

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 18, 2024

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 7:45 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER

I. Roll Call

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

Also Present:

R. Gamper	R. Wright	A. Gorrin	A. Zartarian
X	X	X	X

II. Pledge of Allegiance – was led by Board President, Amara Wagner.

III. Open Public Meetings Statement – was read by Board President, Amara Wagner

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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024 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. Minutes for Approval

Monthly Meeting

February 26, 2024

Board Approved

Private Session Meeting

February 26, 2024

Board Approved

M: JB S: RB

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

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V. Special Presentations to the Board -None

VI. 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 comments on agenda items only. The Board bears no responsibility, nor will it be liable for any comments made by the public. Please be advised that all comments are maintained as a matter of public record.

VII. Student Representative's Report

Amanda reported that the Girl's Basketball team had won the State Sectionals. She indicated that there were forty members of the DECA program who qualified for the State tournament but unfortunately there were no National Qualifiers. The PRE club hosted students from North Carolina. Juniors had State testing. The Park Ridge Band participated in the St. Patrick's parade on Saturday.

VIII. President's Report

Ms. Wagner reported that she saw the Kaleidoscope show and thought it was great. Students put a lot of time into it. She also enjoyed watching the Girls Basketball team play. She was proud to see the Marching band representing Park Ridge at the St. Patrick's Day parade. She commented on how much talent is coming from a small school. She mentioned her tour of the construction project and noted that while the process is painful to go through, the end result will be incredible. She encouraged other Board members to visit the site.

IX. Superintendent's Report



HIB Update

Dr. Gamper reported that there was only one HIB to report at the High School and it was unconfirmed.

He congratulated the Girl's Basketball team on their State Sectional win. He reported that the Spring musical, Mama Mia, will take place April 4th-6th at 7:00 pm in the Little theater. He commented that the Locker room project is moving along nicely. By April, walls should be up and people should see more details soon.

X. BOE Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Discussed the State aid numbers. The additional state aid wound up being a wash with expenditures. Mr. Wright gave a presentation on what has changed since the last meeting indicating that new special education costs have been added as well as additional personal staffing.

Policy Committee– Discussed the increases in class sizes at East Brook and West Ridge. The laptop fees were also discussed.

Education Committee– Discussed district goals 2 & 3. They spoke about possible replacement of the multipurpose room floors as something to consider in the future.

XI. Supplemental Agenda - None

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

XII. Consent Agenda

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 RF JP DB JB RB NA AW
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Mr. Fisher commented on Board motion E-14. He thanked the Board and administration for creating these options. He felt they were both scientific and creative. He commented that it is important for student upbringing and development. He expressed concerns over the ability to cater to Advance Placement (AP) courses. He also commented that the Board needs to secure a future for the German program. He asked if there was way to hold additional meetings and explore ways to expand the AP offerings and German language program. Dr. Gamper responded that it was part of the district goals to look at the World Language program in grades K-12 and how students feed into the High School. He also said they would look at German, the AP classes and electives, and the number of students interested in taking them. He commented that it would depend on staff availability and interest.

Ms. Agoos commented that the committee was looking into ways to increase the AP portfolio.

Mr. Fisher commented on item F12 indicating that there was a lot of material to look through in the fiscal binder. Although at CAP, money we are spending is at a deficit and it is coming out of Capital Reserve. He expressed concern that the district is draining their reserve funds and requested a Capital reserve study. He wanted to ensure that sufficient funds would be available in case something happens. He also noted large increases in certain areas of the budget such as athletic fees. He felt there was a need to have a longer discussion on the budget and expressed a desire to give families a tax cut. He asked that the motion be tabled.

Mr. Wright explained that this motion was to submit to the County for a technical review. There was still the ability to make changes to the budget up until the Board vote in May but that the deadline to submit to the County was March 20th.

Based on the additional information, Mr. Fisher agreed to withdraw his motion to table but wanted it noted that he was in opposition to what is in the budget now.

XIII. Hearing of Citizens

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XIV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Bradler – Asked what type of vetting is done for the North Carolina student exchange. Dr. Gamper responded that he was not familiar with the vetting process. The school at North Carolina chooses the families and homes where our students are staying.

Mr. Fisher read a proposed policy on district legal practices. He asked if the resolution can be written into the Board Policy.

Ms. Wagner responded that much of the language in the resolution is already in the current policy. She stated that the Policy would supersede a resolution and would like to make sure the language is congruent.

Mr. Fisher asked about the specific policy. Ms. Wagner responded that it was Policy 0174. Mr. Fisher stated that the goal was to have language to require the Board to share the file. It also would increase transparency.

The matter was remanded to the Policy committee for further review.

Mr. Fisher said that he has received the response from the Policy committee about the reconsideration of materials form. He felt that this was not a form that was meant to be utilized by the public. It has thirty questions and is nine pages long. He brought up the language contained in the library book “This book is Gay.” He indicated that the book is currently listed as being out on the media center website. Dr. Gamper responded that the book is currently in his office. The book could be taken out but would need to be requested. Dr. Gamper also indicated that when he was done using the book, it could be returned to the Library.

Mr. Fisher commented that due to an OPRA request, they were now aware that the order was placed as a bulk order through a vendor. He commented that the review process is made up of district employees. He suggested that the review process be turned over to the municipality to have a different viewpoint. He said the issue is about being prudent about what to spend taxpayer dollars on. He feels the Board needs to have some accountability to the taxpayers.

Mr. Bucco commented that the public elects the Board to do this.

Mr. Fisher stated that there is only one Board member on the review committee.

Ms. Wagner stated that the public can always email Board members, contact Dr. Gamper, or come to a Board meeting to express their concerns.

Ms. Agoos said that the Policy committee spent many hours creating this process and just because the form is not easy, does not mean it is not good. She said some things take time. She gave an example of someone with an illness. They would want to go to an expert. Librarians and educators are well schooled. We need to trust them. Any problems should be articulated clearly and reviewed by the committee. It should not be an easy, streamlined process.

Ms. Wagner stated that there is a Policy and form to deal with the issue. The process is to fill out the form, have a committee review and a full board vote.

Mr. Fisher commented that it does not take a Masters degree to tell literature from porn. The book should not be put in the library. He stated that if a parent is concerned about something that was brought home, they should not have to fill out a lot of paperwork. They should be able to call someone. He stated that this was not about race, sex, or gender. All taxpayer funded literature should be held to the same standard. It should not be ordered in by an individual. He also questioned if the book has not been taken out, and why it was there.

Ms. Wagner commented that the Board walks a fine line between overseeing and running the schools. This is not a Board responsibility. Being able to dictate acceptable material would be wrong. The current process allows it to be brought to the Board for review.

XV. Adjournment – 7:45 pm

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

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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 February with no suspensions, and no truanancies to report.

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following students for the 2023/24 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
1225-060	Rockland BOCES West Nyack, NY	1/22/24 - 6/30/24	\$12,307.01
1012-070	BCSS Washington Elementary School Paramus, NJ	2/22/24 – 6/30/24	\$28,272.00
1714(a)-050	ECLC Ho Ho Kus, NJ	3/1/24 – 6/30/24	\$25,912.80

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the extension of the Emotional Regulation Impairment program as per NJAC 6a:14, for therapeutic support of students in Grades 9-11, through April 29, 2024.

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student for IEP mandated services for the 2023-24 school year, through Bergen County Special Services as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>MAXIMUM WEEKLY HOURS</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1714(a) - 050	Behavioral Services	3 hrs./week	3/1/24-6/30/24

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student on home instruction, as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>SUBJECTS</u>
910 - 050	03/7/24 – 03/22/24	2 hours/week	English
910 - 050	03/7/24 – 03/22/24	2 hours/week	Math
910 - 050	03/7/24 – 03/22/24	2 hours/week	Social Studies
910 - 050	03/7/24 – 03/22/24	2 hours/week	Science

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following tuition and transportation contracts for the Owl House Life Skills Program for the period March 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
1026(b)	Emerson Board of Education	Tuition	\$10,300.00
1026(b)	Emerson Board of Education	Transportation	\$4,000.00

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

The tuition and transportation contracts with Emerson are the result of a new Owl House student from their District.

- E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of the following Co-operative Winter Sports teams with the following Boards of Education for the 2024-2026 school years:

- Bowling (Emerson)
- Wrestling (Emerson)
- Ice Hockey (Pascack Valley/Pascack Hills)

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the agreement with West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc., from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as per attached. **“E8”**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the list of field trips for the EXTRAS Summer 2024 Program, as attached. **“E9”**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Shared Services Agreement with the Pascack Valley School District in a Student Internship Program for the 2024/25 school year. ***"E10"***

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Michael Gorrin as an unpaid intern in the area of Social Studies, for the spring of the 2023/24 school year.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Georgia O'Donovan to complete 10 hours of unpaid field work in the area of English, during the spring of the 2023/24 school year.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the extension of the following student on home instruction as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE TIME</u>	<u>SUBJECTS</u>
2617-050	03/11/24 – 03/29/24	2 hours/week	German
2617-050	03/11/24 – 03/29/24	2 hours/week	Science
2617-050	03/11/24 – 03/29/24	2 hours/week	Social Studies
2617-050	03/11/24 – 03/29/24	2 hours/week	Pre-Algebra
2617-050	03/11/24 – 03/29/24	2 hours/week	English

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the creation of the following new courses at PRHS for the 2024-25 school year:

- Cyber Security
- Introduction to Guitar
- AP Macro Economics

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the adoption of the following basic textbook for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TEXTBOOK TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>YEAR ADDITION</u>

Honors Biology	Campbell Biology: Concepts & Connections	Taylor, Simon Dickey, Hogan	\$163.50 ebook/textbook combo \$121.00 ebook	2021 (Pearson)
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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

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 February 2024 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. 620 – 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"**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F2. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the month of February 2024.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #50050-50261 (\$2,598,670.29) and 902245-903243(\$629,658.09) in the total amount of \$3,228,328.38 and EFTs using ACH technology #L57107-L57113 in the amount of \$610,270.36. **"F3"**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #14015-14083 in the total amount of \$10,092.00. **"F4"**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher N/A in the total amount of N/A.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Unemployment Compensation Voucher #N/A in the total amount of \$N/A.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the February 2024 “Report of the Secretary” and the “Report of the Treasurer” to the Board of Education. **“F7”**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following 2023/24 General Fund Transfers for the month of February 2024 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. **“F8”**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW
F1. - F8. - Backup attached.

- F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of technical support and equipment, and maintenance, repair and operational supplies through State Contract/Cooperative pricing. Listed below are expenses anticipated to exceed the threshold (cumulatively):

<u>ITEMS PURCHASED FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
NRG Business Marketing, LLC.	\$70,000.00	ACES Bid
Paramus Ford, Inc.	\$74,446.15	ESCNJ Contract

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is required under State Law to participate in SEMI when the number of students identified is 40 or more, and

WHEREAS, the number identified for Park Ridge is 49;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education will participate in the SEMI program in the 2023/24 fiscal year.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appropriation of 2022-23 Extraordinary Aid funds in the amount of \$75,000.00, to be used in the 2023-24 budget as follows:

12-140-100-730-050-01-28 \$75,000.00

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the preliminary 2024/25 school year budget as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$36,865,801
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 1,018,901
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND	 \$37,884,702
 Special Revenue (Fund 20)	 \$ 489,452
 Debt Service (Fund 40)	 \$ 778,883
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS and	 \$ 39,153,037

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$33,891,861 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$514,061 to support Debt Service, for the 2024/25 school year budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024/25 budget includes automatic adjustments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39€, in the amount of \$221,479 as an adjustment for health care costs.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the attached Corrective Action Plan for SEMI. **"F13"**

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ed Gunther	Ted Gunther Memorial Scholarship	Monetary for the 23/24 school year	\$5,000.00
Jura Inc.	East Brook 6 th Grade Student Activity Account	Monetary for the 23/24 school year	\$600.00
West Ridge PTO	West Ridge Risers	Monetary for the 23/24 school year	\$6,000.00

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

FINANCE DISCUSSION

A. 2024-2025 Budget discussion

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 the custodial/maintenance calendar for 2024/25. **"BG1"**

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

This is to approve the days which the Custodians/Maintenance personnel are off contractually.

BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following payments to Parette Somjen Architects for the following projects: **"BG2"**

PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
9280	HS Locker Room Addition	\$5,681.17
9546	WR Unit Vent Upgrade	\$5,753.54
9546	WR Unit Vent Upgrade	\$5,048.89
9547	EB Unit Vent Upgrade	\$8,754.81
9547	EB Unit Vent Upgrade	\$6,750.00
9548	WR School Drainage Rod Grant	\$4,465.13

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by the Park Ridge Recreation Committee, for use of the HS Fields, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on Saturday August 31, 2024, as listed on the attached. **"BG3"**

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Anita Ehrler Dance Extensions, for use of the HS Little Theater, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on Saturday June 1, 2024, as listed on the attached. **"BG4"**

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Payment #7 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Addition, in the amount of \$580,838.20. **"BG5"**

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

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 following substitute teachers for the 2023/24 school year:

Teacher
Reiff, Peter*

Custodian
Amato, Damiano*
Scrazati, Anthony*

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

* Pending completion of State mandated paperwork.

- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of the following, as indicated in the areas listed, for the amounts cited for the 2023/24 school year (or as indicated):

Appointments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Silverman, Andrea	School Event Chaperone	\$40.00/Weekday School Events (excl. overnight events); \$50.00/Sat./Sun./other non-school day Events (incl. evenings of these days)

Resignations:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Lorenzini, Erika	FT WR Paraprofessional	3/13/2024

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the reimbursement of anticipated conference/ seminar expenses for the following staff members:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT(S) NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Kersting, Krista	NJASBO 2024 Annual Conference Atlantic City, NJ	6/5-6/7/24	\$1,200.00
Scheer, Christine	NVCC Strategies for Close Reading Demarest, NJ	3/26/24	\$220.00
Wall, Heather	TMI Education Mahwah, NJ	3/21/24	\$150.00
Wright, Robert	NJASBO 2024 Annual Conference Atlantic City, NJ	6/5-6/7/24	\$1,200.00

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff member for the 2023/24 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Sum, Susan	EB Paraprofessional	4 hrs. @ \$ 20.91/hour	Field Trip

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Karen Carroll, HS Special Education Teacher, due to retirement, effective July 1, 2024.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Sandra Horgan and Aracelis Machado as school bus drivers for the 2024/25 summer.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for an additional stipend for teaching a 6th period for the ERI class, effective March 19, through April 29, 2024:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Carroll, Karen	Period 1/2 Science 7 Collaborative	Per Current Contract
Lebreault, Sam	Period 7/8 Science	Per Current Contract
Loll, Heather	Period 12/13 Physical Education	Per Current Contract
Lynn, Raina	Period 9/10 Art	Per Current Contract
Meyer, Lucy	Period 1/2 Skills for School Success	Per Current Contract
Mullen, Erin	Period 5/6 Math	Per Current Contract
Schoenkopf, Ann	Period 14/15 English	Per Current Contract
Wall, Heather	Period 3/4 History	Per Current Contract

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Samantha Caminneci as East Brook Elementary maternity leave teacher, from April 29, 2024, to June 20, 2024, on Step 1 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$61,039.00, prorated to her start date.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for professional development workshops on March 20, 2024, as indicated below:

<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS PRESENTING</u>	<u>HOURS PLANNING</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Danielle Centurione	Recognizing & Responding to Health Emergencies in the Classroom	1	3	\$81.00/hr.
Lisa Conforti	2 ND Grade Scope & Sequence/Progress Monitoring	1.5	3	\$81.00/hr.
Dyana Kent	Using Assessment Data to Drive Small Group Instruction in First Grade	1.5	3	\$81.00/hr.
Samuel LeBreault	3-D Printing and Design Thinking	1	3	\$81.00/hr.
Jennifer Ostrowski	2 nd Grade Scope & Sequence /Progress Monitoring	1.5	3	\$81.00/hr.
Krysten Perez	3 rd Grade Assessments/Scope & Sequence Revisions	1.5	3	\$81.00/hr.
Sarah-Kate Maskin	7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens	1	2	\$81.00/hr.
Heather Wall	Using AI Tools in the Classroom	1	3	\$81.00/hr.
Karen Yates	Using Assessment Data to Drive Small Group Instruction in Kindergarten	1.5	3	\$81.00/hr.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Cindy Fox, West Ridge Special Education Teacher, due to retirement, effective July 1, 2024.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as home instructors for Student 910-050, from March 7, 2024, to March 22, 2024:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Avery, Rachel	Social Studies	2	\$65.00
Kane, Tara	Science	2	\$65.00
Krenek, Michael	English	2	\$65.00
Martucci, Monika	Pre-Algebra	2	\$65.00

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Megan Marmora, .5 HS Secretary, effective March 22, 2024.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Kaitlyn Jacobus (East Brook Elementary Teacher) as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from August 28, 2024, through September 27, 2024, with pay and with benefits.
- A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective September 30, 2024, through December 20, 2024, without pay but with benefits.
- A Child-Rearing Leave from January 2, 2025, through May 2, 2025, without pay and without benefits.

M: S:
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for an additional stipend for teaching a 6th period, effective May 1, through May 17, 2024:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Brako Bismarck, Mimi	Period 5/6 English 9	Per Current Contract
Buckley, Stephanie	Period 12/13 Reading 8	Per Current Contract
Krenik, Michael	Period 7/8 Reading 7	Per Current Contract
Kovacs, Chuck	Period 16/17 English 9	Per Current Contract
Maher, Cathleen	Period 3/4 English 9 Honors	Per Current Contract

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This 6th period assignment is to provide coverage for Michelle Muller due to retirement until Michael Krenik is available to replace Michelle Muller.

P15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael Krenik as HS English leave replacement teacher, from May 20, 2024, to June 20, 2024, on Step 1 of the BA + 30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$62,714.00, prorated to his start date.

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Michael Krenik will have completed his assignment for Alison McElrath and pick up this assignment for Michelle Muller, relieving the 6th period assignment teachers.

P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the extension of the following staff members as home instructors for Student 2617-050, from March 11, 2024 to March 29, 2024:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT PER WEEK</u>
Avery, Rachel	Social Studies	2	\$65.00	\$130.00
Erdmann, Rachel	German	2	\$65.00	\$130.00
Kane, Tara	Science	2	\$65.00	\$130.00
Krenik, Michael	English	2	\$65.00	\$130.00
Martucci, Monika	Pre-Algebra	2	\$65.00	\$130.00

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P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Jaime DeBenedictus (HS Teacher) as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from May 20, 2024, through June 7, 2024, with pay and with benefits.
- A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective August 12, 2024, through November 4, 2024, without pay but with benefits.

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