

**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 26, 2024

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 7:40 P.M.

**HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER**

**I. Roll Call**

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

Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright A. Zartarian

**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.

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Motion, second and vote to enter into private session at 6:05 pm.

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

Private Meeting	June 17, 2024	Board Approved
Monthly Meeting	June 17, 2024	Board Approved

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

A. ACCESS for English Language Learners Assessment Result

*Ms. Connolly, the District's Special Services Director, gave a presentation on the ACCESS test results. She explained that the test helps identify students who need to continue in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program.*

*Areas tested included listening, speaking, reading and writing. A student needs to achieve a score of 4.5 to exit the program.*

*Ms. Connolly explained that she was unable to give too much specific data due to state restrictions which prohibit reporting when group sizes are too small. She was asked how many were in the program currently. Ms. Connolly replied that there were only 22 students in the program for this test.*

*Ms. Connolly was asked about how students progress. She responded that a three-year plan is developed. If the student is not progressing, then they look for other learning issues which may be the cause. Ms. Connolly was asked how Park Ridge compared to other districts in this area. She responded by saying her only basis of reference was her previous district, and that Park Ridge was similar to them.*

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

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### **VIII. President's Report**

*Ms. Wagner reported that she was excited to be back. She attended the new teacher breakfast and welcomed in new staff. She also took a tour of the construction area. She commented that it was an amazing facility. She welcomed back faculty and students and wished everyone a wonderful and successful school year.*

### **IX. Superintendent's Report**

#### **HIB Update**

*Dr. Gamper reported that there were no new HIB cases since the last meeting.*

*He stated that the Locker Room construction project was moving at a nice pace. He was hoping for completion by mid-October. He mentioned that a trailer was installed on the side of the gym to be used by Athletic teams for changing. It will only be there until the project is done.*

*Dr. Gamper reported that Back to school nights will be as follows:*

*East Brook – 9/5/24*

*WR – 9/12/24*

*HS/MS - 9/19 & 9/26/2 HS and MS.*

*Staff will return on Wednesday and Thursday and students will start the Tuesday after Labor Day.*

### **X. BOE Committee Reports**

*Building and Grounds - met on 7/24. They discussed temporary solutions for changing facilities for fall athletic teams. They received an update from Legacy on the project's progress. They discussed the repairs to the playground equipment. They also asked for a second opinion on repairs to the field bridge. They reviewed the issue surrounding poor cell service at East Brook. They decided to implement Wi-Fi calling inside the building. They discussed repairs to the Turf field due to the storms. They also discussed what to do about unauthorized groups using the turf field.*

**XI. Supplemental Agenda**

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

*Dr. Gamper reviewed the Supplemental agenda with the Board. The motions were moved to the consent agenda.*

**XII. Consent Agenda**

*Ms. Browne made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Agoos seconded it.*

*A discussion took place on F21.*

*Ms. Agoos questioned the rates for athletic events. She questioned whether it was necessary to charge students for the events. She questioned what would happen if the motion was tabled. Mr. Wright explained that the existing rates would remain in place. Another question asked was whether the rates could be changed in the future. Mr. Wright indicated that they could. The Board decided to leave the motion on the agenda for tonight and save it for a future discussion.*

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

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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*Ms. Brickman commented that she was disappointed that the district had taken away the 2nd day of the Jewish Holiday. She noted that Pascack Hills has that day off. She felt it was disrespectful to the Jewish population. She commented that it (Rosh Hashanah) was one of holiest Holidays on the calendar. She expressed disappointment and hoped that it is not done again.*

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

*Ms. Agoos thanked Ms. Brickman for her comment. She noted that the Board does not always know what the community cares about and it was very important to get their input.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Bucco to rescind policy 5756. It was seconded by Ms. Browne.*

*A discussion took place.*

*Ms. Wagner commented that the removal of a policy would need to be done over two meetings. Mr. Zartarian, the Board attorney, cited Board policy in that area.*

*Ms. Browne commented that she was not opposed to the entire policy. She was only concerned about the portion of the policy that references keeping secrets from parents. The policy states that the district is not required to tell parents about a student's sexuality. There are systems in place to address this concern. She did not think there was enough reason to keep this information from a parent.*

*The Attorney commented that the district will still need to comply with the Department of Education policy. That policy does not state that the district has an obligation to disclose. The current policy says to notify consistent with law. He cautioned against amending the policy citing sixteen districts who were in legal battles over changing the policy to require an affirmative obligation to notify. He did note that rescinding the policy would not put the district out of compliance.*

*Mr. Bradler expressed concerns about incurring legal fees if the district is not careful.*

*Mr. Bucco asked about rescinding versus amending.*

*Ms. Wagner responded if the Board rescinds, they would still be required to follow State law. When asked about protections for the Board, the attorney responded that there was no issue as long as there is no discrimination.*

*A question was asked as to where guidance for staff will come from if the Policy is removed. The Attorney responded that it would most likely come from Staff development.*

*Dr. Gamper responded that he would meet with the administration. The district would still need to follow the law.*

*Ms. Wagner asked about the ambiguity surrounding record keeping. She asked if parents would have access to all records. The Attorney responded that while dual record keeping is recommended, it is not law. He also pointed out that under no circumstances can a district lie if asked a direct question.*

*Mr. Bradler asked if the Board rescinds the Policy, would they still be following the same guidelines? The attorney responded that it would.*

*Ms. Agoos commented that she was troubled by secret files. She requested a Policy committee meeting before the Board votes again in September.*

*The motion to rescind policy 5756, Transgender Students was voted on. The motion passed as follows:*

M: JB S: RB  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW  
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*The Board asked Dr. Gamper to schedule a Policy committee meeting in September.*

**XV. Adjournment - 7:40 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 June with (0) Out of school suspensions, (1) In School suspension, and no truanancies.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student teachers for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PR TEACHER</u>
Eleni Bubalo	Ramapo College	Sept. 2024 – May 2025	Dana Omland (EB Teacher)
Andrew Gunther	Ramapo College	Sept. 2024 – May 2025	Susan Baitala (HS Teacher)
Morgan O’Rourke	Ramapo College	Sept. 2024 – May 2025	Nancy Chiocco (WR Teacher)
Hira Rashid	Ramapo College	Sept. 2024 – May 2025	Susan Baitala (HS Teacher)

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E3. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education is required to perform criminal history record checks in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education may apply to employ applicants on an emergent basis pending completion of a criminal records check where special circumstances are present justifying the emergent employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Ridge Board of Education that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to make an initial assessment of the existence of special circumstances warranting emergent application to employ applicants for positions within the Park Ridge School System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Ridge Board of Education that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized in such cases warranting an application for emergent employment to prepare and forward the necessary documentation to the Bergen County Superintendent and/or the New Jersey Department of Education to process said application.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2024/25 Park Ridge School District Mentoring Plan and the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for each plan. Copies are available in the Superintendent’s Office.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education reviews and approves the submission of the August 2024 SSDS, (Student Safety Data System) which summarizes the incidents of violence; vandalism; harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB); weapons offenses; substance offenses; and any other incident leading to student removal from school; and HIB trainings and programs for the Park Ridge School District, East Brook, West Ridge and the High School for the time period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education reviews and approves the Park Ridge School “School Safety Plan” for East Brook and West Ridge Elementary Schools and the High School for the 2024/25 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of the Bergen County Special Services (BCSS) contract for the provision of Hospital Instruction for the 2024/25 school year at the following medical and/or rehabilitative care institution at a rate of \$65 per hour:

New Bridge Medical Center (Paramus)

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education adopts the following district curricula for the 2024/25 school year that align with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) and with the timeline for implementation for each content standard (N.J.A.C. 6A:3-3.1):

<u>NJSLS - Content Areas</u>	<u>State Board Adoption Date</u>	<u>District Implementation of Revised Curricula</u>
K-12 Visual and Performing Arts Curricula	June 3, 2020	August 2022
K-12 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education	June 3, 2020	August 2022
K-12 English Language Arts	October 4, 2023	August 2024
K-12 Mathematics	May 4, 2016	September 2017



Science	June 3, 2020	Grade 4: Sept. 2021 Grades K-3, 5-12: August 2022
Social Studies  Updated for 18A:35-4.35 and 18A:35-4.36a	June 3, 2020	Grade 4: Sept. 2021 Grades K-3, 5-12: August 2022 September 2021
World Languages	June 3,2020	September 2021
Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills	June 3,2020	Grades 7-12 Business: Sept. 2021 Sport Management, Entrepreneurship, Social Media Marketing and Pathways to Success: August 2023
K-12 Technology	June 3, 2020	August 2022

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the state-approved Marshall Practice Evaluation rubric-based evaluation tools for the purpose of evaluating certificated district employees. The following evaluation rubrics will be utilized:

Marshall Teacher Practice Evaluation Rubric – utilized to evaluate all district teachers

Marshall Principal Practice Evaluation System – utilized to evaluate all district principals and assistant principal

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the School Based Behavioral Threat Assessment Team, for the 2024-25 school year, on file in the Superintendent’s office.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- E11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the update to the Emergency Remote Learning Plan, titled “Park Ridge Schools Remote Learning Plan 2024-2025.

M: S:  
JB JP NA LS DC AW DB

- E12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following students for IEP mandated services for the 2024-25 school year, Bergen County Special Services as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>RATE</u>
2025(c)-050	OT	1 (30 min) session per week	\$70 (30 min session) x 20 hrs.
2025(c)-050	Speech	1 (30 min) session per week	\$70 (30 min session) x 20 hrs.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2024/25 Park Ridge School Nurse's Orders and the School Nursing Plan, which are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E14. 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>APPROXIMATE TIME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1215(a)-050	6/21/2024 – 7/31/2024	20 hours	English

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following students for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
830(a)-050	Fusion Academy Englewood, NJ	9/3/24 – 6/30/25	\$63,880.00
1030(a)-050	Fusion Academy Englewood, NJ	9/3/24 – 6/30/25	\$57,300.00
2726-070	Banyan School Fairfield, NJ	7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$68,268.90

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the agreement with West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc. at an annual cost of \$202,000.00, from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2024/25 Park Ridge School District Professional Development Plan, the 2024/2025 Park Ridge High School Professional Development Plan, the 2024/2025 East Brook Professional Development, the 2024/2025 West Ridge Professional Development Plan, and the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for these plans. Copies are available in the Superintendent's Office.

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves all curricular/extracurricular and textbooks for all grades from Pre-K through Grade 12 for the subjects listed, including all state-mandated programs and services, for the 2024/25 school year. This approval includes the curricula and curriculum guides, and program of studies as stipulated in N.J.A.C 6:8-4.3(a)3. All documents are available in the Superintendent’s office.

M: S:

RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

E19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the 2024-25 Comprehensive Equity Plan - Statement of Assurances (SOA) extension of the 2019-22 Comprehensive Equity Plan, affirming that the Park Ridge School District is in compliance with its Three-Year Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:7, Managing for Equality and Equity in Education.

M: S:

JB JP NA LS DC AW DB

E20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following maximum allowable costs for Independent Educational Evaluations, as per Board Policy 2468:

<u>TYPE OF ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>EVALUATOR QUALIFICATIONS</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST</u>
Academic Achievement/Educational	Certified LDT-C or alternative license and/or credentials and qualified to administer chosen assessments as required by the publisher	\$600.00 Bilingual: \$800
Assistive Technology	Speech, OT, PT or Combined Discipline	\$1100.00
(Central) Auditory Processing/Hearing Acuity	Licensed Audiologist	\$700.00
Cognitive/ Psychological	Licensed Psychologist or Certified School Psychologist	\$600.00 Bilingual: \$800
Adaptive Behavior/Behavior/ Functional Behavior Assessment	Certified School Psychologist, Certified School Social Worker, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Licensed Psychologist or Psychiatrist	\$1000.00
Motor/Mobility Adaptive/OT/PT	Certified and licensed Occupational Therapist or Certified and licensed Physical Therapist	\$550.00
Neurological Evaluation	Licensed Neurologist	\$750.00
Neurodevelopmental	Certified Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician	\$750.00
Neuropsychological	Licensed Psychologist with American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology or comparable board Certification	\$4,000.00
Psychiatric Evaluation	Board Certified Psychiatrist	\$850.00

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Social/Emotional	Certified Psychologist, Certified School Psychologist, Certified School Social Worker	\$500.00
Speech and Language	Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Specialist or Speech/Language Pathologist	\$500.00 Bilingual: \$800
Psycho Ed.	Combined Psychological and Educational Evaluation	\$800.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

**EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

- A. SSDS (Student Safety Data System) Violence, Vandalism, and HIB reporting for the 2023/24 school year

## 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€, certifies that the Board Secretary's June 2024 and July 2024 monthly financial reports (appropriations section) did not reflect an over-expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, have 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 months of May and June 2024. **"F2"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the July/August Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #50664-50942 in the total amount of \$3,686,237.30 and 906245-908243 \$1,852,763.68, and EFTs using ACH technology #L57805-L58020 in the amount of \$1,091,991.97. **"F3"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #3 - #4 and #01417 in the total amount of \$6,341.60. **"F4"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1114 in the total amount of \$517.00. **"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 June 2024 and July 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 and General Fund Transfers for the months of June and July 2024 in the amounts indicated, per Appendix A. **“F8”**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of Student Accident Insurance with Philadelphia Insurance Company in the amount of \$28,117.00, effective August 1, 2024, to August 1, 2025.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F10. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education has contracted to send certain students with disabilities who reside in the district to approved outside placement schools; and

WHEREAS those schools do not charge any of its students for meals; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education does not require those outside placement districts to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program as administered by New Jersey Department of Agriculture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education understands and acknowledges that the foregoing actions do not increase the contracted tuition rate for students with disabilities sent by the district to those outside placement school districts.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following vendors for toner and ink printer cartridges, through an H.C.E.S.C. bid, effective from July 1, 2024, through April 16, 2025:

Staples & Staples Business Advantage  
The Tree House  
School Specialty, LLC

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

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

APPROVAL OF LEGAL DEPOSITORIES –  
BANK FOR DEPOSITS/WITHDRAWALS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to invest school district funds within statutory limitations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education designates Lakeland/Provident Bank as the bank for deposits and withdrawals for the Warrant Account, Payroll Account, Payroll Agency Account, Unemployment Account, Capital Reserve Account, Student Activities Account, and Athletics Student Activities Account, from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the designated signatures on the above accounts as outlined and recommended by the Superintendent.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following tuition and transportation contracts for the Owl House Life Skills Program for the period July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1026(b)	Emerson Board of Education	Tuition and Speech	\$59,870.00
1026(b)	Emerson Board of Education	Transportation	\$11,550.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following non-public funds for Our Lady of Mercy Academy for the 2023/24 school year budget:

Non-Public Technology Aid	\$ 2,548.00
Non-Public Nursing Services	\$17,290.00
Non-Public Textbook Aid	\$ 2,659.00
Non-Public Security Aid	\$27,265.00
Total	\$49,762.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F15. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the 2023/24 Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$535,150.00.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F16. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the 2023/24 Additional Compensatory Special Education and Related Services Aid in the amount of \$153,024.00.



M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F17. WHEREAS the Park Ridge Board of Education applied for funding through the E-Rate program for their Fiber Optic cabling project (The Project), and;

WHEREAS The Project was deemed eligible for said funding by the Universal Service Administration Co. (USAC), and;

WHEREAS The Project is now complete and the USAC has finished its review of the project cost,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the reimbursement allocation from the USAC in the amount of \$87,855.67.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of the Software Support Contract with Computer Solutions, Inc. for the 2024/25 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the adoption of the Follett Library Catalog System/Services in the amount of \$3,707.65 for the 2024/25 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the contract with Holy Name Medical Center, Inc. to provide School Physician services for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F21. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following attached rates for Park Ridge athletic games/events. **"F21"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F22. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the FY 25 IDEA Grant award as follows:

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT</u>	<u>(PARK RIDGE SD)</u>	<u>(OLM)</u>
IDEA – Basic	\$327,859.00	\$288,853.00	\$39,006.00
IDEA – Preschool	\$21,812.00	\$20,940.00	\$872.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the IDEA FY25 Grant.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F24. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the FY 2025 ESEA Grant as follows:

<u>ESEA GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT</u>	<u>PARK RIDGE SD</u>	<u>OLM</u>
Title I	\$49,210.00	\$49,210.00	-0-
Title II A	\$15,197.00	\$13,591.00	\$1,606.00
Title III	\$3,887.00	\$3,887.00	-0-
Title III Immigrant	\$2,257.00	\$2,257.00	-0-
Title IV	\$10,000.00	\$8,943.00	\$1,057.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F25. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the FY25 ESEA Grant.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F26. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
West Ridge PTO	2024 Camp Bernie Field Trip	Monetary	\$1,600.00
Knights of Columbus	Owl House	Monetary	\$750.00

M: S:  
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F27. WHEREAS the Park Ridge Board of Education (the district) is currently undergoing a construction project that is renovating the High School Locker rooms; and

WHEREAS access to the Locker rooms will not be available for the start of school due to unexpected delays; and

WHEREAS the district is in need of procuring temporary changing facilities for the start of school in order to ensure the health and safety of students; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 allows for the award of Emergency contracts when immediate delivery of a good or service is essential to avoid a situation that will adversely affect the health and safety of the building occupants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education awards the emergency rental of a portable classroom trailer from Willscot in the amount of \$67,928.64 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7.

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

F28. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the revised amount to be charged to the 2023/24 Grant as follows:

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Garcia-Juarez, Alejandra	Paraprofessional	ESSA Title III	\$4,509.00

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools in conjunction with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that the following actions be taken:

BG1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following payments to Parette Somjen Architects for the following projects: **"BG1"**

<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9280	HS Locker Room Addition	\$5,264.47
9280	HS Locker Room Addition	\$5,174.37
9280	HS Locker Room Addition	\$5,259.21

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves payment #11 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Addition, in the amount of \$739,988.77. **"BG2"**

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves payment #12 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Addition, in the amount of \$323,955.85. **"BG3"**

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Change Order #8 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Addition, in the amount of \$38,067.00. **"BG4"**

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Girl Scouts, for use of the EB courtyard as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on September 6, 2024, as attached. **"BG5"**

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by TGA, for use of an East Brook Gym as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," Wednesdays from September 11, 2024, to November 6, 2024, as attached. **"BG6"**

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by TGA, for use of the West Ridge Gym as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," Tuesdays from September 10, 2024, to October 29, 2024, as attached. **"BG7"**

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

BG8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Girl Scouts, for use of the WR Room 11 as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on October 9 & December 11, 2024, as attached. **"BG8"**

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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 new substitute for the 2024/25 school year:

Substitute Teachers

Baker, Rachel  
 Bubalo, Eleni\*  
 Gunther, Andrew  
 O'Rourke, Morgan  
 Rashid, Hira  
 Vallerio, Jenna\*  
 Weissman, Alyssa

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 RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

*\*Contingent upon completion of state-mandated paperwork*

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE/SALARY</u>
Alvarez, Elda	WR FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional	\$37,132.00/year
Bachrach, Katelyn	EB FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional	\$24,507.00/year
Baldino, Alyssa	EB Lunch Aide	\$19.10/hour
Glynn, Caroline	Owl House FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional	\$37,132.00/year
Hawkins, Caitlin	WR FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional	\$24,507.00/year
Machado, Aracelis	HS FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional	\$37,132.00/year
Napier, Lyzette	Bus Aide	As per contract
Panagi, Maureen	Bus Aide	As per contract

2024-25 RESCINDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Borgersen, Amber	FT 7 hr. EB Paraprofessional	6/30/2024
Reyes, Michelle	FT 7 hr. WR Paraprofessional	N/A

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Burchell, Jennifer	WR Kindergarten Screening additional hour	As per contract
Tobin, Kristin	WR Kindergarten Screening additional hour	As per contract
Wagreich, Kim	WR Kindergarten Screening additional hour	As per contract
Wagreich, Kim	ESY Report Writing additional .75 hour	As per contract
Yates, Karen	WR Kindergarten Screening additional hour	As per contract

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2024/25 SUMMER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE/SALARY</u>
Miller, Blythe	ESY Substitute Teacher not to exceed 80 hours	As per contract
Mule, Danielle	Summer EXTRAS Substitute Nurse	\$60.00/hour
Nicholas, Veronica	Summer EXTRAS Substitute Nurse	\$60.00/hour
Scheer, Christine	ESY Substitute Teacher not to exceed 80 hours	As per contract
Tobin, Kristin	ESY Substitute Teacher not to exceed 80 hours	As per contract
Vaidhyanathan, Sunjukta	Summer EXTRAS Adult Aide	\$24.00/hour

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS 2024-25:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Hegybeli, James	Boys Middle School Soccer Coach Step 1	\$5,284.00
Jaffe, Molly	Girls Soccer Asst. Coach Step 3	\$6,023.00
Laurenzo, Chris	Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach	N/A
Meyer, Lucy	Girls Middle School Soccer Coach Step 1	\$5,284.00
Nieves, Corinne	Art Club Co-Advisor	\$910.00

SCHEDULE "E" RESCINDS 2024-25:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Borgersen, Amber	EB Drama Club Advisor
Jaffe, Molly	Girls Soccer Asst. Coach part-time
Laky, Danielle	Girls Soccer Asst. Coach part-time
Papendick, Taline	Art Club Co-Advisor

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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 for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Chris Brown	NIAAA Convention Austin, Texas	12/13 - 12/17/24	\$1,775.000
Julie Worgul	Legal One Anti Bullying Specialist Virtual	Year long	\$500.00

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Yunah Shumayeva (Data Systems Analyst) as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from September 9, 2024, through October 7, 2024, with pay and with benefits.

- A Child-Rearing Leave from October 8, 2024, through August 31, 2025, without pay and without benefits.

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves all current Park Ridge certificated staff and substitute teachers as home instructors for the 2024/25 school year at a rate of \$65.00 per hour.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the attached list of Substitute Teachers for the 2024/25 school year. **"P6"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the revised Schedule E attachment for the 2024-25 school year. **"P7"**

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff member as home instructor for Student 1215(a)-050, from June 21, 2024, to July 31, 2024:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Meyers, Lucy	English	20	\$65.00/hr.

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JB JP NA LS DC AW DB

P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for professional development workshops as indicated below @ \$84.00 hour charged to the Title IIA grant for Professional Development:

<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS PRESENTING</u>	<u>HOURS PLANNING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Buckley, Stephanie	New ELA Standards	2	2	8/28/24
Burchell, Jennifer	Kindergarten Curriculum Updates	3	6	8/28/24
Cheman, Kim	Developing Math Assessments	3	6	8/29/24
Cheman, Kim	Adapting to the New Envisions	3	6	8/29/24

M: S:  
JB JP NA LS DC AW DB



P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following revised hours for East Brook staff members to complete kindergarten screening for incoming students on 6/24 – 6/26/24 and 7/1-7/30/24:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>JUNE HOURS/RATE</u>	<u>JULY HOURS/RATE</u>
Cariddi, Nicole	11.5 hours @ \$54.79/hour	.75 hours as per current contract
McKenna, Lisa	11 hours @ \$77.92/hour	1 hour as per current contract
O'Connor, Shannon	13.5 hours @ \$81.38/hour	14.5 hours as per current contract
Twomey, Monica	8 hours @ \$84.60/hour	N/A

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Elda Alvarez, Caroline Glynn, and Aracelis Machado as school bus drivers for the 2024/25 school year.

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Samuel Arakelian, HS Custodian, due to retirement, effective October 1, 2024.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Jill Connolly as the District 504 Compliance Officer and HIB Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P14. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jose Serna, HS Custodian, due to retirement, effective January 1, 2025.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Marlene Kanter as East Brook Elementary leave replacement teacher, from August 28 through December 20, 2024, on Step 1 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$64,785.00, prorated.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Samantha Caminneci as East Brook Special Education Teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 2 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$62,735.00, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Steven Gross as HS Special Education teacher, for the 2024-25 school year, on Step 8 of the MA+30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$78,452.00.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following clinic and coach for fall 2024, as outlined: **"P18"**

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATES / TIMES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Volleyball camp	Bill Allen	1-8	Mondays: 9/16 - 10/21/24 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	PRHS Main Gym	\$200

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for an additional stipend for teaching a 6<sup>th</sup> period, effective September 3, 2024, through October 31, 2024, or sooner:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Loll, Heather	Period 3/4 Science 8 Collaborative	\$4,748.14
Maskin, Sarah-Kate	Period 12/13 Skills for School Success 9/10	\$3,886.22
Schoenkopf, Ann Marie	Period 9/10 LLD Science 9/10	\$4,895.14
Strammiello, Debbie	Period 16/17 Fundamentals Environmental Science	\$4,895.14
Wall, Heather	Period 14/15 Science 8 Collaborative	\$3,071.00

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of John D'Anna as a FT Night Custodian (Custodian Step 6) for the 2024-25 school year, prorated to his start date of July 29, 2024.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

- P21. 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>ADDITIONAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Kane, Tara	\$85.22/hour	3 hours	IEP Meetings
Kent, Dyana	\$64.20/hour	5 hours	2nd Grade ELA Unit Assessments
Plucinski, Keith	\$56.78/hour	2.5 hours	ESL Kindergarten Screening

Yates, Karen	\$93.69/hour	5 hours	2nd Grade ELA Unit Assessments
Yates, Karen	\$93.69/hour	15 hours	Kindergarten Scoring Assessments

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as the Anti-Bullying Specialists for the 2024-25 school year:

Park Ridge High School – Andrew Yeager & Julie Worgul  
East Brook Elementary – Camilo Marmolejo  
West Ridge Elementary – Tamar Keller-Moczarski

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Ramon Mesa Fontana as a FT Bus Driver/Custodian (Maintenance 1 Step 1) for the 2024-25 school year, prorated to his start date of August 27, 2024, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P24. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Emily Pollio, East Brook Elementary Teacher, effective August 19, 2024.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P25. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Cheryl Fuqua as East Brook Elementary leave replacement teacher, from August 28 through May 2, 2025, on Step 1 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$61,435.00, prorated.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P26. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jill Casey, Behavior Specialist, effective October 1, 2024, or sooner.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P27. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Daniela Lantigua, East Brook (S1.) Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2024.

M: S:  
RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P28. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicole Giordano as a 7-hour FT (S2.) East Brook Paraprofessional, at an annual salary of \$27,583.00 (step 3).

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW

P29. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Marisa Cocca as a substitute (S3.) teacher, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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RF JP DB JB RB NA AW