

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 27, 2025

Public Started: 6:00 P.M.

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Public Ended: 8:00 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER

I. Roll Call

R. Fisher	J. Pierotti	N. Agoos	R. Browne	D. Bradler	C. Amitrano
A	N(*)	X	X	X	X

Note (*) Mr. Pierotti joined the Board during the Executive Session.

Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright J. Kamath A. Zartarian

Mr. Christopher Amitrano was sworn in as a Board Member with a term to expire in the year 2027.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – was led by Board President, David Bradler.

III. Open Public Meetings Statement – was read by Board President, David Bradler.

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 7, 2025 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on January 7, 2025 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 7, 2025 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 Bradler*.

The Park Ridge Board of Education will adjourn into private session to discuss item(s), which fall within specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential due to the nature of pending or anticipated litigation, attorney client privilege and personnel – employment matters affecting a specific, prospective or current employee privilege.

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified (RICED – in accordance with Policy #0162, Notice of Board Meetings by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator).

Motion, second and vote to enter into private session at 6:10 pm.

M: NA S: RB
CA RF JP NA RB DB
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Private Session Agenda

The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at 7:05 pm.

M: NA S: CA
CA RF JP NA RB DB
Y A Y Y Y Y

V. Minutes for Approval

Reorganization Meeting
Monthly Meeting

January 6, 2025
December 16, 2024

Board Approved
Board Approved

Mr. Amitrano asked that a comment in the Reorganization meeting about “gay bashing” be struck from the record. A motion was made but no second was received.

The Board then voted on the minutes as presented. The minutes passed as follows:

M: NA S: RB
CA RF JP NA RB DB
N A Y Y Y Y

VI. Special Presentations to the Board

- A. Sports - Presenter Chris Brown
 - a. Boys Cross Country - NJIC Meadowlands Division Champions
 - b. Volleyball - NJIC Patriot Division Champions
 - c. William Allen - NJIC Patriot Division Girls Volleyball Coach of the Year
 - d. Mia Izzo – The Record Athlete of the Week
- B. Auditor’s Report – Jeffrey Bliss of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP

Mr. Browne spoke about the Fall season accomplishments. Park Ridge had two championship teams and several athletes who received League, County and State recognition. He also mentioned that the school received an award for sportsmanship.

Mr. Browne began by speaking about the Boys Cross Country team. They finished their season undefeated in the league. They have had back-to-back winning season in the Meadowlands division. After winning the league, they had a spirited run in the county championships. They were ranked 25th in the final poll of The Record. Mr. Browne then called each member of the team up and presented them with a championship sweatshirt. He then recognized the coaches.

The next team he spoke about was the Girl's Volleyball team. He informed everyone that they finished with a 12-0 league record and have won back-to-back titles. One of their highlights was defeating Bogota for the first time in 20 years. They also had several individual players who were recognized for their accomplishments. He then called each member of the team up and presented them with a championship sweatshirt.

Mr. Browne then recognized Coach Allen for being named NJIC Volleyball Coach of the Year. He led his team to a 20-7 record with a 12-0 division record. The team made it to the State Sectional semifinals. He presented Coach Allen with an award for his accomplishment.

Mr. Browne then spoke about Mia Izzo, a girls volleyball player, who was a Record Athlete of the week recipient. Mia led the team with 64 kills and 24 blocks in a single game. She set the tone for the season. She was first team all-league and county. He brought her up and presented her with a plaque that will be placed in the gym hallway.

Dr. Gamper thanked Mr. Brown for all he does.

Mr. Bliss gave a presentation on the annual audit. He stated that the major goal of the audit is to express an opinion on the financial statements and Federal and State grants. He remarked that the financial statements were fairly stated with no scope limitations and that there was sufficient documentation to support them. Additionally, the District complied in all material respects to Federal and State grants. The opinion given was unmodified. He noted that an unmodified opinion was a must. Anything less would mean there were issues. The firm also issues a report on internal controls. There were no material findings or significant deficiencies. Overall, Mr. Bliss commented that the records are in excellent condition. He explained that meant the information on the monthly reports is very reliable. Mr. Bliss then reviewed the district's financials and the summary of Fund Balance. He directed the Board to Exhibit C-1 in the audit. He commented that this Exhibit showed the district Revenues and Expenditures with comparison of Actual vs. Budget. He then turned to the Summary of Fund Balances. Overall, the district had a decrease in their Fund Balance. He pointed out that this was by design as they withdrew six million for the Locker Room renovation. They were able to replace two million of that at the end of the year. He then reviewed the Fund Balance and explained it was broken down into several areas. The reserves are set aside for specific purposes. Mr. Bliss reviewed the Capital Reserves first. He stated that \$2,490,858 was set aside for future projects. There was also 1M designated for use in the 24-25 budget. These funds were earmarked for use on projects such as the ROD Grants. Any unused money will go back to general reserve. Mr. Bliss explained that these funds may not be used to fund General operating costs. It may only be used for construction projects. Next Mr. Bliss reviewed the Maintenance reserve. He indicated that these funds could be appropriated during the budget creation or during the school year. He stressed that these funds could only

be used for maintenance projects. He clarified the difference between Capital Reserve and Maintenance expenses, indicating that Capital expenses adds life to an asset while a maintenance expense keeps it in its current condition. The current reserve is almost at maximum, which he explained was 706 thousand. Another Reserve the district has is the Emergency reserve. It is only available for use to pay for unbudgeted health benefit costs that exceed 4% or to fund security projects. Any other purpose requires the County Superintendent's approval. Mr. Bliss then explained the Unemployment reserve. He noted that the district has chosen to have a self-insured Unemployment fund, noting that most districts choose this option. It is created to specifically pay for claims. The final reserve was the Excess surplus. He explained that this is the amount the Board had left at the end of the year that exceeded 2% in Fund Balance. These funds need to be used as a revenue source to balance budget in the subsequent year. The district ended the 2023-24 year with \$856K in Excess Surplus. The prior year balance of \$892K is being used in the 24-25 budget. Also, part of the Fund Balance are Encumbrances. These represent contracts awarded but the goods or services have not yet been received or rendered. These funds are considered committed and will be expensed in the following year when the goods or services are received. The remaining balance is unconsidered undesignated. Of this amount, the Board used some of those funds to balance the 24-25 budget.

Mr. Bliss then turned to the audit recommendations. He reported that there was one recommendation on a minor finding which had to do with deposits of gate receipts not being made in a timely fashion. Overall, Mr. Bliss indicated that it was an excellent report, and the business office does a great job.

VII. Hearing of Citizens - None

Agenda Items Only

Hearing of Citizens will be restricted to three minutes per person for a total of fifteen minutes for comments on agenda items only. The Board bears no responsibility, nor will it be liable for any comments made by the public. Please be advised that all comments are maintained as a matter of public record.

VIII. Student Representative's Report

Mr. Kamath reported that last week they had Midterm exams. Makeup tests will start tomorrow. The Winter Sports teams are all doing well.

IX. President's Report

Mr. Bradler congratulated the Boys Cross Country team for becoming division champs, the Girls Volleyball for winning their league and Mia for being named athlete of the week. He also congratulated Mr. Allen for being named Coach of the year. He then spoke about the Winter concerts saying he was impressed by the talent at the school. He thanked Joe Bucco for his years of service. He will be informing the Public on the next steps. He thanked Mr. Bliss and Mr. Wright for his work on the Audit report and his continued commitment to excellence.

X. Superintendent's Report

 **HIB Update**

Dr. Gamper reported that since his last report, there was one HIB which was founded at the High School and one which was unfounded.

He congratulated Mr. Wright for a great job on the district finances. He then addressed the issues about heat in the Main Gym. The district has had several plumbers working on a fix. He apologized for the inconvenience. He then addressed the West Ridge graduation time. He indicated that the time is not changing. The district will be holding it at 11:30 am. He explained that the decision is a building level decision and not made by the Board. If anyone has questions, they should speak to the Principal, Mr. Kirkby.

XI. BOE Committee Reports

Policy Committee – They discussed the idea of Board attendance via telephone. They agreed to reach out to other members and get their input. They will continue to discuss it. They also spoke about a PTO project at West Ridge with the playgrounds and they reviewed a recommendation on an architect recommendation.

Mr. Amitrano brought up that the call in amendment was referred to the committee with instructions and given a 30-day deadline. He stated that the deadline was scheduled for February 7th.

Mr. Bradler commented that with the resignation of a Board member, a third member would be needed on certain committees.

Mr. Amitrano stated that since he disagreed with the way the committees operate, he would not be taking a committee seat.

Ms. Agoos responded to Mr. Amitrano stating that the committee still needed to speak with other Board members and hold at least one more Policy committee meeting. It was not possible to get it done within 30 days.

Mr. Amitrano responded that he believed the 30 days only applies to the direction the Board would go. It did not need to be a completed policy. Mr. Bradler stated that the promise made was to meet and due our due diligence.

XII. Supplemental Agenda

One Supplemental item was on the agenda, the appointment of a new Board Architect. The motion was moved to the consent agenda.

XIII. Consent Agenda

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

M:JP	S: RB				
CA	RF	JP	NA	RB	DB
P	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

XIV. Hearing of Citizens

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A resident, Gina, asked if Enrichment programs would be returning to the Elementary schools. She was informed that they were approved on this agenda.

<i>XV. Adjournment – 8:00 pm</i>

M: NA S: CA
CA RF JP NA RB DB
Y A Y Y Y Y

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 December with (4) Out of School suspension, and no truancy to report.

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PR TEACHER</u>
Keely Washburn	Ramapo College	January 2025 – June 2025	Kristy McCallister (WR Teacher)

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E3. 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>SUBJECTS</u>
2025(d)-050	01/14/25 – 06/20/25	2.25 hours/week	Math
2025(d)-050	01/14/25 – 06/20/25	2.25 hours/week	Science
2025(d)-050	01/14/25 – 06/20/25	2.25 hours/week	Social Studies
2025(d)-050	01/14/25 – 06/20/25	2.25 hours/week	English
2025(d)-050	01/14/25 – 06/20/25	1 hour/week	Band

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following school field trip for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>TEACHER'S NAME/CLASS/GROUP</u>	<u>DESTINATION FOR FIELD TRIP</u>	<u>DATE OF TRIP *</u>
Emily Fliesser, Luke Ostrow East Brook & West Ridge Grade 6 Students	Frost Valley Claryville, NY	June 12 – June 13, 2025

** Changes in dates will not require BOE action.*

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following school field trip for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>TEACHER'S NAME</u> <u>CLASS NAME/GROUP</u>	<u>DESTINATION FOR</u> <u>FIELD TRIP</u>	<u>DATE OF TRIP *</u>
Brian Meisner DECA Club	NJ State DECA Competition Harrah's Resort Atlantic City, NJ	March 4 – March 6, 2025

** Changes in dates will not require BOE action.*

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following rate increase for the approved CST vendor for the balance of the 2024-25 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VENDOR SERVICES</u>	<u>2024-25 RATE INCREASE</u>
Learn Well	Instruction at High Focus & Bergen New Bridge Medical Center	From \$61.50/hr to \$67.75/hr

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following outside vendors, to be added to the Special Education Consultant List, for the 2024-25 school year:

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Silvergate Preparatory	Bedside Instruction	\$5,000.00
Dr. Asma Sadiq Pediatric Health & Wellness PC	Student Neuro-Development Evaluations 5 sessions @ \$800.00/session	\$4,000.00

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following school field trip for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>TEACHER'S NAME</u> <u>CLASS NAME/GROUP</u>	<u>DESTINATION FOR</u> <u>FIELD TRIP</u>	<u>DATE OF TRIP *</u>
Lucy Meyer PRE Exchange-Trip with Waterford HS	Waterford, WI	March 6 – March 9, 2025

** Changes in dates will not require BOE action.*

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the creation of the following Schedule E stipend club Crochet Club, for the 2024/25 school year as follows:

- Trial Advisor position \$500.00

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Frank Ingrasciotta for the 9th grade English and English 9 Honors Writer-In-Residence program. The National Honor Society will fund the program at a cost of \$1,000.00 for 5 visits.

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following Enrichment programs for March 2025:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
East Brook	Lego Club	James Hegybeli
East Brook	Art Club	Samantha Caminneci
East Brook	Storybook Adventures	Georgia Racanelli
East Brook	Readers Theatre	Melissa Manzella
East Brook	Games Club	Emilie Barros
West Ridge	Learning about Culture through Art	Marzieh Farzad
West Ridge	Calligraphy & Crafts	Sophia Almeida
West Ridge	Outdoor Field Games	Alyssa Velazquez
West Ridge	Comics and More	Christine Scheer
West Ridge	Writing Graphic Novels	Karen Finnerty

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

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 December 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. 6:20 – 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:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

F2. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the months of November and December 2024. ***"F2"***

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #51617-51753 in the amount of \$2,841,301.95, and 901250 – 912246 (\$672,565.98), and EFTs using ACH technology #L59058 -L59063 in the amount of \$160,836.61 ***"F3"***

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #10 and #14236-14240 in the total amount of \$4,556.80. ***"F4"***

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

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

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

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

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the December 2024 "Report of the Secretary" and the "Report of the Treasurer" to the Board of Education. **"F7"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following 2024/25 General Fund Transfers for the month of December 2024 in the amount indicated. **"F8"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB
F1.- F8. - Backup attached if required

- F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following:

RESOLVED, that there be authorized renewed participation in the School Employees' Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby renews participation in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for the employees and dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the School Employee's Health Benefits Commission; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby renews participation in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for the employees and dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the School Employee's Health Benefits Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education renews participation in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by the N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorizes coverage for employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the School Employee's Health Benefits Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will be maintaining Horizon as our dental plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eligibility for Health Benefits shall be determined based upon the collective bargaining agreements between the Park Ridge Board of Education and all current Unions/Associations by any contracts between individuals not in a collective bargaining agreement, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we hereby appoint Robert Wright, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to act as certifying officer in the administration of this programs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, continued participation in the School Employees' Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective as of January 1, 2025.

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings to act on behalf of the district in matters of E-Rate applications and filings for the 2025-26 filing year.

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Interlocal Agreement with Old Tappan for Vehicle Repair services as per the attached agreement. ***"F11"***

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F12. BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2025/2026 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution. ***"F12"***

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves submitting Amendment Number 1 to the 2024/25 ESSA grant application and Amendment Number 2 to the 2024/25 IDEA grant application.

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves amending the 2024/25 IDEA grant application to include the corrected carry-over amount from the 2023/24 school year, for use in the 2024/25 school year as follows:

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>PARK RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-PUBLIC</u>
IDEA Basic	0	\$2,636.00

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F15. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations for the 24/25 school year:

MO 012725

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Stan's Sport Center	Monetary	Lacrosse Scholarship	\$800.00
BCUA	Monetary	Park Ridge High School	\$1,000.00
East Brook PTO	Monetary	East Brook School	\$1,315.89

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following resolution to continue membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group:

WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in Bergen County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Group as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS, said Group was approved effective July 1, 1985 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws and regulations governing the creation and operation of this Insurance Group contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Group, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Park Ridge has determined that membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group is in the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Park Ridge does hereby agree to renew membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Group as are required by the Group's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director. **"F16"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Interlocal Agreement with Pascack Valley Regional for Facilities Assistance as per the attached agreement. **"F17"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of LAN Associates, as Architect of

MO 012725

(S1.) Record for the 2025 calendar year, to provide architectural services to the district for the period of January 27, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS

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

- BG1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 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	\$91.98
9280	Locker Room Addition	\$231.34

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Girl Scouts, for use of West Ridge Classroom #20, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from 2/14/2025 – 5/12/2025, as listed on the attached. **"BG2"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Emerson Lacrosse, for use of HS Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from 3/3/2025 – 5/30/2025. **"BG3"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Emerson Lacrosse, for use of HS Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," Saturdays from 3/8/2025 – 6/11/2025. **"BG4"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Emerson Lacrosse, for use of HS Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," Sundays from 3/9/2025 – 6/11/2025. **"BG5"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Payment #16 to Benard Associates, Inc., for work on the HS Locker Room Renovations, in the amount of \$105,104.00. **"BG6"**

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

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 teacher for the 2024/25 school year:

Substitute Teachers

Logothetis, Joyce
Washburn, Keely

M: S:
CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments/rescinds/resignation of the following in the area listed, for the 2024/25 school year, or as indicated:

APPOINTMENTS

Annese, Nicholas	Frost Valley Overnight Chaperone	1 night @ \$428/night
Barba, Christopher	Frost Valley Overnight Chaperone	1 night @ \$428/night
Centurione, Danielle	Overnight Chaperone for PRE-Club Trip 2/7/25 – 2/11/25	3 nights @ \$257/Night
Epstein, Kelly	DECA Overnight Chaperone	2 nights @ 123/night
Falcone, Hannah	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$17.00/hr.
Finnerty, Karen	Frost Valley Overnight Chaperone	1 night @ \$428/night
Grzybek, Kevin	Frost Valley Overnight Chaperone	1 night @ \$428/night
Kohan, Jeanne	Frost Valley Overnight Chaperone	1 night @ \$428/night
Kopelman, Steve	DECA Overnight Chaperone	2 nights @ 123/night
Meisner, Brian	DECA Overnight Chaperone	2 nights @ \$257/night
Riehl, Jennifer	Frost Valley Overnight Chaperone	1 night @ \$428/night
Russell, Jeanne	DECA Overnight Chaperone	2 nights @ \$257/night
Strammiello, Debbie	DECA Overnight Chaperone	2 nights @ \$257/night

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS 2024/25/ 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Brimigion, Lynsey	East Brook Drama Club	\$1,124.00
Hommen, Kurt	Head Football Coach (25-26 school yr.)	\$10,592.00
Maher, Nick	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse	N/A
Meisner, Brian	Boys Asst. Lacrosse Coach (step 3)	\$6,023.00
Morgan, Brittany	Asst. Softball Coach (step 1)	\$5,552.00

SCHEDULE "E" RESCIND 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Maher, Nick	Asst. Boys Lacrosse	N/A

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- 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>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Brown, Chris	DAANJ Atlantic City, NJ	3/10/25 – 3/14/2025	\$950.00
Fliesser, Emily	NJAPERD Princeton, NJ	2/24/2025	\$325.00
Jennifer Riehl	NJAPERD Princeton, NJ	2/24/2025	\$250.00
Jeanne Russell	NJPSAFE Monroe Twp., NJ	2/26/25	\$250.00

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- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves an extension to the approved Leave-of-Absence for Rosemary Colangelo (EB Teacher) as follows:

- A Child-Rearing Leave from January 20, 2025, through June 30, 2025, without pay and without benefits.

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- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff members for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Perry, Jennifer	Indoor track meet 1:1 Aide for student 1920(a)050	3 track meets @ \$22.78/hr. (1/15/25, 1/29/25, 2/12/25)	24 hours
Reiff, Lynn	Indoor track meet 1:1 Aide for student 1920(a)050	3 track meets @ \$28.99/hr. (12/20/24, 1/3/25, 2/2/25)	24 hours

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- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the extension of Kristy Hlavenka as EB Elementary leave replacement teacher, from March 1, 2025, to June 20, 2025, on Step 1 of the MA +30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$68,135.00, prorated.

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- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as home instructors for Student 2025(d)-050, from January 14 – June 20, 2025:

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<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Diomedee, John	Band	1	\$65.00/hr.
Falkoff, Jennifer	Math	2.25	\$65.00/hr.
Krenek, Michael	English	2.25	\$65.00/hr.
Loll, Heather	Science	2.25	\$65.00/hr.
Meyer, Lucy	Social Studies	2.25	\$65.00/hr.

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- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Carla Patel, HS World Language Teacher as follows:
- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from May 22, 2025, through June 16, 2025, with pay and with benefits.
 - A Federal Family Leave-of-Absence from June 17, 2025 – June 20, 2025 without pay and with benefits
 - A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective August 27, 2025 through November 14, 2025 without pay and with benefits.

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- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Heather Zeuner, East Brook Elementary Teacher as follows:
- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from May 5, 2025, through June 20, 2025, with pay and with benefits.
 - A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective September 2, 2025, through November 24, 2025 without pay and with benefits.
 - A Child-Rearing Leave from November 25, 2025, though January 31, 2026 without pay and without benefits.

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- P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves student teacher mentorship payments for the 2024/25 school year as per the agreement with Ramapo College as follows:

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Susan Baitala	Mentor	\$400.00
Melissa Ballaera	Clinical Supervisor	\$2,000.00
Nancy Chiocco	Mentor	\$400.00
Lisa Conforti	Clinical Supervisor	\$1,000.00
Kelly Epstein	Clinical Supervisor	\$1,000.00
Dana Omland	Mentor	\$400.00
Nancy Treby	Mentor	\$400.00
Karen Yates	Clinical Supervisor	\$1,000.00

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