



## PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** September 15, 2014

**Public Started:** 7:00 P.M.

**Private Started:** 7:05 P.M.

**Return to Public:** 8:00 P.M.

**Public Ended:** 8:40 P.M.

*High School Little Theater*

#### I. Roll Call

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

Also Present:

R. Gamper	R. Wright	S. Tawalare
X	X	X

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

*The Board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Gary Mioli*

#### 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, 2014 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, 2014 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, 2014 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 Joseph 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

A. Personnel

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

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#### **V. Minutes for Approval**

Private Meeting	August 25, 2014	Board Approved
Monthly Meeting	August 25, 2014	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

*Samir reported that everyone was saddened by the passing of coach Mioli. The Saturday night football game played in his memory was special. The team played their hearts out. He was grateful to live in a small tight-knit community and sends his condolences to the family. In other sports, the girls' volleyball team is off to a 2-1 record. Boys' soccer is 1-2 while girls' soccer won their 4th straight. Girls' tennis is also doing well and cross country is 1-1. The German exchange students will be coming on October 7th. There will also be French students coming. The fall drama is Charlotte's Web. Auditions begin tomorrow. There are eight new teachers at the High School as well as several new courses for this year. Samir reported on some issues that students have had with the laptops this year. Students are reporting difficulties opening attachments, slower speeds and the inability to access applications. Dr. Gamper reported that the District is thinking of opening up access to YouTube on a trial basis.*

## IX. President's Report

*President Bruno stated that the District has lost a dear friend. Gary Mioli was not just the football coach. He shared his knowledge and passion with the students. His loss will leave a void. The bonds of family cannot be broken. He spoke about the football game last Saturday in which Mr. Mioli's wife attended. The team rose to the challenge and won one for the "Coach." Mr. Bruno thanked the staff for rallying and taking care of students. He commended the students for taking care of each other. Adversity reveals character. He also thanked the retired coaches who came as soon as they heard what happened to be with the team and render comfort. He asked everyone to keep Gary's family in their prayers.*

## X. Superintendent's Report



### HIB Update

*Dr. Gamper reported that there were no HIB incidents over the summer.*

*Dr. Gamper indicated that he was informed of Coach Mioli's passing by the school Principal at 6:00 a.m. The crisis response team immediately went into action. Mr. Lederman, Mr. Cosgrove, Andy Yeager, Lisa Bernardo, Chris Brown and Nicole Porta were instrumental. He thanked Emerson and Pascack Valley for providing additional counselors to help. He thanked all the teachers for their support in this crisis.*

**XI. BOE Committee Reports**Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Bruno reported that the committee will be meeting with the architect on Wednesday to discuss closing out the field project. Also, the West Ridge courtyard still needs to be discussed.

**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. Item BG1. was tabled. The rest of the revised consent agenda passed as follows:

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**XIV. Hearing of Citizens**

None

**XV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business**

Samir – Question on SREC's.

President Bruno asked that the pine tree in front of the Board Office be removed. He also asked Mr. Ruhle to do an assessment on other trees in the district.

**XVI. Adjournment- 8:40 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 approves the appointment of the following outside agency and/or consultant(s) for services, or as listed, for the 2014/15 school year:

<u>PROVIDERS/ INSTRUCTORS</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Christine Lagatta	Literacy Consultant	\$1,200/Day	\$12,000.00

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- E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Self-Assessment for the Park Ridge School District, for the 2014/15 school year.

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## **EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

**A. German Exchange Students' Visit**

*Mr. Wright asked if the Board wished to continue paying for the exchange students' lunches and sponsoring a trip into NYC. The Board indicated that they were okay with this.*

**B. Kindergarten Update**

*Dr. Gamper reported that he decided to hire two substitute paraprofessionals due to class sizes in West Ridge. This is currently on a trial basis for four weeks to get teachers comfortable with the larger class size. The State guidelines say that if the class exceeds 25 students, then an aide is needed. While not required, Dr. Gamper indicated that he felt an aide was necessary. He will meet with the Board Committee to talk about guidelines going forward.*

*Mr. Sileo added that he would like to look at the guidelines for grades 1 & 2.*

**C. PRHS Homecoming Update**

*Dr. Gamper reported that on October 23, 24 and 25, there will be Homecoming events. Working on not having a Saturday parade. Instead, there will be a bonfire on Thursday. The fire department would be on hand to assist throughout the event.*

*Mr. Sileo indicated that he approved of the idea.*

*Samir liked idea as well.*

## 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 August 2014 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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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #30056-30216 in the total amount of \$1,707,166.85 and #48 in the amount of \$1,247.13. *“F3”*

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #8261-8264 in the total amount of \$533.00. *“F4”*

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1125 in the total amount of \$19.90. *“F5”*

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F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the July 2014 “Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education” 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 2014/2015 General Fund Transfers for the month of August 2014 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 \_\_N/A\_\_ 2014.

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F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of computers from Apple Inc. in the amount of \$81,582.03, 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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F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following non-public nursing allocations for the 2014/2015 school year:

- Nursing supervision services for Our Lady of Mercy Academy with Bergen County Department of Health Services, in the amount of \$5,541.65.
- Appointment of Regina Carbone to provide nursing services to students attending Our Lady of Mercy Academy, in the amount of \$19,519.73.
- Appointment of Mary Cieszko to provide nursing services to students attending Our Lady of Mercy Academy, in the amount of \$11,463.97.
- Board administration fee at 3% of state aid entitlement, at an amount of \$1,129.65.

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F12. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education (the Board) was desirous of selling Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) on the open market and;

WHEREAS, Flett Exchange was selected as an appropriate vendor to conduct an on-line auction to sell said SRECs in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45 at a cost of \$0 to the district and;

WHEREAS, appropriate notification of the auction was done through the Board's newspaper of record and;

WHEREAS, the high bidder on the auction was "Noble Americas" with a price of \$177.25 per SREC certificate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education approves the award of 340 SREC certificates for a total amount due the district of \$60,265.

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F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the revised 2013/14 Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$299,985.

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FC PM BVB RS DB PatM JB

## **BUILDINGS & 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:**

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BG1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves payment #5 to Dakota Excavating Cont., Inc. in the amount o \$215,012.00, for work associated with the turf field project. "BG1"

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*President Bruno expressed concern that certain electrical work was not done in accordance with code. He asked that the payment be tabled.*

BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Change Order GC-01, from CatCord Construction, in a credit amount of \$2,000.00, for work associated with the new technology offices project. "BG2"

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## **POLICY AND PROCEDURES 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 for first reading, with second reading and approval on October 20, 2014: "PO1"

Policy No. 5200  
Regulation R5200

Attendance  
Attendance

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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 appointments of the following substitutes for the 2014/15 school year:

**NEW**

Taline Gebhardt  
Josephine Hunt  
Sarah Strauss  
Lori Kilmurray  
Susan Bauer

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- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves and acknowledges the appointments/resignations of the following, as indicated in the areas listed, for the amounts cited for the 2014/15 school year:

**SCHEDULE E RESCIND:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Daniella Teplinsky Melen	National Honor Society MS Advisor	\$1,333.00

**SCHEDULE E APPOINTMENTS:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Dawn Huffman	National Honor Society MS Advisor	\$1,333.00
Ariel Weissman	Sophomore Class Advisor	\$1,383.00
Christine Bacolas	Owl Class Co-Advisor	\$1,589.50

**PARAPROFESSIONAL RESIGNATIONS:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Barbara Palanzo	P/T Paraprofessional – EB	\$9,291.00

PARAPROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME/ HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Taline Gebhardt	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$14.50	N/A
Kelly Giacomelli	Paraprofessional Lunch Aide & Substitute Paraprofessional	\$14.63	N/A
Christine Buono	Substitute Paraprofessional & Substitute Lunch Aide	\$14.93	N/A
Christine Buono	P/T Paraprofessional – EB	3 Hours/Day X 5 Days/Week	\$8,331.00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME/ HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Carolyn Purcell	Paraprofessional Lunch Aide – EB & Substitute Paraprofessional	\$14.63	N/A
Kristine Woelk	Paraprofessional Lunch Aide – EB & Substitute Paraprofessional	4 Days/Week @ \$14.63	N/A

EXTRAS APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Jillian Ruberto	EXTRAS Teacher	\$26.50
Matthew DiLorenzo	Student Aide	\$8.25

PRESENTATIONS BY FOLLOWING WR & EB STAFF (SCHEDULE E):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Carolyn Harrington (Literacy Workshop)	3 Hours on 8/26/14	\$70.00	\$210.00
Mallorie Troast (Laptop Initiative)	1-1/2 Hours on 9/10/14	\$70.00	\$105.00
Christopher Barba (Laptop Initiative)	1-1/2 Hours on 9/10/14	\$70.00	\$105.00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Colleen Colletti (Laptop Initiative)	1-1/2 Hours on 9/10/14	\$70.00	\$105.00
Eric Pilaar (Laptop Initiative)	1-1/2 Hours on 9/11/14	\$70.00	\$105.00
Jeanne Kohan (Laptop Initiative)	1-1/2 Hours on 9/11/14	\$70.00	\$105.00
Karen Finnerty (Laptop Initiative)	1-1/2 Hours on 9/11/14	\$70.00	\$105.00

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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 2014/15 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Dana Caine	Ideas Unlimited Seminar Tarrytown, NY	10/27/14	\$250.00
Ruth McIlhargy	ASCD – Education Leadership Kissimmee, FL	10/29 – 11/2/14	\$2,260.00
Cathy Nalesnik	ASCD – Education Leadership Kissimmee, FL	10/29 – 11/2/14	\$2,260.00
Steven Kopelman	AMTNJ New Brunswick, NJ	10/24/14	\$220.00
Theresa Russo	Art Educators of NJ Long Branch, NJ	10/6 & 10/7/14	\$270.00
Lori Groveman	Art Educators of NJ Long Branch, NJ	10/6 & 10/7/14	\$290.00

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- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Elizabeth Scozzari effective September 12, 2014.

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- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Raymond Conahay as a 10-month school bus driver, on Step 1 of the Custodial Guide, effective October 1, 2014, at a yearly salary of \$35,242, pro-rated to \$26,431.\*

*\*The salary/step indicated above is taken from the negotiated 2011-2014 salary guide and is subject to revision based on the negotiated successor agreement between the Park Ridge Board of Education and I.U.O.E. Local 68.*

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- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following addition to Alexis Potkulski's leave-of-absence:

- A Child-Rearing Leave from November 1, 2014 through November 21, 2014, without pay and without benefits.

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- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the extension of Abby Quaranti, leave replacement teacher for Alexis Potkulski through November 21, 2014, at a revised, pro-rated salary of \$14,603.

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- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Susan Bauer as medical leave replacement teacher for the West Ridge Resource Room, on Step 3 of the BA+30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$56,776, to be prorated from start date through October 31, 2014. (Also see P1.)

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- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for attendance at Solo 6 training on August 28, 2014:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME AND RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Krista Baumuller	Teacher	3 Hours @ \$52.88/Hour	\$158.64
Dana Errico	Teacher	3 Hours @ \$49.17/Hour	\$147.51
Danielle Fernandez	Teacher	3 Hours @ \$59.03/Hour	\$177.09
Jane Hespe	Paraprofessional	3 Hours @ \$16.65/Hour	\$49.95
Kathleen Finnerty	LDT-C	7 Hours @ \$86.52/Hour	\$605.64

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