

**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 17, 2024

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 8:15 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

(\*) Arrived during Executive session

**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. 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).

M: NA S: RB  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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Private Session Agenda

The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at 7:00 PM.

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

Private Session	May 20, 2024	Board Approved
Monthly Meeting	May 20, 2024	Board Approved

M: JB S: NA  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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Ms. Fisher asked that the May 20th Meeting minutes be revised to reflect that his question on splitting votes was a Parliamentary inquiry.

***VI. Special Presentations to the Board***

- A. Media Production Student Honors
- B. Retiree Recognition
- C. Sports Recognition – Chris Brown
  - a. Softball Team – NJIC Patriot Division Champions
  - b. Competitive Cheer Team – NJCDCA State Champions
  - c. Richard Eichenlaub – NJIC Patriot Division Coach of the Year
- D. NJGPA Test Scores Presentation – Dr. Bernardo

Ms. Wagner read the following resolution with regards to Amanda Gorrin:

WHEREAS, Amanda Gorrin has served with distinction on the Park Ridge Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, through her reports, the Park Ridge Board of Education has gained fresh insights into student concerns, and priorities and

WHEREAS, she has further contributed to the community by serving as a valuable spokesperson, sharing the student perspective at board meetings; and

WHEREAS, she has maintained a professional decorum at board meetings, shown respect to board members and strived to learn the proper etiquette of serving on a school board; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education recognizes Amanda Gorrin's dedication and commitment to advancing educational opportunity and open communication between the board, district administrators and the student body; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Park Ridge Board of Education extend their best wishes to Amanda in all of her future endeavors.

*Ms. Wagner then presented Amanda with a plaque and a gift of appreciation from the Board.*

*Dr. Gamper then spoke about the retirees. Ms. Barbara Dell'Armo was the first staff member recognized. He spoke about her start as a media specialist at West Ridge. She later moved to the High school and became a data system analyst. She was responsible for the information in Power school and State reports. Dr. Gamper concluded by congratulating her and presenting her with a gift from the Board.*

*The next honoree was Ms. Cindy Fox. Dr. Gamper mentioned that she worked at West Ridge for 19 years. She started out in an Elementary classroom and later moved to Pre-k. He noted that her classroom was always warm and nurturing and stressed that the program was very important to the district. He then congratulated Ms. Fox and presented her with a gift from the Board.*

*The Final retiree was Ms. Gina DeMar. Dr. Gamper mentioned that she spent 26 years at West Ridge Elementary School. She started as a classroom teacher and later moved into the G&T position. He spoke about their interactions in her role as Union President and praised her for her leadership. He concluded by wishing her all the best and presenting her with a gift from the Board.*

*Mr. Andresen then presented the Media awards. He spoke about two students, Michael DeMar and Carolyn Sheridan. He spoke about their involvement in the "Owl Witness News" and all the spectacular shows they have done over the years. He called them a natural pairing. He then spoke about all their participation in various film award competitions where they went up against professional film makers. Over the years, they have won numerous awards. He mentioned that their film was recently selected to close out a film festival. They have been honored as two of the most decorated film makers in High School. Carolyn has also won awards for her acting. Mr. Andresen then listed several of their achievements including the Grand prize for best comedy, a semi-finalist for best romance film and a 2024 award for best High School film. He mentioned how impressed and overjoyed he has been watching the both of them. He concluded by presenting them both with an award. Dr. Gamper thanked Mr. Andresen and wished Michael and Carolyn the best of luck.*

*Mr. Brown then presented the awards for the Spring Sports. The first group recognized was Girls Softball. They finished with a 19-7 overall record and an 8-2 in division record. They made it to both the County and State tournaments. They beat Emerson and advanced to the State sectional final. They ended their season as NJIC Patriot division champs and were ranked 10th in the Record poll. They were also notified that the team received the sportsmanship award which they were very proud of. Individually, several players received all league honors. Mr. Borwn then called each up each player to receive their championship sweatshirts. He then called the coaches up. He mentioned that Coach*

*Eichenlaub was named head coach of the year and outlined his numerous accomplishments. He then presented Mr. Eichenlaub with a token of appreciation from the Board.*

*Next up was the Competitive cheer team. They captured the NJCDCA title. Mr. Brown congratulated them on a wonderful season. He then called up each member of the team to receive their championship rings and certificates. He then brought up the coaches and thanked them.*

*Dr. Gamper thanked Mr. Brown for all his hard work. The Board took a five-minute recess to take pictures.*

*When the meeting continued, Dr. Bernardo gave a presentation on NJGPA scores from the Junior class. He reported that the results were good. He also discussed several new classes being offered including an AP Science class, restructured business electives and a Macroeconomics course. The school will be adopting the new ELA materials. He commented that this is a State mandated test. Every Junior must take it. It was new as of 2022. The test is supposed to measure a student's readiness for graduation. 100% of students take the test. If they do not pass, they can take another test and substitute that score. Dr. Bernardo mentioned that on ELA, we did better than the State. Almost 100% are graduation ready. Math scores also exceeded the state. We were roughly 83% ready. On the three-year trend, math scores were low, but we have continually gotten better. Teachers understand the material better. ELA scores stayed about the same, but we have grown quite a bit in math. He spoke about subgroups and how they did. He explained that if there are fewer than 10 students in a subgroup, they cannot share the data. He mentioned that the test data is taken seriously and that they review the results to see where they can make improvements.*

*A parent asked if they would be notified if their child did not pass. Dr. Bernardo responded that scores are currently being sent out to parents.*

*A question was asked about alternate tests. Dr. Gamper responded that they can take the SAT or PSAT.*

*A parent asked about the IEP subgroup being less than 50%. Dr. Bernardo commented that they do allow for test accommodations although he noted that part of the problem is that the test is done online and the student may have difficulties with that format. He stated that the Case Managers review the accommodations to see if a change is needed.*

*Ms. Brown asked if the alternative tests were easier. Dr. Bernardo responded that while students may do better on them, they are not necessarily easier.*

## **VII. Hearing of Citizens - None**

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 Vocal music had a concert. She stated that Field Day was a huge success. Students enjoyed the food trucks and the Pep rally. The "Pie in the face" event was also very popular. The Music department had a trip to Hershey Park. She reported that Student elections took place last week. Prom will be on June 6 2024. They are hopeful that the weather holds out. The Senior class went to Point Pleasant on a trip. Final exams are today and tomorrow.*

*Ms. Wagner wished Amanda all the best in her future.*

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

*Ms. Wagner congratulated all the coaches and students who were recognized this evening. She thanked Dr. Bernardo for his presentation. She reported that on Friday, she attended the Owl House graduation. She expressed gratitude for all the staff involved in that program saying they have done an amazing job. She felt it was a testament to why we do what we do. Along with the High School, she will be attending the East Brook and West Ridge graduations. She wished everyone a great summer.*

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

#### **HIB Update**

*Dr. Gamper had no new HIB's to report*

*Dr. Gamper said that he has spoken with the contractor who is installing the fiber optic cabling. He was told that the project would be done by the end of month and will connect all three schools. He provided an update on the Locker room project saying that it was moving ahead. The walls are fully enclosed, and plumbing is being installed. The interior walls are going up. At the end of August, he will send out a letter to the parents. Upcoming Graduations will be East Brook at 10:00 am, West Ridge at 11:15 am and the High School at 6:00 pm. He wished everyone a Happy belated Father's day and a Happy and safe summer.*

### **XI. BOE Committee Reports**

*Personnel – Discussed a confidential matter. They are getting organized for contract negotiations.*

*Education – Discussed textbooks and curriculum writing. They also discussed the laptop program and changes they are considering to the program.*

*Community Relations – Discussed the availability of Wi-Fi and how to enhance that.*

### **XII. Supplemental Agenda - None**

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

**XIII. Consent Agenda**

*Mr. Fisher made a Parliamentary inquiry. He had sent an email asking for clarification on how the consent agenda process works. He pointed out that we default to Robert’s Rules for the Agenda. He indicated that we need a special rule of order to vote on in the first place. That is not put up for a vote or second. He also asked if we have a rule permitting a consent agenda. He cited several statutes. In response, he was told that all inquiries come to Board President first. They have operated with a consent agenda for a long time. He was told that he is welcome to pull out any item and ask for it to be voted on separately. The Attorney then stated that a Board starts with Policies and practices first, not Roberts rules. They can do a vote by consent agenda or make a motion to pull out separately. Mr. Fisher pointed out that Roberts Rules requires a special rule to do consent agendas and he had not found anything in Policy. The attorney responded that a special rule was not needed since it is the Board’s discretion on how it wants to operate and that they do not need to follow Robert’s Rules.*

*Mr. Fisher made another Parliamentary inquiry. He commented that he appreciated the Board correcting previous wrongs. He asked if he needed a special rule of order to vote No on some items and Yes on others. The attorney responded that he did not. Mr. Fisher pointed out that Robert’s Rules differs on this. Ms. Wagner commented that the Board can defer to past precedent and will continue to use the consent agenda format. She followed up by stating that Mr. Wright will make a notation in the minutes for any items you dissent to.*

*Mr. Fisher stated that at previous meetings he has tried to extract motions. Ms. Wagner indicated that he does not need a second to remove an item for a separate vote. She continued saying that you do need a motion to modify or review an existing item.*

*Mr. Fisher then made a motion to Motion to adjourn. There was no second. The motion failed.*

*The Board then voted on the consent agenda which passed as follows:*

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

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*Patty, a parent, asked why AP music theory was not offered. She mentioned that she followed up with Dr. Gamper and Mr. Lederman. She questioned whether the Board is doing enough for the theater students. She felt that there needed to be options for students who preferred to sing and dance to sports.*

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

*Ms. Agoos – Asked Mr. Fisher what Consent agenda items he had specifically asked to be pulled off.*

*Mr. Fisher – Referenced the January meeting where he tried to extract items to be voted on separately. He noted that perhaps he was not clear that he was not asking to table the item. He commented that he only started researching the issue when members of the public asked questions on his voting. He pointed out that when something is out of the consent agenda, it is not being tabled. He needs the freedom to take items out of the consent agenda without a second.*

*Mr. Fisher commented that he will be traveling and will miss the August meeting. He congratulated all the Graduates.*

*Mr. Bucco – Asked Mr. Wright to look into the Microphone issue.*

*Mr. Fisher – Commented that he would like the agenda addressed at the next policy meeting.*

**XVI. Adjournment – 8:15 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 (XVII)**

**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 May with 0 out-of-school suspensions, 0 in-school suspensions, and no truanies to report.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) three-year plan, for the 2024-2027 school years. Copies are available in the Superintendent's Office.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Child Study Team list of outside consultants for diagnostic evaluations, therapy, medical diagnosis, and other assessments for the 2024-2025 school year. **"E3"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the 2023-24 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the June 2024 resubmission of the Safe Return Plan for the purposes of the American Rescue Plan Grant.

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 (e), certifies that the Board Secretary's May 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 #50551 - 50663 in the total amount of (\$2,456,353.48)and 905244 - 906244 (\$557,670.34) and EFTs using ACH technology #L57676 – L57678 in the amount of \$39,396.92. **"F3"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #2 & #014137 – 014170 in the total amount of \$10,382.65. **"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 Vouchers #1016 in the total amount of \$236.88.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the May 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 May 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 the cancellation of outstanding checks, as per attached listing, from the Operating and Extracurricular Accounts. **"F9"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the corrected wording for motion "F20" from the April 29, 2024 minutes as follows:

F20. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the 2022/23 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and approves the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the 2022/23 audit recommendation as per attached. **"F20"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to pay bills for the month of July 2024 without the approval of the Board with the Check Journal to be ratified at the August 2024 public board meeting.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer amounts among the minimum chart of account line items for the fiscal years ended in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 school year budget with listing of necessary transfers to be ratified at a future public board meeting of the 2024/25 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F13. WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer unanticipated

excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Capital Reserve Account at year-end, and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$1,200,000.00 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Ridge Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the District’s School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following tuition rates for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kindergarten	\$28,885
1 – 5	\$31,006
6 – 8	\$32,302
9 – 12	\$35,981
Primary LLD	\$39,839
Secondary LLD	\$40,000

The Owl House (In County):

- In-County (10 Months) \$53,000
- 1-Month Extended School Year \$ 4,400
- Transportation (10 Months) \$10,500
- Transportation (1 Month - Extended School Year) \$ 1,050
- Out -of-County (10 Months) \$54,500

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F15. The Park Ridge Board of Education awards the following bids through the New Jersey Cooperative Bid Service and conducted by Educational Data Services, Inc.:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>VENDORS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
General Classroom Supplies	See Award Letter	\$17,059.84
Athletic Supplies	See Award Letter	\$10,978.87
Copy Duplicator Supplies	See Award Letter	\$7,616.97
Custodial Supplies	See Award Letter	\$95.72
Fine Art Supplies	See Award Letter	\$5,883.28

Health and Trainer Supplies	See Award Letter	\$6,068.09
Library Supplies	See Award Letter	\$258.86
Office/Computer Supplies	See Award Letter	\$2,976.56
Physical Education Supplies	See Award Letter	\$2,654.59
Science Supplies	See Award Letter	\$5,506.85
Special Needs Supplies	See Award Letter	\$1,753.86
Teaching Aids	See Award Letter	\$970.35

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following licensing and maintenance fees for bidding that will be utilized in ordering district school supplies, along with Right-To-Know services, with Educational Data Services, Inc., for the 2024/25 school year:

Time and Materials \$2,842.50

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of Brown and Brown for consultant services as attached in the amount of \$30,000 for the 2024-25 fiscal year. **"F17"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of the agreement with Frontline Services (Aesop), effective July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 for the following:

DESCRIPTION	2024-2025
Absence & Substitute Management (Unlimited usage for internal employees)	\$9,954.70
IEP-Direct (Unlimited usage for internal employees)	\$13,471.29
504 Program Management (Unlimited usage for internal employees)	\$3,367.83

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F19. 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):

ITEMS PURCHASED FROM	AMOUNT	SOURCE
CDW-G	\$2,617.00	ECSNJ Contract

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appropriation of 2022-23 Extraordinary Aid funds in the amount of \$82,498.00, to be used in the 2023 – 24 Budget as follows:

11-000-230-331-000-00-92	\$48,498.00
11-000-230-332-000-16-92	\$14,000.00
11-000-270-515-000-06-50	\$20,000.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F21. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following scholarship donations:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Helyn and Melville Beer	The Beer Family Scholarship	Monetary	\$5,000.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Bergen County Special Services to provide IDEA services for the 2024/25 school year, as per Agreement.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

**BUILDING AND GROUND 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. WHEREAS the Park Ridge Board of Education held a bid opening for the 2024-25 Field and Grounds maintenance on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm and;

WHEREAS the sole bidder, Field Pro Enterprises, was deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby awards the Field and Grounds Maintenance bid to Field Pro Enterprises as follows:

Base Contract Price	\$72,540
Per Unit Prices	
Clay	\$185/ton installed
Grass Seed	\$225/per 50lb bag installed
Top Soil	\$105/yd installed
Mulch	\$89/yd installed

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Payment #10 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Addition, in the amount of \$695,328.46. **"BG2"**

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 Valley Chabad, for use of the HS Cafeteria, as per contract, on Sundays from September 8, 2024, through May 18, 2025.

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 the following substitute for 2023/24 school year:

Teacher

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

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

RESCINDS 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Haggerty, Linda	Hershey Music Trip Chaperone

RESCINDS 2024-25 SUMMER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Alas, Giselle	Student Summer EXTRAS
Larsen, Emily	Student Summer EXTRAS

APPOINTMENTS 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>HOURS/RATE/STIPEND</u>
Albanese, Danielle	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)
Case, Joshua	Band Camp Ass't Director	\$1,826.00/year
Case, Joshua	Marching Band Ass't Director	\$3,533.00/year
Dow, Christine	Saturday Detention	\$65.00/session
Glynn, Caroline	Hershey, PA. Weekend Chaperone	\$50.00/Saturday June 1, 2024
Horgan, Sandra	Owl House Job Coach/Bus Driver	\$58,868.98/year
Manzo, Joseph	Hershey, PA. Weekend Chaperone	\$50.00/Saturday June 1, 2024
Napier, Lyzette	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)
Porta, Nicole	HS Psychologist transfer to EB Psychologist	As per current contract
Reyes, Michelle	FT 7hr. WR Paraprofessional	\$37,132.00/year

Rosado, Gladys	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)
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)
Zimmerman, Frank	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)
Zimmerman, Frank	Saturday Detention	\$65.00/session

APPOINTMENTS 2024/25 SUMMER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Cicero, Amanda	Summer EXTRAS Student Aide	\$16.50/hour
Falcone, Hannah	Summer EXTRAS Student Aide	\$16.50/hour
McPartland, James	Summer EXTRAS Student Aide	\$16.50/hour
Panagi, Maureen	ESY Bus Aide	20 hrs. @ \$24.00 hr.
Pereira, Katherine	Summer EXTRAS Student Aide	\$16.50/hour
Perry, Jennifer	OOD Summer Paraprofessional for 178-050	\$24.00/hour
Yates, Karen	Summer Coordinator for ESY and Hoot Camp	81 hrs. @ \$93.69 hour*

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

*\*Salary charged to ARP ESSER Grant.*

- 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>
Daniella Melen	College Boards APSI Virtual	7/15-7/18/24	\$900.00
Wilson, Kevin	SAVVAS AP &E Science Virtual	7/2 -7/3/24	\$700.00

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, after consulting with the Board President, to offer contracts for employment vacancies for the 2024/25 school year.

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Janine Giordano as the EXTRAS Coordinator for the 2024/25 school year, at a stipend of \$15,000.00 effective July 1, 2024.



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P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of the Schedule "E" Club Advisors, along with the stipends, as per attached list, for the 2024/25 school year. "P6"

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P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Rosemary Colangelo (East Brook Elementary Teacher) as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from September 16, 2024 through October 18, 2024 with pay and with benefits.
- A Federal Family Leave-of-Absence effective October 21, 2024, through January 17, 2025, without pay but with benefits.
- A Child-Rearing Leave from January 20, 2025, through February 28, 2025 without pay and without benefits.

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P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following elementary schools paraprofessional lunch aides for the 2024/25 school year, at the rates indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>1 HOUR PER DAY</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Holzberg, Nancy	East Brook	5 Hours Per Week	\$19.67
McDowell, Rosalie	East Brook	5 Hours Per Week	\$19.67
Tracy, Heather	East Brook	5 Hours Per Week	NA
Purcell, Carolyn	East Brook	5 Hours Per Week	\$19.67

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P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following adjustment for the 2024-25 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>CURRENT POSITION</u>	<u>2024-25 POSITION</u>
Baumann, Valerie	High School	.6	.5

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- P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the Schedule "E" Fall, Winter, and Spring Coaching positions, as listed on the attached, for the 2024/25 school year. **"P10"**

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- P11. 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>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Borgersen, Amber	1:1 Paraprofessional EB Spring Concert (5/22/24)	2 hours @ \$19.70/hour	\$39.40

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- P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members to write curriculum, during the period of July 1 – August 30, 2024:

Staff Members Writing Curriculum for the 2024/25 School Year as per the PREA contract:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Almeida, Sophia	ELA Grade 5	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
Burchell, Jennifer	ELA Grade K	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
Conforti, Lisa	ELA Grade 3	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
Conforti, Lisa	ELA Grade 4	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
Finnerty, Karen	ELA Grade 6	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
Kent, Dyana	ELA Grade 2	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
McClair, Patricia	Reading Exploration 8	Marking Period Course	\$466.00
Misciagna, Desiree	ELL K-2, ELL 3-6	2 x Full Year Course	\$2898.00
Mullen, Erin	Essentials of Algebra	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
Papadopoulos, Maria	Reading Exploration 7	Marking Period Course	\$466.00
Plucinski, Keith	ELL 7-8, ELL 9-12	2 x Full Year Course	\$2898.00
Racanelli, Georgia	ELA Grade 1	Full Year Course	\$1449.00
Worgul, Julie	Personal Wellness (ERI Program)	Full Year Course	\$1449.00

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- P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation titled "Passport to Middle School" from 8/20 - 8/21/24. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. with teachers present 15 minutes prior to, and 15 minutes after the students arrive/depart. Payment is according to the PREA contract, at the teacher's hourly rate. (*\*Salary charged to ARP Grant, Beyond the School Day*)

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Hampson Avery, Rachel	\$92.50	11	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Kane, Tara	\$85.22	11	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Martucci, Monika	\$73.44	11	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
McElrath, Alison	\$66.23	11	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

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*\*Salary charged to ARP Grant, Beyond the School Day*

P14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following previously established extracurricular MS/HS Clubs, along with their advisors, with no stipend, for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Middle School Book Club	Katie Haake
Teen Book Club	Katie Haake
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (F.C.A.)	Susan Sharber, Jack DiLisi

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P15. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Megan Gallow as HS Social Worker, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 10-11 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$76,545.00.

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*Ms. Gallow will be replacing Dr. Porta, who is moving to East Brook to fill Ms. Dawson’s position.*

P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff members for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Greenwood, Melanie	As per Contract	70 hours	Evaluations/transfers
Kent,Dyana	\$64.20/hour	25 hours	2nd Grade ELA/Report Card Revisions
Walsh, Brigitte	\$78.12/hour	20 hours	Gifted and Talented Parent Meetings
Yates, Karen	\$93.69/hour	25 hours	2nd Grade ELA/Report Card Revisions

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P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for additional hours for ESY report writing for the following funded by the ARP ESSER Grant:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Allen, Nicole	As per contract	1.25	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
An, Jamie	As per contract	1.25	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD 3-6

Cariddi, Nicole	As per contract	3.25	ESY Speech Therapist
DeSimone, Joanne	As per contract	.5	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Dunay, Christine	As per contract	1	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD K-2
Hegybeli, James	As per contract	1	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Hemmer, Stephanie	As per contract	3.25	ESY PSD Teacher
Loll, Heather	As per contract	1.75	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Lynn, Raina	As per contract	1.5	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Potkulski, Alexis	As per contract	4	ESY Multi-Sensory Reading Program
Schoenkopf, Anne	As per contract	1.75	ESY Elementary Special Education/ ERI Teacher
Strammiello, Deborah	As per contract	1.5	ESY Elementary Special Education/ ERI Teacher
Twomey, Monica	As per contract	1.75	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Wagreich, Kim	As per contract	5	ESY Speech Therapist
Zukatus, Samantha	As per contract	.75	ESY Owl House Teacher

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- P18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members to review Athletic Physicals, for up to 5 days from July 1 – August 31, 2024:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>PER DIEM RATE/TIME</u>
DeBenedictus, Jaime	Athletic Physicals	As per current contract
Russell, Jeanne	Athletic Physicals	As per current contract

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- P19. 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>
Becovic, Adrijan	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Burns, Matthew	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Gaccione, Breydan	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Lajqi, Dhurim	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
McConville, Jake	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Meany, Connor	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Otto, Travis	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Tallman, Patrick	Athletic Assistant	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Vargas, Rey	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks

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P20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for IEP planning and eligibility meetings, from July 1 – August 30, 2024, to be used on a as needed basis:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>7/1 - 8/30/24 RATE</u>	<u>ESY HOURS</u>
Gallow, Megan	As per PREA Contract	70 hours

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P21. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Jenna Vallario as HS Music Teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 1 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$61,435.00, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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P22. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Jacqueline Sheehy as HS Special Education Teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 2-3 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$66,085.00.

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P23. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Melanie Greenwood as WR School Psychologist, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 2 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$66,085.00.

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P24. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Michael Krenek as HS English, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 6 of the BA+30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$68,511.00.

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P25. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Taline Papendick, HS Art Teacher, effective July 1, 2024.

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P26. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Corinne Nieves as Transportation Coordinator for the 2024-25 school year, as per the PREA bargaining agreement.

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P27. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Susan Mayer as Facilities Use Coordinator for the 2024-25 school year, as per the PREA bargaining agreement.

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P28. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Matthew Bruno as Maintenance 1 (Step 4) for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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