

**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 20, 2024

Public Started: 5:00 P.M.  
Private Started: 5:05 P.M.  
Public Started: 7:00 P.M.  
Public Ended: 9:51 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER

**I. Roll Call**

R. Fisher J. Pierotti D. Bradler J. Bucco R. Browne N. Agoos A. Wagner  
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Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright A. Gorrin A. Zartarian  
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(\*) arrived late for executive

**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 May 15, 2024, caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on May 15, 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 May 15, 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. Adjournment to Private Session**

Private Closed Session was read by *President Wagner*.

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 5:07 pm.

M: RF S: NA  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at 7:00 pm.

M: RF S: NA  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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**V. Minutes for Approval**

Monthly Meeting	April 29, 2024	Board Approved
Private Meeting	April 29, 2024	Board Approved
Special Meeting	May 6, 2024	Board Approved

M: DB S: RB  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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**VI. Special Presentations to the Board**

- A. Student Ambassador Recognition
- B. Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program
  - Krista Baumuller – West Ridge
  - Lisa Conforti – East Brook
  - Karen Carroll – High School
- C. Winter Sports Recognition
  - a. Girls Basketball – NJIC Patriot Division Champions/NJSIAA State Sectional Champions
  - b. Wrestling – NJIC Patriot Division/NJIC Conference Champions
  - c. Ryan Dennis – NJIC Patriot Division Girls Basketball & Bergen County Women’s Coaches Association Coach of the Year
  - d. Alexandra Shenloogian – RECORD Athlete of the Week – December 2023

*Dr. Gamper spoke about the Student Ambassador program. He explained that the purpose was to induct the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to the High School culture. He then introduced Ms. Erdman, one of the co-advisors of the program. Ms. Erdman explained that the program is composed of student volunteers from upper grades who volunteer their time to meet with students. They met many times over the year to help them acclimate to the school. Some of the topics they discuss are exam preparation, time management and kindness. Ms. Erdman felt that the 7<sup>th</sup> grades students really connected with this year’s ambassadors. She mentioned that they had a great response and have received lots of applications for next year. She commented on how proud she was of this year’s student ambassadors. She then called each one up and presented them with a certificate of appreciation. Dr. Gamper then thanked Ms. Kane and Ms. Erdman for their hard work.*

*Dr. Gamper then honored the teachers of the year from each building.*

*The first honoree was Lisa Conforti from East Brook. Dr. Gamper stated that she was kind and loved by her students. She is most known for never turning anyone away and diligently working to find the resources that each student needed.*

*The next honoree was Krista Baumiller from West Ridge. Dr. Gamper commented that she has taught at many different grade levels but specialized in literacy. Two years ago, she decided to make a change and took the job as Art Teacher. Dr. Gamper praised her for doing a fantastic job, commenting that the school has seen an increase in art production. He also mentioned that there was an art show at the school a few days ago with some unique exhibits.*

*The final honoree was Karen Carrol from the High School. Dr. Gamper commented that she is known as a compassionate and caring person that fosters a positive and inviting environment. He also praised her for her role as an athletic coach saying that she instills sportsmanship in her teams. He concluded by saying that Ms. Carroll exemplifies what a teacher of the year should be.*

*Each recipient then received a token of appreciation from the Board.*

*Mr. Brown then spoke about several winter sport teams. Mr. Brown thanked the Board for their support. The first team recognized was the Wrestling team. They went undefeated in their conference matches and captured their 7<sup>th</sup> NJIC Conference Championship in a row. They finished the season with an overall 19-5 record. They were ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the Record Poll and named Bergen County Small School team of the year. Mr. Brown reported that several students received league and county honors with special recognition to Cole Hughes for making it to the State championships. Mr. Brown commented that the district has a 45-year streak of sending someone to the States. He congratulated the coaches and the team and called each one up to receive a championship sweatshirt.*

*The next recognition was for the Girls Basketball team. The team made school history with Allie Shenloogian scoring her 1000 career point. They went undefeated in league play capturing the NJIC Patriot division championship. They also won the school's first State sectional title. The team finished the season with a 23-6 record and was ranked #12 in the Records final poll. He then called each student up to receive their championship sweatshirt.*

*The next recognition was for Allie Shenloogian who was named the Record Female Athlete of the week for the second time. Mr. Brown indicated that she was only the 49<sup>th</sup> Park Ridge athlete to receive this honor. She was presented with a certificate and plaque that will go in the High School Trophy case.*

*The final recognition of the evening was for Ryan Dennis, who was named Coach of the Year as the Head Girls Basketball coach. Mr. Brown highlighted his accomplishments which included capturing the NJIC Patriot Division championship and winning the State sectionals. Mr. Dennis was presented with a token of appreciation from the Board.*

*Dr. Gamper thanked Mr. Brown saying he was an invaluable asset to the district. He thanked him for all he does for students.*

*The Board then took a five-minute recess to take pictures.*

## **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 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.

## **VIII. Student Representative's Report**

*Amanda reported that testing for AP exams began in May. May 15th is college commitment day. Prom bids were collected. The Renaissance dinner will be held tomorrow. Amanda also spoke about the upcoming Field Day. On Thursday, there will be a Spring Vocal concert. The Senior awards will be held on the 30th. Amanda also reported that the student body elections would be held soon.*

## **IX. President's Report**

*Ms. Wagner commented that there are amazing things happening at Park Ridge schools. She was impressed by all the accomplishments of the students. She congratulated the teachers, students and coaches. She reported that she would be attending the Renaissance awards. She mentioned seeing students riding their bikes to East Brook and being escorted by the Police. She found this amazing. She then wished everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend and asked that they remember those who sacrificed.*

## **X. Superintendent's Report**

### **HIB Update**

*Dr. Gamper reported that there was no HIB incidents since his last report.*

*Dr. Gamper commented that he attended the East Brook concert, and that Mr. Ostrow did an amazing job. He has brought the Vocal Music program to a new level. He was also at the West Ridge Art show. He reported that the students did a nice job and that there was a wide variety of artwork. He mentioned that this is the time of year we showcase the hard work of our students and staff. He also wished the sports team luck in the playoffs. He reported that there was a lot of progress being made on the Locker Room Renovation project. He encouraged people to go see it. He was hopeful that the construction would be finished by the fall. He hoped everyone would enjoy the long weekend.*

## **XI. BOE Committee Reports**

*Buildings and Grounds – discussed upcoming Maintenance projects and created a priority list. They are recommending that the district hold off on taking on any big new projects. They also reviewed the latest proposal for improving cell phone service at East Brook. It was decided to bring the matter to the Community relations committee and engage the community.*

**XII. Supplemental Agenda**

*There was one Supplemental resolution for the renewal of the Food Service contract with Pomptonian. Mr. Wright explained that the resolution was a place holder for the Board and that he planned on following up with additional information on possible alternatives.*

**XIII. Consent Agenda**

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

M: RB S: DB  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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**XIV. Hearing of Citizens**

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*Ms. Turpin addressed the Board. She commented that she appreciates the Board members for the time they put in. She then referred to the Board mission statement and the quote that read "Every owl every day." She commented that banning books and calling out certain groups was in direct conflict to this mission statement. She stated that the district has an obligation to make all students feel welcome. She also pointed out that any information in the books being discussed could be found online anyway. She felt that all books should be available in the library and that it was critical for students to have access to them. She commented that she wished she did not have to speak about this. She implored the Board to ensure that all students are made to feel welcome.*

*Ms. Maddler expressed concerns over one Board members voting pattern saying that the Board member votes "No" on all agenda items. She felt that this had serious legal and financial implications. By voting no to the appointment of staff and services, it effectively denies students the necessary resources they need. This includes out-of district tuition for students. She felt that doing this seriously impacted the safety of students and exposed the Board to potential lawsuits. She felt voting no on things like legally mandated leaves was unfathomable. She also saw a problem with not approving the payment of bills. She pointed out that there were medically compromised students who needed services which were included in that list. She felt that voting no on these would lead to legal consequences and financial burdens. She stated that she was a mother and a taxpayer, and that she knows that there is a high per pupil cost but that so do the surrounding districts. She concluded by asking the Board to look into whether the actions of the Board member was a violation of the educational 14th amendment.*

*Mr. Fisher asked if he was permitted to split his vote. The attorney responded that he was. It was explained that he could indicate which resolutions he wished to vote No on.*

*Mr. Severino told the Board that he has a grandchild who attends the school. He agreed with everything that has been said. He stated did not understand the Board member's "No" vote. He pointed out that one of the items being voted on was to receive tax payments from the town. Without it, you could not run the school. He also pointed out a motion to join the NJSIAA. Voting no would hurt the athletes.*

Ms. Griffith, a former student, wanted to support the student assistance council program. She informed them that she was a Trauma survivor. The support of staff and faculty was very helpful to here. She was concerned about losing a program like this. She pointed out that not everyone has a nice house or clothes. She stated that the solution is to know who you are.

Ms. Wagner thanked everyone who spoke.

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

Ms. Agoos thanked everyone who spoke. She commented that it is important to come forward and tell the Board how you feel. This is how democracy works. Each person gets one vote. She reminded people that it is important that every November there are candidates. She urged them not to be passive. The Board makeup changes constantly. She urged them to stay involved and stay aware. She was grateful for everyone who showed up and voiced how they felt.

Mr. Fisher introduced a Resolution on legal practices. He stated that it was a slight mark-up of a previously introduced resolution. The only thing that is being asked is for compliance with State code. The one thing being asked is for the Superintendent and Business Administrator to provide a report on legal expenses at year end. He commented that he did see the detail after reviewing the bills for the month, but this would be compiled and more efficient. Ms. Wagner commented that while she did not object to the concept, she thought it was redundant. Any Board member can request this information at any time. She also pointed out that it is the policy, which is legally binding, not the resolution. Mr. Fisher explained that the purpose of the resolution was so that Board members would not need to seek out the detail but rather have it in a yearly report. He felt the resolution was in harmony, and not opposition to policy.

A second was called for on the motion. None was received.

Mr. Fisher then introduced another resolution which called for the establishment of a citizens’ library committee. A second was called for. None was received.

Mr. Fisher stated that the Board operates with a consent agenda. As a principal separate item are not considered. He stated that he was not aware he could vote yes for some items and not for others. He thanked the public for bringing this information up and indicated he will consider it for future votes.

**XVI. Adjournment – 9:51 pm**

The Board then went back into Executive at 8:25 pm

M: NA S: RB  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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Return to Public

M: NA S: RF  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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Motion to adjourn

M: NA S: RF

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 April with no out-of-school suspensions, no in-school suspension, and no truanancies to report.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
*NJAC requires that we notify the BOE of all school suspensions.*

E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves seven 3-year-old students and three 4-year-old students for the Integrated Pre-School Program for the 2024/25 school year, on file in the Superintendent’s Office.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student teacher for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PR TEACHER</u>
Alyssa Weissman	St. Thomas Aquinas	Sept. 2024 – October 2024 Nov. 2024 – December 2024	Heather Wall (HS Teacher) Molly Jaffe (HS Teacher)

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as provided for the Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3, et. Seq.), herewith enrolls Park Ridge High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved inter-school athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education approves the NJSIAA Membership expenditure of \$2,700.00 for the 2024/25 school year. This resolution to continue in effect until or unless rescinded by the Board of Education and shall be included among those policies adopted annually by the Board. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 in adopting this resolution, the Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution Bylaws and Rules and Regulation of the NJSIAA.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW



E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2024 Extended School Year Out-of-District Program for the students listed, and their school placements, as indicated on the attached. **"E5"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following students for the 2024/25 Summer:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
820(e)-060	6/22 - 8/5/2024	Camp Lee Mar	\$8,081.00
1920(a)-060	6/22 - 8/5/2024	Camp Lee Mar	\$5,000.00

M: S:  
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 I, certifies that the Board Secretary's April 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 N/A.

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 #50424-50550 in the total amount of (\$1,735,221.90) and 904243-905243 (\$621,626.12), and EFTs using ACH technology #L57508-L57512 in the amount of \$417,471.10. **"F3"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #14107 - 14136 in the total amount of \$5,165.00. **"F4"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1112 - #1113 in the total amount of \$3,144.00. **"F5"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Unemployment Compensation Vouchers #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 April 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 2023/2024 General Fund Transfers for the month of April 2024 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. "F8"

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves payment of the Scholarship Vouchers #50424 through #50444 in the total amount of \$31,145.62. "F9"

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F10. 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>
Tectonic Engineering Consultants	\$54,116.96	EUS

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of The Vozza Agency as insurance advisor for the Park Ridge School District for the 2024/25 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the report of the School Business Administrator in compliance with PL 2015, Chapter 47, on contracts, which are intended to be renewed, awarded or to expire. These contracts have been and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations, in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18 et seq., NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et seq.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following Resolution for Park Ridge Board of Education's Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System:  
WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)* authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018, the governing body of the Park Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Park Ridge Board of Education.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(15)*, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations for the 23/24 school year:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church	PRHS Athletic Program	Monetary	\$500.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F15. The Park Ridge Board of Educational approves the renewal of its participation in a cooperative pricing system with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), formerly Middlesex Regional Cooperative, for the purchase of goods and services for the 2024/25 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F16. WHEREAS, NEW JERSEY P.L., 2011 Chapter 139 permits school districts to "use contracts awarded by national or regional cooperatives or other states that were competitively bid," and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Purchasing Network meets the criteria as defined under this law, and WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education feels that by joining the Keystone Purchasing Network, there will be a significant benefit to the taxpayers due to anticipated savings, and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education is not obligated to use the program once a member, nor will it be assessed any fees for participating;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes Robert Wright, School Business Administrator, to sign and deliver any and all necessary documents in connection with the enrollment of the district in this program.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves submitting Amendment Number 2 to the 2023/24 IDEA Grant.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the continuation of its participation in the NJSBA ACES Cooperative Pricing System.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F19. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Covid Cares Education Stabilization fund grant totaling \$9,354.00 to be used during the 23/24 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F20. WHEREAS, the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of the Park Ridge Board of Education for the 2024/2025 school year is \$34,405,922.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Park Ridge Board of Education and in accordance with RS54:44-75, that the Secretary be authorized to request the Borough of Park Ridge to place in the hands of the Superintendent of Schools said amount, same to be paid as follows:

<u>2024</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
July	\$2,824,322
August	\$2,824,322
September	\$2,824,322
October	\$2,824,322
November	\$2,824,322
December	\$2,824,321
Subtotal	<u>\$16,945,931</u>
<u>2025</u>	
January	\$2,824,321
February	\$2,824,321
March	\$2,824,322

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April	\$2,824,322
May	\$2,824,322
June	\$2,824,322
Subtotal	<u>\$16,945,930</u>
Total	<u>\$33,891,861</u>

<u>Debt Service</u>	
<u>Date Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/1/24	\$257,031
2/1/25	\$257,030
Total	<u>\$514,061</u>

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F21. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Bergen County Special Services to provide 192/193 services for the 2024/25 school year, as per Agreement.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves EnviroVision as environmental consultant for the Park Ridge School District.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of a Temporary Instructional Space Application for West Ridge, East Brook Schools, and the Owl House.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F24. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2024/2025 Agreement for "Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Appointment as Independent Registered Municipal Advisor" between the Park Ridge School District and Phoenix Advisors, LLC. **"F24"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F25. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of Dual Use Applications for West Ridge and East Brook Schools.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F26. Be it resolved that the Park Ridge Board of Education "SFA" approves the renewal of the contract (\$1.) for Food Service Management with The Pomptonian, Inc. "FSMC" for the food service operation for 2024-2025.

1. FSMC Fee:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$21,920.00 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be included as a cost of operation and billed in 10 monthly installments of \$2,192.00 per month. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

2. There is no guaranteed financial performance

3. Total Estimated Cost of Contract:

Total estimated expenses (cost) include food, labor, supplies, other expenses, and FSMC management fee.

The Total Estimated Cost of Contract is \$221,286.07

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

## BUILDING & 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 following payments to Parette Somjen Architects for the following projects: **"BG1"**

PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
9280	HS Locker Room Addition	\$5,494.26

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Girl Scouts, for use of East Brook Athletic Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on June 6, 2024, as per attached. **"BG2"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Payment #9 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Addition, in the amount of \$382,836.00. **"BG3"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Report of Completion of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills, as per the follow:

SCHOOL	DATE
Park Ridge High School	11/11/2023
East Brook Elementary	12/5/2023
West Ridge Elementary	5/2/2024

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Extra Innings 1624 Inc., for use of East Brook Athletic Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on August 10, 2024, as per attached. **"BG5"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Extra Innings 1624 Inc., for use of PRHS Baseball Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on August 10, 2024, as per attached. **"BG6"**



M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Extra Innings 1624 Inc., for use of PRHS Softball Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on August 10, 2024, as per attached. **"BG7"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Change Order #6 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Addition, in the amount of \$297,000.00, to be added to the base contract of \$5,748,000.00 resulting in a new contract amount of \$6,045,000.00. **"BG8"**

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 appointment of substitute teachers for the 2023/24 school year:

Substitute Teachers

Buscareno, Maureen  
Carluccio, Griffin\*

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*\*pending completion of paperwork.*

- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of the following, as indicated in the areas listed, and for the amounts cited for the 2023/24 school year and or the 2024/25 summer, or unless otherwise indicated:

RESCINDS FOR THE 2024/25 SUMMER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Aquino Rendon, Sandra	Summer EXTRAS Student Aid	5/20/2024

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Buckley, Michael	Assistant Football Coach (Step 1)	\$6,375.00

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- P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the reimbursement of anticipated/conference/seminar expenses, funded through the 23/24 ESEA grant, for the following staff member(s):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Misciagna, Desiree	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference Virtual	6/3/24 – 9/2/24	\$450.00
Plucinski, Keith	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference Virtual	6/3/24 – 9/2/24	\$450.00

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- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Hannah Park, HS Vocal Music Teacher, effective July 1, 2024.

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P5. 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>APPROX. TIME/RATE</u>
Sum, Susan	EB Paraprofessional 5/9/24 Field Trip Chaperone	3 hours @ \$20.91/hour

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P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members to provide IEP mandated speech and behavioral therapy during the Extended School Year. The program will run from July 1 to July 26, 2024. The salaries are funded through the ARP ESSER Grant.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>MAXIMUM HOURS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Casey, Jill	\$85.19	72	\$6,133.68
Cariddi, Nicole	\$56.57	72	\$4,073.04
Wagreich, Kim	\$89.72	72	\$6,459.84

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P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves all District Paraprofessionals, hired at any time for the 2024/25 school year, as substitute classroom, lunch, and office staff paraprofessionals.

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P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Desiree Misciagna to review ELL criteria and place our ESL students for the 2024/25 school year, from June 21 – August 27, 2024 (work done in June will be paid at the 23/24 school rate):

<u>TIME</u>	<u>2023-24 HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>2024-25 PER HOURLY RATE</u>
21 hours	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract

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P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for the Hoot Camp program at West Ridge Elementary School from July 1 – July 26, 2024, in addition, the teachers in the Hoot Camp are approved for up to three hours of curriculum time, reimbursed at their hourly rate for planning and meetings prior to the summer program. The salaries are partially funded through the IDEA grant.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Donnelly, Melissa	\$24.00/hour	72	Hoot Camp Paraprofessional
Conforti, Lisa	As per PREA Contract	75	Hoot Camp Teacher

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Fuqua, Cheryl	\$24.00/hour	72	Hoot Camp Paraprofessional
Ostrowski, Jennifer	As per PREA Contract	75	Hoot Camp Program Teacher

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P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for the Extended School Year Program (ESY funded by the ARP ESSER Grant) from July 1 to July 26, 2024:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Allen, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
An, Jamie	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD 3-6
Delucia Kvopka, Rita	\$24.00	72	ESY Paraprofessional (PSD)
DeSimone, Joanne	As per PREA Contract	36	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Dunay, Christine	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD K-2
Garcia Juarez, Alejandra	\$24.00	72	ESY Paraprofessional (PSD)
Glynn, Caroline	\$24.00	N/A	ESY Substitute Paraprofessional
Hegybeli, James	As per PREA Contract	36	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Hemmer, Stephanie	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY PSD Teacher
Kennedy, Catherine	\$24.00	72	ESY Paraprofessional (LLD K-2)
Loll, Heather	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Lynn, Raina	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Mellish, Alexandra	\$24.00	72	ESY Paraprofessional (PSD)
Panagi, Maureen	\$24.00	72	ESY Paraprofessional (LLD 3 - 5)
Potkulski, Alexis	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Multisensory Reading Program
Reiff, Lynn	\$24.00	117	ESY Paraprofessional/Bus Aide (Owl House)
Schoenkopf, Anne	As per PREA Contract	36	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Schoenkopf, Anne	As per PREA Contract	36	ESY HS ERI Teacher
Strammiello, Debbie	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher/HS ERI
Twomey, Monica	As per PREA Contract	72	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Werner, Patricia	\$24.00	72	ESY Paraprofessional (LLD K - 2)

Participation in the Extended School Year Program – The Owl House – July 1 to July 26, 2024				
<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Horgan, Sandra	As per PREA Contract	135	As per PREA Contract	ESY Job Coach/Driver
Zukatus, Samantha	As per PREA Contract	99	As per PREA Contract	ESY Teacher

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P11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of William Musto as West Ridge Elementary Special Education teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 6 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$70,480.00.

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P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following West Ridge staff members to complete kindergarten screening for incoming students on 6/24 – 6/26/24:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. HOURS/RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Burchell, Jennifer	10 hours @ \$90.72/hour	\$907.20
Tobin, Kristin	10 hours @ \$89.13/hour	\$891.30
Wagreich, Kim	10 hours @ \$87.94/hour	\$879.40
Yates, Karen	20 hours @ \$91.91/hour	\$919.10

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P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following appointments for Summer Child Study Team evaluations, report writing, team meetings, case management from June 21 - August 27, 2024 (work done in June will be paid at the 23/24 school rate):

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL ESY HOURS</u>
Casey, Jill	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Cariddi, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Conrad, Lauren	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
DeLucca, Shane	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Goldstein, Diane	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Gonzales, Tatum	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Keller-Moczarski, Tamar	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Perez, Krysten	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Porta, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Slipiec, Barbara	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Wagreich, Kim	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70

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P14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Annette Boenigk as East Brook Elementary Special Education teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 2 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$62,735.00.

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P15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of personnel and rates, for the 2024/25 EXTRAS Program, as listed on the attached. **"P15"**

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P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Brigitte Walsh as Gifted and Talented teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on, at an annual salary of \$96,929.00. Step 19 of the BA Guide.

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P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Kari Corcoran-McPartland as West Ridge Elementary Special Education teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 14 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$83,697.00.

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P18. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Yahnique Dawson, School Psychologist, effective July 1, 2024.

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Employment Contract of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, as approved by the County Superintendent. **"P19"**

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P20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for IEP planning and eligibility meetings, from June 21 – August 30, 2024, to be used on a as needed basis:

STAFF MEMBER	6/21-6/30/24 RATE	7/1 - 8/30/24 RATE	ESY HOURS
Allen, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4

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Buckley, Stephanie	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Conforti, Lisa	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
DeSimone, Joanne	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Dunay, Christine	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Falkoff, Jennifer	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Finnerty, Karen	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Hegybeli, James	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Hemmer, Stephanie	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Kane, Tara	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Kovacs, Chuck	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Loll, Heather	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Lynn, Raina	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Manzella, Melissa	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Maskin, Sarah-Kate	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
McCallister, Christy	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
McKenna, Lisa	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Meyer, Lucy	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Musto, William	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
O'Connor, Shannon	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Omland, Dana	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Potkulski, Alexis	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Racanelli, Georgia	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Sgambati, Elena	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Strammiello, Debbie	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Twomey, Monica	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Wall, Heather	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4
Wilson, Kevin	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	4

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P21. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for the Summer Intervention Program (ESY) from July 1 to July 26, 2024, paid through IDEA funding:

STAFF MEMBER	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS	ASSIGNMENT
DeSimone, Joanne	As per PREA Contract	36	Summer Intervention Teacher
Finnerty, Karen	As per PREA Contract	72	Summer Intervention Teacher
Kohan, Jeanne	As per PREA Contract	72	Summer Intervention Teacher
O'Brien, Stephanie	As per PREA Contract	72	Summer Intervention Teacher
Omland, Dana	As per PREA Contract	72	Summer Intervention Teacher
Racanelli, Georgia	As per PREA Contract	72	Summer Intervention Teacher

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P22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following appointment for Summer Child Study Team evaluations, report writing, team meetings, case management from June 21 – June 30, 2024 (work done in June will be paid at the 23/24 school rate):

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL ESY HOURS</u>
Dawson, Yahnique	As per PREA Contract	45

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P23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the following students for summer employment at the positions, rates and time listed:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE/TIME</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
McCreight, Michaela	Substitute Office Help	\$16.50/Hr. as needed	TBD
McVerry, Michaela	Substitute Office Help	\$16.50/Hr. as needed	TBD
Rios, Jada	Office Help	\$16.50/Hr. x 25 Hrs. x 5 Weeks	\$2,062.50
Rios, Jada	Substitute Office Help	\$16.50/Hr. as needed	TBD
Sheridan, Caroline	Office Help	\$16.50/Hr. x 25 Hrs. x 5 Weeks	\$2,062.50
Sheridan, Caroline	Substitute Office Help	\$16.50/Hr. as needed	TBD

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