



PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Park Ridge High School – Cafeteria

March 18, 2025

6:00 P.M. Public

I. Roll Call

C. Amitrano R. Fisher J. Pierotti N. Agoos R. Browne D. Bradler

Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright A. Zartarian

Swearing In of New Board Member

Dr. Thomas Monahan to be sworn in as a Board Member with a term to expire in the year 2025.

Roll Call

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II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Open Public Meetings Statement

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 February 12, 2025, caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on February 12, 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 February 12, 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. 2025/2026 Budget

The Superintendent and the Park Ridge Board of Education recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2025-2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 School Year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$ 39,493,251	\$ 489,452	\$ 778,209	\$40,758,912
Less: Anticipated Revenues	4,498 503	489,452	265,914	5,253,869
Taxes to be Raised	\$34,994,748	- 0 -	\$ 512,295	35,507,043

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Record in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$425,050. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$1,300,000 for other capital project costs. The total cost of these projects are \$1,300,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Park Ridge Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road on May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 School Year.

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V. Hearing of Citizens

Hearing of Citizens will be restricted to three minutes per person. 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.

VI. Adjournment

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Robert Wright
Business Administrator/Board Secretary