement)	October 7, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$10,301.00 Plus Administrative Fee: \$1,236.00 (Both Fees to be Pro-rated)
1010(b)	Windsor Learning Center Pompton Lakes, NJ	December 2, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$37,746.94
179	The Holmstead School Ridgewood, NJ	December 14, 2015 to June 30, 2015	\$31,890.65
2711	Northern Valley Regional HS Demarest, NJ	December 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015	\$45,240.37

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E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student teacher for the 2015/16 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PR TEACHER</u>
Shannon Rodenberg	Dominican College	January 2016	Michelle Muller Stephanie Buckley

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E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the following outside agency and/or consultant(s) for services, or as listed, for the 2015/16 school year:

<u>CONSULTANT</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>FEES/RATES</u>
Danielle Nix	Mathematics Consultant	\$200/Session (Not to Exceed \$2,000)
Silvergate Prep	Home Instruction	\$55/Hour
Silvergate Prep	Bedside Instruction for Student 129(a)	Nov. 24 - Dec. 18, 2015 10 Hrs./Wk. x 4 Weeks @ \$55/Hour
Dr. Linda A. Fremder	Conduct Educational Observations, Evaluations and Reports	\$2,800

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E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves home instruction for Student 1723(b), beginning December 7, 2015 through December 23, 2015, for approximately ten hours/week for three weeks.

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E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Park Ridge Supervisors' Association for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. **"E6"**

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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 (e), certifies that the Board Secretary's November 2015 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 Vouchers __-0-__ in the total amount of \$__-0-__.

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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #32809-32991 in the total amount of \$1,703,104.73. **"F3"**

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #9026-9079 in the total amount of \$4,768.00. **"F4"**

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1155 in the total amount of \$56.91. **"F5"**

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F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the October 2015 “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 2015/2016 General Fund Transfers for the month of November 2015 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. **“F7”**

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F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the month of October 2015. **“F8”**

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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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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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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:

Teacher

Heather Ocampo
 Jacqueline Abend
 Nancy Mezzatesta*
 Shannon Rodenberg
 Lynn Applin*
 Nicole Southard*

**Contingent upon completion of state-mandated paperwork.*

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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 2015/16 school year:

APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME/HOURLY RATE</u>
Susan Gincley	EXTRAS Substitute Adult Aide	\$17.50
Nicholas Sosa	EXTRAS Substitute Adult Aide	\$12.50
Heather Ocampo	Home Instructor	\$55.00
John Freeland	1:1 Paraprofessional for Sp. Ed. Students Participating in School Holiday Concert	5 Hours @ 15.38/Hr. Total: \$76.90
Lynn Applin	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$14.50
Nicole Southard	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$14.50

RESIGNATIONS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Maureen Southard	Paraprofessional	November 30, 2015

Home Instruction for Student 1723(b) from December 7, 2015 thru December 23, 2015: (Also see E5.)

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TIME/RATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TOTAL</u>
Karen Finnerty	Math	2.5 Hours/Week x 3 Weeks @55/Hour	\$412.50
Karen Finnerty	English	2.5 Hours/Week x 3 Weeks @55/Hour	\$412.50
Karen Finnerty	Science	2.5 Hours/Week x 3 Weeks @55/Hour	\$412.50
Karen Finnerty	Social Studies	2.5 Hours/Week x 3 Weeks @55/Hour	\$412.50

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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 2015/16 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Patricia Wilson	The "Prompt" Institute Nanuet, NY	1/20 – 1/22/16	\$700.00

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P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the transfer of Patricia Cozzitorto from the F/T office secretarial position with the Dept. of Special Programs to a F/T position working for the Director of Curriculum & Development and the Director of Special Programs & Student Services. Mrs. Cozzitorto will work half-time for the Director of Curriculum and Development and half-time for the Director of Special Programs & Student Services, effective January 1, 2016.

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P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Barbara Dell'Armo as Data Systems Analyst (12-month position) for the 2015/16 school year, effective January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, at an annual salary of \$51,000, pro-rated to \$25,500.

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P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Concetta Kolenut for up to forty hours at her overtime rate, for the documentation preparation relating to the Affordable Care Act.

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