

# PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

### REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

#### High School Little Theater

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

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

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wright at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

J. Pierotti	N. Agoos	A. Wagner	D. Bradler	J. Bucco	D. Clare	L. Sum
A	X	X	X	A	X	X

Also Present:

Dr. Robert Gamper   Robert Wright   A. Zartarian

**II. Swearing In of New Board Members**

Mr. Wright then swore in the three new Board members Ms. Natalie Agoos, Ms. Rachelle Browne, and Mr. Robert Fisher Jr. Each will serve a three-year term. Mr. Wright congratulated each one and they all took their seats at the dais where a roll call was taken.

Roll Call

R. Fisher	J. Pierotti	N. Agoos	A. Wagner	D. Bradler	J. Bucco	R. Browne
Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Wright.

Reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act" was done by Mr. Wright.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

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 10, 2023 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on January 10, 2023 sent to The Record, 1 Garret Mountain Plaza, P.O. Box 471, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-0471 and The Ridgewood News, 1 Garrett Mountain Plaza, PO Box 471, Woodland Park NJ 07424-0471 and on January 10, 2023 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.

Public participation may be limited to 3 minutes per person.

II. ORGANIZATION MEETING Superintendent's/Business Administrator's Report:

A. RESULTS OF THE ELECTION:

CANDIDATES – 3 Members for 3 years:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>VOTING</u>	<u>MAIL-IN</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Rachelle Browne	1,209	266	13	1,488
Natalie Agoos	1,131	251	15	1,397
Robert A, Fisher Jr.	1,149	205	16	1,370

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT

*Mr. Wright called for nominations of Board President. Mr. Bradler moved the nomination of Ms. Wagner for President.*

*Ms. Agoos seconded the motion.*

Roll call for election of Ms. Wagner as President:

RF JP NA DB JB RB AW  
*Present A Y Y A Y Y*

*Ms. Wagner thanked the outgoing Board president, Mr. Bradler for his work over the past few years stating that he did so in some challenging times. She welcomed the new board members and thanked the outgoing board members for their service.*

B. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF A VICE-PRESIDENT

*Mr. Bradler* moved the nomination of *Ms. Agoos* for Vice-President.

*Ms. Wagner* seconded the motion.

Roll call for election of *Ms. Agoos* as Vice-President:

RF	JP	NA	DB	JB	RB	AW
<i>Present</i>	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Public participation may be limited to 3 minutes per person.

Non-Consent Agenda:

Withdrawn:

Consent Agenda:

Moved:

Action Taken:

M:	S:
RF	JP NA DB JB RB AW

*Mr. Fisher* addressed the Board. He mentioned that he had previously provided the Board secretary with amendments to several policies that he would like to take action on this evening.

He was asked by the attorney to read the requested changes to the Board.

*Mr. Fisher* then read a proposed amendment to Policy 0164.6. In his statement he cited that members of the Board and public have the right to attend board meetings either in person or virtually. The amendment also called for all meetings to be recorded and to remain available online for transparency.

*Mr. Fisher* commented that this could be added as an emergency policy. He pointed out the New Jersey law recognizes the right to attend virtually. The district recently did this during COVID for a year. He pointed out that it was necessary for citizens who cannot attend due to certain physical restrictions. He pointed to the fact that the technology to do this was inexpensive and that he has offered to pay for it. He commented that the turnout for school elections is poor and that steps needed to be taken to were needed to ensure transparency.

*Mr. Fisher made a motion to amend Policy 0164.6 as outlined above. No second was received. The motion did not pass.*

*Mr. Bradler commented that this issue needs to be referred to the Policy committee. He asked Mr. Fisher if he was willing to amend the motion. It was agreed to Table the motion and move the discussion to new Business.*

*Mr. Fisher then moved on to the Affirmative Action Policies of the district. He asked that Policy numbers 1140, 1523, 2260 and 5750 be changed. He commented that due to a recent court ruling by the United States Supreme Court, the current district policies were not in alignment. The matter would be reviewed by the Policy committee and all necessary steps would be taken by the district to ensure alignment with the judicial rulings. Until such time, he requested that the district not appoint an affirmative action officer.*

*During his discussion, Mr. Fisher highlighted passages from a book he accessed in the district library, "So you want to talk about race." He commented that he found several passages troubling which he read. He felt the passages showed an unhealthy obsession with race and created an unwelcoming environment for white students, staff and police officers. He felt that the matter needs to be looked at and revisions be made to the affirmative action policy.*

*Ms. Wagner referred the matter to the Board attorney. Mr. Zartarian commented that the policies are tied to the State curriculum and that it was mandatory for the Board. He did not see the need to change the policies due to a problem with the wording from one piece of literature. He then clarified that the court case referenced by Mr. Fisher was for college admissions. He pointed out this was different from the discrimination referenced in the policies. The Policies protect the rights of ADA and special needs students. If the district does not submit a plan, the State could pull funding and impact its QSAC rating.*

*Mr. Fisher responded that he understood they needed to be included and that he only had an issue with a few items. He stated that the way we address race appears to be unconstitutional.*

*Ms. Wagner asked if the Board would be in jeopardy by taking such action.*

*Mr. Zartarian responded that the district needs to comply with the laws of the State of NJ.*

*Ms. Wagner offered to refer the matter to the committee but the district needs to have an affirmative action officer appointment.*

*Mr. Fisher indicated that he was OK if the Board is willing to review these policies and was willing to do a committee referral. He felt the Board owes it to residents to evaluate these policies. The matter was withdrawn and moved to new business.*

*Mr. Fisher then asked that the Board remove Policy 5756 "Transgender Students." He then read quotes from "This book is Gay" which he indicated was in the school's library. The passages mostly described sexual situations. Mr. Fisher noted that the Bible is not available in the library catalog. Mr. Fisher read more as he felt it was important for the community to hear. He then indicated that policy 5756 removes all parental consent with regards to pronouns. It allows men to use the women's locker rooms. He felt that parents need to have the ability to speak up on*

*these issues. He also mentioned that the decision on the colors of graduation gowns was taken away from students.*

*The Board Attorney weighed in. He stated that while the Board could rescind the policy, they still needed to abide by the spirit of it. There is litigation regarding this policy. There have been stays issued against districts who tried to amend it. The attorney felt it would be detrimental to the district to remove the policy.*

*It was pointed out that Westwood and Franklin Lakes have repealed the policy.*

*Mr. Fisher made a motion to develop new guidelines and put a different policy in its place. There was no second. The motion did not pass.*

*Mr. Fisher asked for the Policy to be removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote.*

*The Board then reviewed the revised Consent agenda. The consent agenda passed as follows:*

M: DB S: NA  
RF JP NA DB JB RB AW  
N A Y Y A Y Y

1. **PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**  
Authorize the payment of vouchers that are due and payable each month prior to the regular meeting of the Board, including payroll, health benefits, debt service, social securities, and investments.
2. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**  
Designate the Board Members on a rotating basis to review vouchers contained on the monthly List of Bills.
3. **CHART OF ACCOUNTS**  
Approval of the continuation of the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts in accordance with State statutes.
4. **LEGAL NEWSPAPERS**  
The Ridgewood News and The Record are appointed as the legal newspapers for advertisements. The Record is designated for legal notices; The Ridgewood News is being recommended in order to provide flexibility for emergencies.
5. **FACSIMILE SIGNATURE**  
The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the use of facsimile signatures of the Board President for the Operating Account.

6. **TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** – Pursuant to Board Policy #0154.

The Regular Monthly Meetings of the Park Ridge Board of Education will generally be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theater of the Park Ridge High School, except as indicated.

The dates for the regular monthly meetings are as follows:

January 29, 2024	August 26, 2024
February 26, 2024	September 23, 2024
March 18, 2024	October 21, 2024
April 29, 2024	November 18, 2024
May 20, 2024	December 16, 2024
June 17, 2024	

January 6, 2025 Reorganization Meeting

Other meetings will be designated as Special Meetings and advertised as needed.

7. **DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATURES JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH THE NEXT REORGANIZATION MEETING:**

N.J.S.A. 17:9-9; 18a:17-34 and 18A:19-1  
Bank – Lakeland Bank

- A. AGENCY ACCOUNT #XXXXX8117  
SBA/BS, Robert Wright  
and  
Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gamper  
or  
Assistant to SBA/BS, Grace Biancorosso
- B. PAYROLL ACCOUNT #XXXXX8125  
Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gamper
- C. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACCOUNT #XXXXX8141  
SBA/BS, Robert Wright  
and  
Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gamper  
or  
Assistant to SBA/BS, Grace Biancorosso

- D. OPERATING ACCOUNT #XXXXX8109  
President or V.P.  
and  
SBA/BS, Robert Wright  
and  
Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gamper  
or  
Assistant to SBA/BS, Grace Biancorosso
- E. MERCHANT SERVICES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT #XXXXX8222
- F. MERCHANT ACCOUNT – FOOD SERVICES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT #XXXXX9792
- G. ATHLETIC ACCOUNT #XXXXX8168  
SBA/BS, Robert Wright  
and/or  
Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gamper  
and/or  
Assistant to SBA/BS, Grace Biancorosso
- H. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACCOUNT #XXXXX8176  
SBA/BS, Robert Wright  
and/or  
Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gamper  
and/or  
Assistant to SBA/BS, Grace Biancorosso
- I. PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION VARSITY CLUB, A/C #XXXXX8192  
SBA/BS, Robert Wright  
or  
Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gamper  
and  
Assistant to SBA/BS, Grace Biancorosso
- J. ROLAND C. QUACKENBUSH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, A/C #XXXXX8206
- K. BEER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND, A/C #XXXXX8214
- L. WASHNIK AWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND, A/C #XXXXX9571
- M. ICS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, A/C# XXXXX9539

- N. JOHANNA MULHALL SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT, Managed by State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund A/C #XXXXXXXX8171
- O. ANDREW AND MARIE JOHNSON PRIZE, Managed by son, Edward Johnson through Vanguard Wellington A/C #0021/XXXXX9226

8. **DEPOSITORIES AND INVESTMENTS**

Pursuant to Title 17:12b-241, the Park Ridge Board of Education to authorize Robert Wright, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and/or Krista Kersting, Assistant Business Administrator, to invest school funds and order wire transfers, if necessary to complete the transaction, in one or more accounts in any insured bank, whose principal office is located in New Jersey in any amount up to, but not exceeding, the amounts for which such accounts are insured.

Additionally, the Park Ridge Board of Education may invest in Cash Management Plans subject to the provisions outlined in LFN 2017-24R and as amended by P.L. 2018 c.40 which stipulates that funds be initially invested through a public depository participating in the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) and that 100 percent of the principal and interest of each deposit is insured by the Federal deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

9. **PETTY CASH FUND**

Approval of the petty cash fund, as per Policy 6620.

10. **FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN**

Approval of the continuation of the district's flexible spending plan with Aflac.

11. **403(b) AND 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS**

Approval of the continuation of the district's 403(b) and 457 deferred compensation plans and waiver of coverage incentive plan.

12. **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

Approval of Organizational Chart, as listed under Policy 1110.

13. **SECTION 125/CAFETERIA PLAN**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to authorize the Premium Conversion Plan, the "Plan," effective January 1, 2019, to allow eligible employees to elect to reduce their cash compensation in consideration of their receipt of certain employee and dependent health care coverage under the employer sponsored health plans. This Plan is intended to qualify as a "cafeteria plan" within the meaning of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.

14. **RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to re-adopt Board Policies, excluding 5756, and

Regulations on file and shall remain in effect until the next organizational meeting unless otherwise amended.

15. **JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to re-approve job descriptions, which are on file in the Superintendent's office.

16. **DISTRICT MISSION & VISION STATEMENT**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve the District Mission Statement.

17. **CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Robert Wright as Custodian of Records.

18. **QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Robert Wright as the district's Qualified Purchasing Agent.

19. **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (IPM)**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve David Librera as the IPM.

20. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Troy Lederman as Public Agency Compliance (Affirmative Action) Officer of the Park Ridge School District.

21. **PUBLIC COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Robert Wright as the district Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.).

22. **504 COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Jill Connolly as the district 504 Compliance Officer.

23. **HIB COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE/SPECIALISTS**

The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve the following for the Park Ridge School District:

- Jill Connolly as HIB Coordinator
- Specialists
  - Jennifer Ostrowski                      East Brook
  - Tamar Keller-Moczarski              West Ridge
  - Andrew Yeager                              High School

24. **AHERA**  
The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Robert Wright as the AHERA Coordinator.
25. **FEES FOR COPIES**  
Approval of continuation of fees for copies of public documents as follows:
  - .75 per page for first ten pages
  - .50 per page for next 11-20 pages
  - .25 per page for over 20 pages
26. **BID AUTHORIZATION**  
The Park Ridge Board of Education to authorize the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to advertise for bids in accordance with the provisions of Title 18A:18A 'Public School Contracts Law' in The Record or The Ridgewood News whenever appropriate for the period through the next Organizational Meeting. Such bids for goods and/or services are to be in accordance with prepared bid specifications and to be opened at the office of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator not less than 10 days subsequent to advertising.
27. **SAFETY AND HEALTH**  
The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Robert Wright as the district's Safety and Health Coordinator.
28. **SUBSTANCE AWARENESS**  
The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Andrew Yeager as the Substance Awareness Coordinator.
29. **RIGHT-TO-KNOW**  
The Park Ridge Board of Education to approve Robert Wright as the Right-To-Know Coordinator.
30. **CODE OF ETHICS**  
The Park Ridge Board of Education to discuss and approve the Code of Ethics. Each board member has to acknowledge and sign the receipt.
31. **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEES BY THE BOARD**
  - A. Ad Hoc Committees
    - 1) Finance Committee
    - 2) Buildings & Grounds/Security Committee
    - 3) Education/Technology Committee
    - 4) Personnel /Negotiations Committee
    - 5) Community Relations
    - 6) Housing & Development

- 7) Policy Committee
- B. Delegates to:
  - 1) New Jersey School Boards Association
  - 2) Bergen County School Boards Association

**32. SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUBS**

The Park Ridge Board of Education recognizes the following school Booster Clubs:

S.P.A. - Supporters of the Performing Arts  
Park Ridge HS Band

Park Ridge Athletic Booster Clubs:

Cheerleader  
Football  
Boys and Girls Soccer  
Volleyball  
Wrestling  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Softball  
Track  
Boys and Girls Lacrosse  
Operation Graduation (OpGrad)

**33. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER**

The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Robert Wright or Krista Kersting to initiate ACH payments for the district.

**FINANCE RESOLUTIONS**

F1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Parette Somjen Architects LLC., Architect of Record for the 2024 calendar year, to provide architectural services to the district for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

F2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the following legal firms, per Board Policy 0153, for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024:

- Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, L.L.C. - School Attorney
- Machado Law Group – Counsel for Special Services
- Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer - Bond Counsel
- Lerch, Vinci, Higgins, LLP – School Auditor

- F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following vendors for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, who will exceed the bid threshold:
- Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, L.L.C.
  - Machado Law Group
  - Parette Somjen Architects
  - Karl Environmental Group

The Board then voted on Policy 5756.

The Park Ridge Board of Education re-adopts Board Policy 5756 on file and shall remain in effect until the next organizational meeting unless otherwise amended.

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RF JP NA DB JB RB AW

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### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Mr. Bruno asked Mr. Fisher about his comments regarding combining the Superintendent and Business Administrator positions. He encouraged him to do his research and understand what each position does. He indicated that the Business Administrator is in charge of the money and the Superintendent is asked to dream big. The Business Administrator works to assign a dollar amount to that dream and the Board decides what it would like to do. He indicated that Mr. Fisher was obviously bright and encouraged him to take the time to learn more about the educational system.*

*Mr. Lau asked who was in charge of approving the purchase of books which are in the library. He indicated that he has asked this before but was frustrated with the responses provided. Dr. Gamper responded that there are multiple people involved in the process. Mr. Lau asked if there was any single person oversight. He was informed that it was a combination of Staff and administration who decide on what books to purchase and not a single individual.*

*Mr. Fisher commented that the books being referenced adversely impacted the rights of Christian students. He referenced more material from the books to support his position including language contained in the reading passages and an anatomical diagram. He offered to share his information with the Board. In addressing the issue of responsibility, Dr. Gamper responded that while the process is overseen by the Superintendent, a committee of staff and administration makes the recommendation and has the final say.*

*Ms. Lau expressed concern that these books were in our Library and could be passed around by students. She was especially upset about a passage which described terminology for eating “poop.” She stated that she has a daughter which she puts in the care of the district every day. She felt she had a right to know what they are being exposed to and reading. She reiterated the request to know who was responsible for deciding whether these books should be in the library. She stated that when Mr. Lederman has been asked about this, he passes the buck. She also felt Dr. Gamper should know every book that is controversial.*

*Ms. Wagner responded that the district has a procedure in place to address concerns on questionable material in the district. She recommended that Ms. Lau follow that procedure.*

*Ms. Lau commented that she thought all of this was shameful.*

*Another resident wanted to know if the public would be told of any books that were being banned. Dr. Gamper responded that a committee would make a recommendation and the Board would need to approve it.*

*Ms. Dow observed that there were a lot of people trying to pull in two directions. She felt that Mr. Fisher spoke very eloquently. She commented that the system does not always support specific agendas and that it was important to make sure all voices are heard. She noted that students need a way to speak up for themselves and are not always able to go home to discuss things. While she appreciated the work everyone is doing, she felt it was important to ensure that everyone is represented.*

*Mr. Fisher pointed out he is not concerned about race or sexual preference. He gave an example of working on a crisis hotline where he helps people regardless of these factors. He feels that there is too much emphasis being placed on gender and race. He wanted to make it clear that his concerns are not about limiting LGBTQ rights but rather respecting the rights of all groups.*

#### **IV. DISCUSSION**

##### **A. Appointment of Committees**

*Ms. Wagner presented the Board with a list of committee appointments for the following committees:*

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/SECURITY – Ms. Wagner (Chair), Ms. Browne, Mr. Pierotti

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Mr. Fisher (Chair), Mr. Bradler, Ms. Browne

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Bucco (Chair), Ms. Agoos, Mr. Bradler

FINANCE – Ms. Browne (Chair), Mr. Pierotti, Ms. Wagner

PERSONNEL – Mr. Bradler (Chair), Ms. Agoos, Mr. Bucco

POLICY – Ms. Agoos (Chair), Mr. Bradler, Ms. Wagner

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Pierotti (Chair), Mr. Bucco, Mr. Fisher

*Mr. Bradler commented that committees are very important. The Board needs to reflect on its policies and discuss them as a group. It is crucial that the Board works together and listens to other Board members' opinions. Everyone was elected in the same way.*

*Ms. Wagner seconded that thought. She stated that Mr. Fisher's policy proposals are important and require their due diligence. Committees are designed as a structure of the Board. Not everyone will also be in agreement on a matter but what is important is to come to a consensus. Board members' opinions should be heard thoroughly.*

*Mr. Fisher felt it was important that someone who was not in favor of the Transgender policy be included in the discussion when the committee meets to review it. Ms. Wagner agreed and said that she would step aside for either Mr. Fisher or Ms. Browne to be involved with that discussion.*

*New Business:*

*Ms. Agoos thanked Mr. Bradler for his service and many volunteer hours.*

*Dr. Gamper also thanked all the previous Board members for their service.*

*Mr. Fisher moved to vote on a resolution he provided to the Board on December 6<sup>th</sup>, to Modify Policy 0164. He felt the revisions were necessary to hold the Board more accountable to the public. He pointed out the low turnout in the previous Board election. He indicated he offered to donate any money necessary to purchase equipment for remote participation. He saw no reason for not agreeing to this request. He believed it is in the Board's best interest to do this. He asked that the motion be voted on as an emergency resolution.*

*The Attorney asked if the resolution could be read or summarized. Mr. Wright read the resolution as follows:*

WHEREAS, New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 10:4-11) and Park Ridge School District Policy (0164.6) recognize the right of citizens to attend public meetings through means of electronic communication (hereupon called "virtually").

WHEREAS, The Park Ridge Board of Education (hereupon the "Board") and School District (hereupon the "District) have already demonstrated an enhanced ability to operate in a system conducive to both physical and electronic participation (hereupon called "hybrid") during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

WHEREAS, the ability to attend Park Ridge Board of Education meetings virtually is vital to protecting the rights of various demographics in the municipality, including but not limited to: college students, people with disabilities, those too ill to travel, those who have work obligations during meeting hours, and those on business out of the state or country.

WHEREAS, the right of virtual attendance for community members is independent of the ability of other members of the community or Board to participate physically in the meeting process. Still, previous Board meetings have yet to accommodate those wishing to attend virtually.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education does hereby authorize the District purchasing agent to make purchases of technological goods and services necessary to accommodate a hybrid meeting system, where all members of the community and Board can opt to attend virtually possessing the same rights as those physically present.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a permanent videotelephonic broadcasting service be purchased (e.g., Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams), and a regular hyperlink be established for Board Meetings that can be announced in all required media postings (pursuant to N.J.S.A 10-4:8), and that a private link can be established and distributed to Board Trustees for any sessions where the public cannot directly participate (closed sessions).

*Ms. Agoos commented that she felt the meetings the Board had virtually were chaotic and noisy. She also raised several other concerns about privacy. She commented that the offer to pay for the equipment seemed like a “pay to play” scenario. She wanted the Board to have an opportunity to discuss this further and did not think this could be done now.*

*Mr. Bradler commented that the meetings during COVID were crazy. There were a lot of technical issues that had to be dealt with. Mr. Bradler also felt that there was not a need for urgency as Mr. Fisher knew this was not in place when he ran for office. He felt the Board needs to go through the committee process.*

*Mr. Fisher stated that he understood there were several issues with this meeting style and that he had no problem waiting for final adoption. He mentioned that he has a right to know what the cost is. He made a motion to vote on the resolution as provided stating that residents deserve options.*

*There was some question as to what the motion on the floor was. Mr. Wright clarified that the motion was for the first reading of the revised policy wording.*

*The Board Attorney asked if Mr. Fisher if he wanted this instead referred to Board committee. Mr. Fisher responded that he was asking for the first reading. He clarified that he was asking for a vote on further consideration of this Policy amendment and understood it was not being approved tonight. He also said that he is not necessarily saying it would need to be on the next meeting agenda.*

*Ms. Wagner commented that she understood the desire to expedite the process, but the Board practice has been to do due diligence before presenting something for a first reading.*

*Mr. Wright then called for a second. None was received. The amendment was not approved for first reading.*

*Mr. Bradler made a motion to recommended the resolution be referred to the Policy committee for review. The motion passed as follows:*

M: NA S: DB  
RF JP NA DB JB RB AW  
Y A Y Y A Y Y

**V. ADJOURNMENT - 8:27 pm**

M: DB S: RF  
RF JP NA DB JB RB AW  
Y A Y Y A Y Y

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Robert Wright  
Board Administrator/ Board Secretary