

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Oakland, New Jersey 07436

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2023

Ramapo High School Cafeteria, 7:00 P.M.

Action to authorize Executive Session

Anticipated Public Session, 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call- Regular Public Meeting

Upon roll call at 8:54 P.M., Mmes. Ansh, Emmolo, King, Koulikourdis, Mariani, and Sullivan. Messrs. Bogdansky, DeLaite and Lorenz. Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Thomas Lambe, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, and Student Board Representatives, Kinjal Patel and Sofia Wowkun, were also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 8:54 P.M. Mr. Lambe announced that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. He also announced that in accordance with the provisions of this act, the business administrator/ board secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. He read a public statement advising the public to be aware that employees of the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. Mr. Lambe further stated that the Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

Ms. Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Student Board Representatives

Kinjal Patel- Indian Hills High School- Ms. Patel, IHHS Student Board Representative reported on the following: 1.) Sports: Boys' Golf, Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' lacrosse, Softball, Boys' Tennis, Baseball. 2.) Student Life: Student Government- powder puff and Decision Day. 3.) Extracurricular activities: Interact, Other Clubs- NHS, Teens Need Teens, Debate team, and the Theater club,

Sofia Wowkun- Ramapo High School- Ms. Wowkun, RHS Student Board Representative reported on the following: 1.) Sports: Baseball, Girls' Golf, Boys' Golf, Boys Lacrosse, Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' tennis, Boys' Volleyball, Track. 2.) Clubs: Relay for Life, Band, Matt Ballace, Music Spring Concert

Ms. Sullivan thanked the student representatives for their reports.

Ms. Sullivan reported on the following:

Reappointed staff

Capital projects

Special Education programs

Noted the Morning Brew

Thanked the Committee chairs

Ad-hoc legal counsel Chair Bogdnasky, Dr. Lorenz, and Ms. Ansh

Ms. Sullivan read a response to today's news story.

Ms. Sullivan noted that OPRA Requests are the largest line item on the April bill.

Ms. Sullivan commented that the idea that Mr. Fogarty was not renewed is false, as he still works for the board.

Ms. Sullivan commented on an ethics complaint against law license.

Bids and contracts

Ms. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Bogdanky, unanimously carried to waive the rights for attorney client privilege so she can share the resignation letter from the Busch Law Group. Ms. Sullivan read a paragraph from the letter.

Ms. Sullivan noted and read the addendum for the agenda regarding personnel and operations

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dionisio reported on the following items:

Summer Learning Academies- registration is due June 12, 2023

P11- Retirement Lisa Martone

Reminder the May 26th Schools are closed.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lambe reported on the following agenda Items:

OP1. Appointment of Phoenix Advisors as financial advisor and disclosure agent. This standard annual approval is necessary in order to stay in compliance with disclosure requirements related to debt service.

OP2. Awarding of the bid for the athletic field lighting retrofit at both schools to Quality Electric for \$469,000. It should be noted that the district is not moving forward with the alternate for tennis court lighting.

OP3. The purchase of athletic field lighting fixtures, supplies and materials for both schools from Musco Lighting through the Sourcewell cooperative. Purchasing through

the cooperative allows the district to obtain the materials faster and minimize any delays in the supply chain, which would have delayed the project.

OP4. Awarding of the bid for the tennis court renovations at both schools to Dakota Excavating Contractor for \$1,389,000. It should be noted that the district is not moving forward with the alternate for tennis court lighting.

OP5. Awarding of the bid for the faculty toilet renovations at both schools to K&D Contractors for \$2,422,000.

OP9. The withdrawal of \$573,625 from Capital Reserve to cover the balances for the walk-in box, athletic field lighting and faculty toilet projects.

Mr. Lambe noted that the bid for tennis courts renovations project came in \$157,550 lower than budgeted. So, if this savings is subtracted from the withdrawal amount, the balance needed would be \$416,075, as originally shared with the Finance & Facilities Committee at its May meeting. Still, the district's auditor recommends withdrawing the larger amount and transferring any unspent funds back to the Capital Reserve account after the completion of the projects.

Mr. Lambe reported on the following non-agenda Items:

The opening of the bid for financing for Apple Macbooks will take place this Friday, May 26, 2023.

Ms. KING point of order to make a motion, seconded to by DELAITE to add an additional public session specific to the baseball subject 9:24 PM.

Various members of the public, Oakland, Wyckoff, and Franklin Lakes, commented on the Varsity baseball coaches and team.

Moved by KING and seconded by BOGDANSKY, and unanimously carried, to close the Public comment session and to re-enter the Regular Public Meeting, 10:11 PM.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletics, Arts, Extracurriculars & Communications - Ms. Mariani reported that the committee met on May 10, 2023; they approved the dance and bike team. They also discussed spring concerts, choir Broadway workshop, marching band, music awards dinner, art department art show, photo lab, bring your child to work day, and the arts festival

Education & Personnel - Mr. Bogdanský reported that the committee is meeting in June.

Finance & Facilities - Ms. Emmolo reported that the committee met on May 18, 2023 to discuss the summer construction projects and awarded bids for the following:

Field Lighting

Tennis Courts

Faculty Toilet Renovations

4.7 million in projects

ESIP roofing- bid opening June 2, 2023

ESIP Step 1 LED lighting

Bid for Apple devices

Cell tower contracts

Architectural Services, construction oversight- Dicara Rubino

Facilities tours rescheduled for July

State of Security - presentation by C. Wolff June 15th

Negotiations - Ms. Emmolo reported that the committee continues to work with RIHEA and are meeting again next week.

Policy - Ms. Ansh reported that the committee met on May 17, 2023 to discuss Policy 0131 Bylaws and policies. The next meeting is June 8, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Moved by KING, Seconded by DELAITE, unanimously carried to open the meeting to public comments, 9:24 PM.

A member of the public, Oakland, commented on the policy chair and public comment. They also commented on a social media page as well as Board counsel.

A member of the public, Oakland, commented on tough decisions that board members have to make, questions on OPRA requests, change in lighting and expediting its cost difference, and commented on the late start of the meeting. They also question what Fogarty's firm is still doing.

A member of the public, Wyckoff, commented on OPRA requests. They also commented on legal services.

A member of the public, Wyckoff, commented on being more cordial. They also commented that baseball practice shouldn't be until 4pm.

A member of the public, Wyckoff, commented on questions being asked.

A member of the public, Wyckoff, commented on OPRA requests, legal fees and taxpayers dollars. They also commented on the resignation of the law firm and the unanimous vote in favor of the new firm, as well as the reason as to why they resigned.

A member of the public, Wyckoff, commented on a board member, policy and the order of agenda items. They also commented on a newspaper article and legal fees. They Also made a comment about the administration and board buzz.

A member of the public, Franklin Lakes commented on law instead of education, Board members and things they value, and others sharing their values and intellect. They also commented on the value of the school and education. Overlooking us versus them and them versus us tribalism. Win at the cost of others. Narrative cultural war where nothing gets done.

Moved by LORENZ, Seconded by MARIANI, unanimously carried to extend the public comments, 10:23 PM.

Moved by BOGDANSKY and seconded by MARIANI, and unanimously carried, to close the Public comment session and to re-enter the Regular Public Meeting, 10:49 PM.

Moved by KING and seconded by MARIANI, and unanimously carried, to recess for five minutes.

Moved by BOGDANSKY and seconded by MARIANI, and unanimously carried, re-enter the Regular Public Meeting, 11:00 PM.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Ansh commented on the resignation of Board counsel.

Mr. DeLaite read a statement. He thanked Ms. Sullivan for sharing the HIB memorandum and the legal invoices. He also commented on procedure and protocol.

Ms. King noted that she has questions on bills and purchase orders regarding: HIB research, legal bills 81.3 hours for two half months; prior president 16 hours. She questioned the board president's use of counsel

Mr. Bogdansky read a statement, thanking Sullivan. Also commented on board members and high standards, respect and a healthy environment. He also commented on coordinated efforts of the minority and a journalist. Mr. Bogdansky read an email from a community member in regard to legal counsel.

Mr. DeLaite replied to Mr. Bogdansky.

Ms. King questioning purchase orders and checks

Ms. Sullivan responded to DeLaite and thanked him for calling her back. Ms. Sullivan responded to Ms. King's questions on bills. She noted that she is held to a higher standard than the rest of the board because she is a lawyer and she has to tell the truth.

Ms. King voted no to checks, and did not see the bills list.

Dr. Lorenz noted that it is his duty to calmly ask questions, clarify why the district is paying for legal counsel for conversations regarding Yudin's appliance. He noted his request for an email correspondence which was denied. To which Ms. Sullivan replied that there were priorities at the time that she didn't deny them.

Mariani noted that a board member was nominated and the board member didn't vote for them. She also made a comment to Ms. King regarding.

Ms. Emmolo read a statement. She noted that she has observed Ms. Sullivan and Dionisio's harmonious collaboration with Board counsel. She blames board members and members of the public. As chair of negotiations, she is happy with labor counsel.

Ms. King- questions PO 23-05937 100K Prof. Service (estimated costs for the remainder of the year used first three months to make that estimate) 25,800 (contract negotiations estimated costs). Ms. King noted that she would like to volunteer for the RFQ ad hoc committee.

Ms. Emmolo noted that she did not receive the HIB memorandum.

ACTION ITEMS

Move to approve Closed/Regular Public Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023.

Moved by BOGDANSKY, Seconded by Mriani

RC) *=YES: Bogdansky* DeLaite * Emmolo* King*
 Koulikourdis ABSTAIN Lorenz* Mariani* Ansh*
 Sullivan*

PERSONNEL

P1. Move to approve the reappointment, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, of Instructional Aides, effective for the period September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, at current 2022-23 salary guide levels, pending the ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement and the new 2023-24 salary guides, effective for the period September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, and further move that the president and secretary, as proper officers of the Board of Education, be authorized and directed to issue contracts of employment as follows:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
a.	Iva Rinaudo	.8 ELL Instructional Aide/District	4	\$25,696.80

P2. Move to rescind the reappointment, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, of Instructional Aides, effective for the period September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, at current 2022-23 salary guide levels, pending the ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement and the new 2023-24 salary guides, effective for the period September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, and further move that the president and secretary, as proper officers of the Board of Education, be authorized and directed to issue contracts of employment as follows:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
a.	Jordana Tarlowe	IHHS	4	\$32,121

P3. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of a Special School Advisors, subject to all federal, state, county, and local regulations, governing said employment, at current 2022-23 salary guide levels, pending the ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement and the

new 2023-24 salary guides, effective for the 2023-24 School Year; and move to approve applicant’s attestation that he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq, or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq., as follows:

Ramapo High School

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a. Matthew Harder	Assistant Band Camp Director	4	\$3,057

P4. Move to amend the reappointment, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, of second-year, non-tenured teachers, approaching tenure, at current 2022-23 salary guide levels, pending the ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement and the new 2023-24 salary guides, effective for the period September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Level/Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
a. Brian Bunger	Family & Consumer Science	RHS	From BA to BA +15/16	77,862
b. Aaron Kalman	Math	RHS	From MA to MA +30/9	68,821
c. Shelly Storzum	Nurse	IHHS	From BA to BA+15/11	66,147

P5. Move to approve the reappointment, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, of first-year, non-tenured teachers, approaching tenure, at current 2022-23 salary guide levels, pending the ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement and the new 2023-24 salary guides, effective for the period September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Level/Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
a. Nicole Mitchell	Business Teacher	RHS	BA/20	87,212

P6. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of the following individual listed below as an athletic coach, subject to all federal, state, county and local regulations, governing said employment; effective for the 20223-24 School Year; and move to approve applicant’s attestation that he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the

provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 et seq., as follows:

Indian Hills High School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Robert Vergnes	Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach	Substitute	4	\$5,871

Ramapo High School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Sara Caporuscio	Assistant Cheerleading Coach Fall & Winter	Standard	1	Fall \$1,334 Winter \$1,334

- P7. Move to amend, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the request for a paid Maternity Leave of Absence (Presumptive Period of Disability) utilizing unused sick leave as allowed by law for Julie Buccino, IHHS, Health & Physical Education, effective January 4, 2023 -February 17, 2023, and move to approve an unpaid FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act), from effective February 27, 2023 - May 26, 2023; utilizing sick leave as allowed by law from May 30, 2023 to June 28, 2023.

- P8. Move to amend, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the additional 6th period assignment, at the contractual stipend of \$9,530, prorated, for the following staff members, from effective January 4, 2023 - May 26, 2023 to effective January 4, 2023 - June 22, 2023.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Period/Staff Member being covered</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>School</u>
a. Health & Physical Education	1/ Julie Buccino	Mark Aramburu	IHHS
b. Health & Physical Education	2/ Julie Buccino	Richard Ohren	IHHS
c. Health & Physical Education	5/ Julie Buccino	George Hill	IHHS

- d. Health & Physical Education 7/ Julie Buccino Dominic Mulieri IHHS
- e. Health & Physical Education 8/ Julie Buccino Jill Fackelman IHHS

P9. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the following persons be appointed to fill the position for the length of time and with the compensation noted, subject to all federal, state, county, and local regulations, governing said employment; and further that the president and secretary, as proper officers of the Board of Education, be authorized and directed to issue the proper contract for the 2022-23 School Year; and move to approve applicant’s attestation that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 et seq.*, as applicable. Further move to approve the assignment of the appropriate Unique Position Code as required by State Statute, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Basis of Employment</u>	<u>Employment Date</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
a. John Maguire	Custodian/ Groundskeeper/ RHS	Step 8	12 months	On or about 06/01/23 - 06/30/23	\$70,207** /1/2

** /1/2 Replacing Marc Aug/90 Day Probationary Period/Black Seal License

P10. Move to accept, with regret, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Christina Winters, RHS, Teacher of Chemistry, effective June 30, 2023.

P11. Move to accept, with regret, the retirement effective June 30, 2023 as follows:

WHEREAS, Louisa (Lisa) Martone has dedicated herself to the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District for 17 years as a Teacher of Science and a Supervisor of the Science Department; displaying an unselfish commitment to our children; exemplifying the ideals of professionalism and the standard of excellence, and

WHEREAS, the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education, together with its citizens, wishes to acknowledge exemplary service that Louisa (Lisa) Martone has provided our children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education does hereby extend its appreciation and gratitude to Louisa (Lisa) Martone in recognition of her exemplary service to our school district.

- P12. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, District Director of Technology job description.
- P13. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, Network Administrator job description.
- P14. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, District Information and Systems Coordinator job description.
- P15. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the reappointment of Brian Belthoff, District Information and Systems Coordinator, \$117,000, effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.
- P16. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the change in assignment for James Dunbar, District Coordinator of Instructional Technology \$93,630, to Network Administrator, \$103,630, effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.
- P17. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the change in salary for John Chang, District Director of Technology, from \$142,600 to \$148,600, effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

EDUCATION

- E1. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the renewal of the 192/193 Service Agreement for Non-Public Schools with Bergen County Special Services School District, effective for the 2023-24 School Year.
- E2. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, District student field trips and transportation costs for the 2022-23 School Year as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Wall Street Walking Tour	Business	06/06/2023	0
Whitney Museum	English 3 AP	06/16/2023	0
Turf Field & Snack Stand (overnight)	Boys' Soccer	08/19/2023-08/20/2023	0

- E3. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the

Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying student remediation including disciplinary consequences, educational intervention, and counseling supports imposed during the 2022-23 School Year as a result of HIB Investigation for the following HIB investigations:

RHS 014

- E4. Move to accept, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, a reduced-rate tuition student (Student No. 427048) into the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District for the 2023-24 School Year as per Policy 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students.
- E5. Move to accept, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, a reduced-rate tuition student (Student No. 427017) into the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District for the 2023-24 School Year as per Policy 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students.
- E6. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the establishment of the following additional special education class programs for the 2023-2024 school year:

Ramapo High School

In class resource program English 1 CP

In class resource program Algebra 1 CP

In class resource program World History CP

Secondary class program Chemistry CP

Indian Hills High School

In class resource program English 1 CP

In class resource program Algebra 1 CP

In class resource program World History CP

Secondary class program Conceptual Physics CP

Secondary class program Chemistry CP

OPERATIONS

- OP1. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, to fulfill its reporting and filing requirements under its Continuing Disclosure Agreement(s), the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District (“Issuer”) desires to engage the professional services of a continuing disclosure agent (the “Disclosure Agent”); and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the Issuer to have access to and to engage the professional services of a Financial Advisor who is a Registered “Municipal Advisor” with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board to advise the Issuer in connection with, inter alia, the issuance of bonds, notes, and matters relating to fiscal management; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisor provides such Disclosure Agent services and Financial Advisor services, and is a Municipal Advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

WHEREAS, the parties desire hereby to set forth the terms and conditions under which Phoenix Advisors will provide Disclosure Agent and professional Financial Advisor services to the Issuer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the District’s School Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Phoenix Advisors as the Disclosure Agent for a fee of \$1,350.00 for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

OP2. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, public bids were solicited and received for Athletic Lighting Upgrades at Indian Hills High School and Ramapo High School, DRA Project No. 4102 & 4103; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive bid was submitted by Quality Electrical Construction Co.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education hereby awards the contract for DRA Project Nos. 4102 & 4103 to Quality Electrical Construction Co., in the amount of \$469,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board’s administration, architect and attorney are authorized to take all necessary steps to carry out this action of the Board.

OP3. Recommend approval to accept the Resolution authorizing the use of contracts with approved Sourcewell National Cooperative purchasing vendors.

WHEREAS, Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education, pursuant to P.L.2011.c.139; N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-et.seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) and per Local Finance Notice No. LFN 2012-310, may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing for any national and/or regional cooperative entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education may enter into contracts with the referenced Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods from those approved Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing vendors as listed below for the 2022/2023 school year(s) pursuant to all conditions of the individual awarded bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Thomas Lambe, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds for the expenditure of funds for such goods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expiration date of the contracts between the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education and the referenced Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Vendors not to exceed the amounts stated shall be as follows:

Vendor	Description	\$ Amount
Musco Sports Lighting	Athletic Field Lighting for Ramapo High School, Ref # 186185, Master Project: 199030, Sourcewell Purchase – contract number: 071619-MSL, expiration 8/27/2023	\$219,282.00
Musco Sports Lighting	Athletic Field Lighting for Indian Hills High School, Ref # 186185 Master Project: 199030	\$224,930.00

	Sourcewell Purchase – contract number: 071619-MSL, expiration: 8/27/2023	
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OP4. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, public bids were solicited and received for Tennis Court Renovation at Indian Hills High School & Ramapo High School, DRA Project Nos. 4087 & 4088; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive bid was submitted by Dakota Excavating Contractor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education hereby awards the contract for DRA Project Nos. 4087 & 4088 to Dakota Excavating Contractor, in the amount of \$1,389,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board’s administration, architect and attorney are authorized to take all necessary steps to carry out this action of the Board.

OP5. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, public bids were solicited and received for Faculty Toilet Room Renovations at Indian Hills High School & Ramapo High School, DRA Project Nos. 4105 & 4106; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive bid was submitted by K&D Contractors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education hereby awards the contract for DRA Project Nos. 4105 & 4106 to K&D Contractors, in the amount of \$2,422,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board’s administration, architect and attorney are authorized to take all necessary steps to carry out this action of the Board.

OP6. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education accepts the resignation of The Busch Law Group, effective July 11, 2023.

OP7. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of School, to advertise an RFQ for legal services for labor, special education, and general counsel.

OP8. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to create an Ad-hoc committee for the RFQ for legal services.

OP9. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the withdrawal of \$573,625 from Capital Reserve for additional appropriations as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Indian Hills and Ramapo High Schools: Walk in Boxes (Refrigerators and Freezers)	\$13,413
Indian Hills and Ramapo High Schools: Athletic Field Lighting	\$238,212
Indian Hills and Ramapo High Schools: Faculty Toilet Renovations	\$322,000

OP10. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools the following:

WHEREAS, Alex Rosetti commenced legal action against the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”), in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, docket number BER-L-001383-23; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the District to resolve a portion of the aforementioned litigation by way of a negotiated settlement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the partial settlement of the instant litigation, in accordance with the terms of the negotiated settlement agreement.

FINANCE

F1. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the financial report of the Business Administrator and the report of the Cash Reconciliation for April 2023 including a cash report for that period, be approved by the Board and ordered filed.

- F2. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Committed Purchase Order Report for the month of April 2023, having been audited by the Business Administrator.
- F3. Move to approve and authorize, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approval of bills drawn on the current account in the total amount of \$4,005,490.40 including the May 15, 2023 Payroll, for materials received and/or services rendered, having been audited by the Business Administrator.
- F4. Move to approve and ratify, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the additional bills paid in April 2023 and drawn on the current account in the total amount of \$12,486.60 for materials received and/or services rendered, having been audited by the Business Administrator. (Amount was not available for the April 24, 2023 Regular Public Meeting.)
- F5. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, transfers and to authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make additional transfers that would be ratified at the next Board Meeting as necessary to comply with State requirements in accordance with Policy 6422 as per the attached Expense Account Adjustment Analysis for the month of April 2023.
- F6. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6:23A-16.10(c)4*, we certify that as of April 30, 2023 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- F7. Move to approve the resolution as follows:

Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6:23A-16.10(c)4*, I, Thomas Lambe, certify that as of April 30, 2023, no budgetary line item account has obligations or payments (contractual orders) which in total exceeds the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1*.

- F8. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of District taxes needed to meet the obligations of this Board from July to December 2023 is \$28,543,793 divided as follows:

\$10,726,452 Borough of Franklin Lakes

\$7,387,008 Borough of Oakland

\$10,430,333 Township of Wyckoff

and that the governing bodies are hereby requested to place in the hands of the custodian of school monies that amount in accordance with the statutes relating thereto and prepared schedule.

- F9. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, bills in the District Cafeteria Fund in the total amount of \$128,700.38 having been audited and approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be approved by the Board as follows:

ARAMARK	\$127,540.13	April 2023 Operations
RIH District Cafeteria Fund	\$1,160.25	April 2023 Student Lunches

- F10. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, District employees have submitted requests for reimbursement for work-related travel that is directly related to and within the scope of the employees’ current work responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously authorized such work-related travel, and the District’s School Business Administrator or designee has reviewed the documentation submitted by the employee and found same to be in compliance with the Board’s policy provisions and approval requirements; and

WHEREAS, the travel requests listed below specifies for each item of reimbursement the specific promotion of delivery of instruction or furtherance of the efficient operation of the school district, and the amount of each listed reimbursement does not exceed State travel reimbursement guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of Board Policy and *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.*, that the Board of Education hereby approves work-related travel reimbursement to its employees as set forth below:

<u>Req. No.</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
R23-86	Claire Davanzo	SUPA	07/17/23- 07/21/23	\$1,317.00

IH23-96	Nancy Blomquist	NJPSA/FEA Annual Fall Conference	10/12/23-10/13/23	\$644.00
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POLICY

PO1. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the first reading of District Policies as follows:

<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>Policy No.</u>
Bylaws and Policies	0131

P1-P17, E1-E6, OP1-OP9, F1-F10, PO1

Moved by BOGDANSKY, Seconded by ANSH

RC) *=Yes:

RC): Bogdanskyy*

DeLaite *

Emmolo*

King *, NO F2 PO 23-05852, 23-05854, 23-05855, 23-05937, 23-05973

Koulikourdis*

Lorenz*

Mariani *

Ansh*

Sullivan *

PUBLIC COMMENT

Moved by BOGDANSKY, Seconded by MARIANI, unanimously carried to open the meeting to public comments, 12:10 AM.

A member of the public commented on a board member and name of attorney

A member of the public, Oakland commented on security and police. They also commented on a vendor lawsuit. They also commented on the ad-hoc committee and public policy regarding comment in the public.

A member of the public, Wyckoff, commented on values and the need to move forward and come to compromise. They read a quote, regarding smear campaigns hysteria, unhinged activists.

A member of the public, Franklin Lakes commented on the baseball coaches. regarding the baseball coaches.

Moved by BOGDANSKY and seconded by MARIANI, and unanimously carried, to close the Public comment session and to re-enter the Regular Public Meeting, 12:16 AM.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. King noted that she is disheartened by what is happening in the district, commented on resignations, BA resignation, Board legal Counsel, and a common denominator

Ms. Mariani disagreed with Ms. King

Ms. Emmolo made various comments toward Ms. King.

MS. King responded to Ms. Emmolo.

Ms. Sullivan commented to Ms. King regarding the common denominator.

Mr. Bogdansky, point of order regarding allowing others to speak.

Mr. DeLaite commented on why he could not be on the negotiations committee because of his endorsement by the RIHEA and also requested another committee in which he was denied.

Mr. Bogdansky thanked Dr. Dionisio and apologized for the lateness of the meeting.

ANTICIPATED FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, June 12, 2023 Regular Public Meeting, Indian Hills Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by BOGDANSKY, Seconded by MARIANI, unanimously carried to adjourn at 12:29 AM

Judith Sullivan
Board President

Thomas Lambe
Business Administrator/Board Secretary