

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 19, 2025

Public Started: 6:00 P.M.

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 9:02 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER

I. Roll Call

T. Monahan	C. Amitrano	R. Fisher	J. Pierotti	N. Agoos	R. Browne	D. Bradler
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Also Present:

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

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 6:05 p.m.

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

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V. Minutes for Approval

Monthly Meeting	April 28, 2025	Board Approved
Private Meeting	April 28, 2025	Board Approved

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board

- A. Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program
 - Emily Fliesser & Carrie Bianchi – West Ridge
 - Georgia Racanelli & Danielle Mule – East Brook
 - Ryan Dennis & Jeanne Russell – High School
- B. Student Ambassador Recognition
- C. National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students – Mr. Lederman
 - Bennett Adel - Finalist
 - Anthony Angiuli, Caroline Sheridan, Elena Thalmann – Commended Students
- D. Winter Sports Recognition
 - a. Girls Basketball – NJIC Patriot Division Champions
 - b. Wrestling – 2025 NJIC Patriot Division Champions
 - c. Boys Basketball – 2025 NJIC Patriot Division Champions
 - d. Bowling - NJIC Patriot Division Champions
 - e. Ice Hockey – BNC Freedom Division Ice Hockey Champions
 - f. Alexandra Shenloogian – RECORD Athlete of the Week Girls Basketball– January 2025
 - g. Matthew Rozzi – RECORD Athlete of the Week Boys Lacrosse – April 2025
- E. NJSBA Ethics Training

Dr. Gamper gave a presentation on the Teacher and Educational Service professionals of the year. The first individual honored was Danielle Mule from East Brook. He commented that the district is lucky to have her, and she is known for going above and beyond in her role as the East Brook Nurse.

Dr. Gamper spoke about Ms. Racanelli who was the East Brook Teacher of the Year. He praised her for the way she is able to provide differential instruction for her students and for her thoughtful insights.

Dr. Gamper then introduced Ms. Fliesser as the West Ridge Teacher of the Year. He spoke about her work with Field Day and how she actively teaches physical education to her students.

Dr. Gamper then spoke about the Ms. Bianchi, the West Ridge service professional. He noted that in her role as school nurse, she heads up the code blue and handles emergency situations. She is also responsible for conducting hearing and vision screening.

Dr. Gamper then moved on to the High School Teacher of the Year, Mr. Dennis. He noted that while he has only been with Park Ridge for 5 years, he has 16 yrs of experience. He praised him for his leadership and how he advocates for student needs.

Dr. Gamper's last presentation was to Ms. Russel as the High School Service professional. He commented that she has been the school nurse since 2019. She is a tireless advocate for the students and has actually saved lives.

The next honorees were the Student Ambassadors. Ms. Erdman and Ms. Kane were introduced as running the program. They explained that the purpose of the program was to help incoming 7th graders adjust to the middle school. The 7th grade students are mentored by upper classman who teach them how to navigate the middle school and provide support for them throughout the year. The program was begun ten years ago and has been very successful. They then spoke about the student ambassadors and how they donate a lot of their time to this project coming in before school starts. The program attracts the best and most talented students. They are handpicked by the faculty. They demonstrate a high degree of enthusiasm, kindness and empathy. They were thankful for all their hard work. The students were then called up and each received a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Lederman then presented the four students who received the National Merit scholarship. He indicated that they competed with over 1.5 million students and their scores were in the top 5% nationwide. Each student was called up to receive a certificate of achievement.

Mr. Lederman then spoke about Bennet Adel who was the top level Nation scholarship winner. This is only the third time in 14 years that someone from Park Ridge has received this honor. His scores ranked him in the top 16K in the nation with less than 1% who take the test even qualifying. Mr. Lederman pointed out that this was an amazing accomplishment. He called Mr. Bennet up to receive a certificate.

Mr. Brown was then introduced to do the Winter sports awards. The first group recognized was the Bowling team who were NJIC league champions. He commented that they finished the year with an 18-2 record. Each player was then called up to receive a championship sweatshirt. Coach Blair was then introduced and recognized for his accomplishments.

The next team recognized was the Ice Hockey team. Mr. Brown explained that Park Ridge was part of a Tri-op with Pascack Valley Regional. The team won the league title and finished with a 16-6 record. They were able to reach the quarter final round in the championship tourney. Each player was then called up to receive a championship sweatshirt. Coach Cosgrove was then introduced and recognized for his accomplishments.

Mr. Brown then introduced the Wrestling team. He mentioned that they have won the NJIC league title for 16 years. They went undefeated in league matches. He commented on the resilience and competitiveness of the team. This year, they were ranked 15 overall in the State. Each player was then called up to receive a championship sweatshirt. The coaches were then introduced and recognized for their accomplishments.

Next, Mr. Brown spoke about the Boys Basketball team. They finished the year with a 15-11 record and were 6-2 in the league for a share of the NJIC Patriot league title. He mentioned that this was their 6th league title. Each player was then called up to receive a championship sweatshirt. The team also had a 1000 career point scorer. He was presented with a trophy which will be placed in the school's display case and a certificate of achievement.

The Girls Basketball was the final team to be honored. Mr. Brown mentioned that they won 19 games and were undefeated in league play. They were able to reach the State sectional finals. Each player was then called up to receive a championship sweatshirt. The coaches were then introduced and recognized for their accomplishments. The team also had their first ever 2000 point scorer, Alexandra Shenloogian. She ended her career with a total of 2337 career points. She was presented with a trophy which will be placed in the school's display case and a certificate of achievement.

At the conclusion of the sports award presentations, Mr. Brown thanked the Board for their support. Dr. Gamper thanked Mr. Brown for all his hard work and called for a five-minute recess to take pictures.

Following the intermission, Mr. Matt Lee from New Jersey School Boards, did a slide show presentation on Ethics for School Officials. A key point that was made during the presentation was that Board Members need to avoid conduct which is in violation of their public trust. He referenced the School Ethics Act as the standard that Board members need to follow. He reviewed the provisions of this act and stated that the enforcement for these rules is handled by the School Ethics Commission (SEC). He then went over the training requirements for Board Members. After that, he discussed Advisory Opinions explaining that these were requests made to the SEC on whether a proposed activity or conduct would violate the School Ethics Act. He then reviewed several of the more recent Advisory Opinions. Next, Mr. Lee spoke about the filing of an Ethics complaint. This is done when someone feels that the Board member has violated the Ethics Act. The SEC reviews the complaint and can issue one of four disciplinary actions. Mr. Lee reviewed the four which were Reprimand, Censure, Suspension or Removal. Mr. Lee then went through each of the statements in the Code of Ethics and explained what they meant. He followed this with a review of several recent cases that dealt with Code of Ethics violations. Mr. Lee then spoke about when a Board member should recuse or abstain from a Board decision and outlined certain prohibited actions for Board members. Mr. Lee concluded his presentation by discussing social media and campaign issues. He discussed how conflicts could impact a Board member serving in certain capacities, outlining volunteering as a potential conflict. He then spoke about statements made on social media and to avoid statements that a reasonable person would believe were being made by them in their official capacity as a Board member. He recommended a very clear disclaimer but warned that it did not completely absolve the Board member. One of the things he pointed out to avoid is using a campaign page to post on social media. He pointed out that any social media account that identifies the person as a Board member cannot be used.

Following his presentation, Mr. Lee took several questions. When asked about a Board member making misleading statements about the Board on a campaign website, Mr. Lee stated that this was improper. He indicated that you cannot disparage other Board members and need to watch what you post.

Ms. Browne asked what should a community member do if they feel a Board member has violated the Ethics law. Mr. Lee informed her that they should file a complaint with the SEC and provide thorough documentation.

Dr. Gamper thanked Mr. Lee for his presentation.

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

Jay reported on the instrumental music arts program. He mentioned that there was a theater performance on "Into the Woods". He reported that AP testing was done and that there was an upcoming vocal concert and Field day.

IX. President's Report

Mr. Bradler congratulated the teachers, student ambassadors, and athletes who were recognized tonight. He commented that Park Ridge does very well even though they are a smaller school.

He reminded everyone that the Renaissance Dinner was tomorrow night. He also mentioned that Prom was coming up and that there will be a series of vocal concerts at the High School, East Brook and West Ridge.

He concluded by mentioning that he is looking forward to spring sports.

X. Superintendent's Report** HIB Update**

Dr. Gamper reported that there was 1 HIB at the High School which was founded.

The Renaissance Dinner is tomorrow at Seasons. It is the one night where we celebrate academic achievement. He mentioned that the theater renovation plans are still being worked on. He also wished the best of luck to all the Spring Sports teams.

He concluded by reminding everyone that due to not using all the scheduled snow days, there would be no school on Friday or Tuesday.

XI. BOE Committee Reports

None

XII. Supplemental Agenda - None

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

XIII. Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. The agenda passed as follows:

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Ms. Browne abstained from item F10

XIV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business - None

XV. Hearing of Citizens

Hearing of Citizens will be restricted to three minutes per person for a total of thirty minutes for comments on non-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.

Ms. Fredericks congratulated all the students who were honored this evening. She pointed out that because the budget passed, we will get to see them play sports again. She expressed disappointment in the Board member who voted against the budget. She pointed out that his actions were in contrast to statements he made during his Board interview. She pointed out that had the Board moved forward with the zero percent increase, it would have resulted in the elimination of activities and sports. She suggested that the questions asked of prospective Board members need to be revised as an opening may happen again in the near future. She suggested asking if the person had taken a pledge to any special interest groups, for example asking if they are aligned with Moms For Liberty. She then commented on a Board member's social media posts pointing out that the individual was using Board of Education in his posts. This, she stated was a violation of 18a12-24 c. The Board member was claiming to be posting as an individual but referring to his position on the Board of Education. The social media discussion was directly related to Board of Education business. She stated that the account was out of compliance with the Ethics training.

An individual who identified himself as the former Mayor of Pomona NY, commented that this Board had an immense responsibility. He pointed out that they need to have common ground and work together. He stated that no one likes a tax increase. He urged the Board to be more professional. He felt that they were bullying Mr. Fisher for his opinions. He commented that the Board should listen to what Mr. Fisher is saying. He then spoke of his experiences as a mayor and needing to hear his constituents and come to an informed decision.

A resident commented that Mr. Fisher, Mr. Amitrano and Mr. Monahan were not about improving the schools through efficiency. Instead, it was suggested they had an ulterior motive, to make sure the schools underperform by not providing sufficient resources. It is not unreasonable to look into what could be wasteful but not logical to claim the school was underperforming and therefore the budget should be cut. This resident suggested that they only cared about stopping the school district from spending money.

Another resident stated she was a mother of two girls. She reminded the Board that parents count on them to do what is right for kids. She did not understand why someone from another state was talking about Park Ridge's situation. She pointed out that many people moved to Park Ridge because of the schools. People are now worrying that things can be taken away. She concluded by saying everyone wants what is best for the children and she asked the Board members to take their responsibility very seriously.

Ms. Brickman commented that the last board meeting was impressive as parents, educators and students packed the room to express their thoughts and find out what was going on. She felt it was the most important meeting of the year. Whether a person agrees or disagrees with the outcome, she wanted the board to know that she appreciated all the members who showed up.

Ms. Turpin thanked the Board for showing up. She pointed out the board member position was a non-partisan position which board members agreed to the when they took their oath. Board members should not identify as either democrat or republican. She also felt that all board members should agree to participate in committees. The responsibility should not fall only on certain members. She urged the board members to do the work for the community and to do the job they ran for. She thanked everyone who showed up for the last meeting.

<i>XVI. Adjournment – 9:02 pm</i>
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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 April with 4 out-of-school suspensions, one in-school suspension, and no trancies to report.

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- E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves eight 3-year-old students and two 4-year-old students for the Integrated Pre-School Program for the 2025/26 school year, on file in the Superintendent's Office.

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- 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>
1217- 050	03/17/25 – 04/4/25	1 hour/week	Math
1217- 050	03/17/25 – 04/4/25	1 hour/week	Biology
1217- 050	03/17/25 – 04/4/25	1 hour/week	History
1217- 050	03/17/25 – 04/4/25	1 hour/week	English
1217- 050	03/17/25 – 04/4/25	1 hour/week	German

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- E4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as provided for the Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3, et. Seq.), herewith enrolls Park Ridge High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved inter-school athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education approves the NJSIAA Membership expenditure of \$2,700.00 for the 2025/26 school year. This resolution to continue in effect until or unless rescinded by the Board of Education and shall be included among those policies adopted annually by the Board. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 in adopting this resolution, the Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution Bylaws and Rules and Regulation of the NJSIAA.

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- E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2025-26 Extended School Year Out-of-District Program for the students listed, and their school placements, as indicated on the attached. ***"E5"***

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- E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following students for the 2025/26 Summer:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
820(e)-060	6/24 - 8/4/2025	Camp Lee Mar	\$8,225.00
1920(a)-060	6/24 - 8/4/2025	Camp Lee Mar	\$5,000.00

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- E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following vendor for the summer 2025/26:

<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	College of DuPage <u>SOURCE OF INSTRUCTION</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>INITIAL SIGN UP</u>
Elementary Korean	6.67	Virtual High School	Summer	Student 1527-050

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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 I, certifies that the Board Secretary's April 2025 monthly financial report (appropriations section) did not reflect an over-expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, has not been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 620 – 2.13(b), and based on the advice of the district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Park Ridge Board of Education also certifies that the financial records are in compliance with Park Ridge Policy numbers 0171, 1320, 4413 and 6510. **"F1"**

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F2. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the month of N/A.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #51995 – 52119 in the total amount of (\$2,641,888.64) and 903250 – 904253 (\$1,328,782.51), and EFTs using ACH technology #L59557 -L59560 in the amount of \$46,876.02. **"F3"**

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #16 and #14290-#14293 in the total amount of \$3,935.80. **"F4"**

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

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

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Unemployment Compensation Vouchers #N/A in the total amount of \$N/A.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F7.** The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the April 2025 “Report of the Secretary” and the “Report of the Treasurer” to the Board of Education. **“F7”**

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F8.** The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following 2024/2025 General Fund Transfers for the month of April 2024 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. **“F8”**

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F9.** The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the cancellation of outstanding checks, as per attached listing, from the Operating and Athletic Accounts. **“F9”**

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F10.** The Park Ridge Board of Education approves payment of the Scholarship Vouchers #52128 through #52149 in the total amount of \$32,800.00.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F11.** The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of The Vozza Agency as insurance advisor for the Park Ridge School District for the 2025/26 school year.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F12.** The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the report of the School Business Administrator in compliance with PL 2015, Chapter 47, on contracts, which are intended to be renewed, awarded or to expire. These contracts have been and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations, in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18 et seq., NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et seq.

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- F13.** The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations for the 24/25 school year:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Troy Taber	#16 # 24 Extra Innings Scholarship	Monetary	\$2,000.00

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following Resolution for Park Ridge Board of Education's Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System:

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)* authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018, the governing body of the Park Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Park Ridge Board of Education.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(15)*, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F15. The Park Ridge Board of Educational approves the renewal of its participation in a cooperative pricing system with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), formerly Middlesex Regional Cooperative, for the purchase of goods and services for the 2025/26 school year.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F16. WHEREAS, NEW JERSEY P.L., 2011 Chapter 139 permits school districts to "use contracts awarded by national or regional cooperatives or other states that were competitively bid," and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Purchasing Network meets the criteria as defined under this law, and
WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education feels that by joining the Keystone Purchasing Network, there will be a significant benefit to the taxpayers due to anticipated savings, and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education is not obligated to use the program once a member, nor will it be assessed any fees for participating;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes Robert Wright, School Business Administrator, to sign and deliver any and all necessary documents in connection with the enrollment of the district in this program.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the continuation of its participation in the NJSBA ACES Cooperative Pricing System.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F18. WHEREAS, the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of the Park Ridge Board of Education for the 2025/2026 school year is \$35,507,043.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Park Ridge Board of Education and in accordance with RS54:44-75, that the Secretary be authorized to request the Borough of Park Ridge to place in the hands of the Superintendent of Schools said amount, same to be paid as follows:

<u>2025</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
July	\$2,916,229
August	\$2,916,229
September	\$2,916,229
October	\$2,916,229
November	\$2,916,229
December	\$2,916,229
Subtotal	<u>\$17,497,374</u>

<u>2026</u>	
January	\$2,916,229
February	\$2,916,229
March	\$2,916,229
April	\$2,916,229
May	\$2,916,229
June	\$2,916,229
Subtotal	<u>\$17,497,374</u>
Total	<u>\$34,994,748</u>

<u>Debt Service</u>	
<u>Date Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/1/25	\$256,148
2/1/26	\$256,147
Total	<u>\$512,295</u>

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- F19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves EnviroVision as environmental consultant for the Park Ridge School District.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appropriation of 2023-24 Extraordinary Aid funds in the amount of \$29,212.00, to be used in the 2024 – 25 Budget as follows:

12-000-266-730-000-00-00 \$29,212.00

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- F21. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the hiring of three (3) Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO III) to be provided by the Borough of Park Ridge Police Department for the 2025-2028 school years. ***“F21”***

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- F22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of approximately 137 tests for Advanced Placement (AP) Exams in an amount to be estimated at \$13,426.00 (\$98/test) (students pay \$49.00 per test for a total of \$6,713.00).

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Bergen County Special Services to provide 192/193 services for the 2025/26 school year, as per Agreement.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

BUILDING & 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 LAN Architects for the following projects: ***"BG1"***

<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
20529.03	EB Unit Ventilator Replacement	\$28,200.00
20529.02	WR Unit Ventilator Replacement	\$18,700.00

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by AEDE, for use of the HS Little Theater, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on May 31, 2025, as per attached. ***"BG2"***

M: S:
TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Report of Completion of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills, as per the follow:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Park Ridge High School	8:00 am	11/27/2024
East Brook Elementary	8:45 am	3/12/2025
West Ridge Elementary	11:00 am	3/20/2025

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Extra Innings 1624 Inc., for use of PRHS Softball Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," on August 2, 2025, as per attached. ***"BG4"***

M: S:
TM 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 substitute teachers for the 2024/25 school year:

None

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of the following, as indicated in the areas listed, and for the amounts cited for the 2024/25 school year and or the 2025/26 summer, or unless otherwise indicated:

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Calise, William	Assistant Football Coach (Step 1)	\$6,597.00
Calise, William	Defensive Coordinator	\$706.00
Domville, Jeffrey	Football Assistant (Step 1)	\$6,597.00

APPOINTMENTS 2025/26 SUMMER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
McCarthy, Erin	EXTRAS Shopper	\$25.00/hr
Syring, Lorraine	EXTRAS Shopper	\$25.00/hr
Yates, Karen	Summer Coordinator for ESY and Hoot Camp	86 hrs. @ \$95.48
Yates, Karen	Kindergarten Scoring	14 hrs. @ \$95.48

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- P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the reimbursement of anticipated/conference/seminar expenses, for the following staff member(s):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
David Bradler	NJSBA Convention Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 – 10/23/25	\$1,500.00
Bubalo, Eleni	IMSE – Orton Gillingham Plus Virtual	June 2025	\$1,500.000*
Jill Connolly	NJPSA/FEA Atlantic City, NJ	10/16 – 10/17/25	\$675.00
Robert Gamper	NJSBA Convention Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 – 10/23/25	\$1,500.00
Hlavenka, Kristy	IMSE – Orton Gillingham Plus Virtual	June 2025	\$1,500.00*

Krista Kersting	NJSBA Convention Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 – 10/23/25	\$1,500.00
Brian Morgan	NJSBA Convention Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 – 10/23/25	\$1,500.00
Robert Wright	NJSBA Convention Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 – 10/23/25	\$1,500.00

** paid through Title IIA Grant.*

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- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff member for the 2024/25 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>APPROX. TIME/RATE</u>
Haggerty, Linda	HS Paraprofessional 5/30/25 Field Trip Chaperone	7.5 hours @ \$21.53/hour

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- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members to provide IEP mandated speech and behavioral services during the Extended School Year. The program will run from June 30 to July 25, 2025.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>MAXIMUM HOURS</u>
Cariddi, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	72
Corrigan, Kelleen	As per PREA Contract	72
Wagreich, Kim	As per PREA Contract	72

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- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves all District Paraprofessionals, hired at any time for the 2025/26 school year, as substitute classroom, lunch, and office staff paraprofessionals.

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- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Desiree Misciagna to review ELL criteria and place our ESL students for the 2025/26 school year, from June 30 – August 26, 2025:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>2025-26 PER HOURLY RATE</u>
21 hours	As per PREA Contract

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- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for the Hoot Camp program at West Ridge Elementary School from June 30 – July 25, 2025, in addition, the teachers in the Hoot Camp are approved for up to three hours of curriculum time, reimbursed at their hourly rate for planning and meetings prior to the summer program.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Conforti, Lisa	As per PREA Contract	60	Hoot Camp Teacher
Delucia Kvopka, Rita	\$25.00/hour	57	Hoot Camp Paraprofessional
Donnelly, Melissa	\$25.00/hour	57	Hoot Camp Paraprofessional
Kite Kim, Amy	\$25.00/hour	57	Hoot Camp Paraprofessional
Ostrowski, Jennifer	As per PREA Contract	60	Hoot Camp Teacher
Twomey, Monica	As per PREA Contract	60	Hoot Camp Teacher

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- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) from June 30 to July 25, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
An, Jamie	As per PREA Contract	76	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD 4-6
Alvarez, Elda	\$25.00	76	ESY Paraprofessional (PSD)
Boenigk, Annette	As per PREA Contract	76	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD K-3
Brickman, Sherry	\$25.00	As needed	ESY Paraprofessional Substitute
DeSimone, Joanne	As per PREA Contract	47.5	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Dunay, Christine	As per PREA Contract	47.5	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Finnerty, Karen	As per PREA Contract	47.5	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Hemmer, Stephanie	As per PREA Contract	76	ESY PSD Teacher
Horgan, Sandra	As per PREA Contract	104.5	ESY Job Coach (Owl House)
Kennedy, Catherine	\$25.00	76	ESY Paraprofessional (LLD K-3)
Mellish, Alexandra	\$25.00	76	ESY Paraprofessional (PSD)
Panagi, Maureen	\$25.00	57	ESY Paraprofessional (Hoot Camp)
Perry, Jennifer	\$25.00	76	ESY Paraprofessional (LLD 4-6)
Potkulski, Alexis	As per PREA Contract	76	ESY Multisensory Reading Teacher
Reiff, Lynn	\$25.00	104.5	ESY Paraprofessional/Bus Aide (Owl House)
Scheer, Christine	As per PREA Contract	As needed	ESY Substitute Teacher
Silverman, Andrea	\$25.00	76	ESY Paraprofessional (LLD 4-6)
Werner, Patricia	\$25.00	76	ESY Paraprofessional (LLD K - 3)
Zukatus, Samantha	As per PREA Contract	104.5	ESY Owl House Teacher

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- P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following West Ridge staff members to complete kindergarten screening for incoming students on 6/23 – 6/24/25:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. HOURS/RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Burchell, Jennifer	13 hours @ \$92.50/hour	\$1,202.50
Tobin, Kristin	13 hours @ \$90.91/hour	\$1,181.83
Wagreich, Kim	13 hours @ \$89.72/hour	\$1,166.36
Yates, Karen	13 hours @ \$93.69/hour	\$1,217.97

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- P11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following appointments for Summer Child Study Team evaluations, report writing, team meetings, case management from June 23 - August 26, 2025 (work done in June will be paid at the 24/25 school rate):

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>
Cariddi, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Conrad, Lauren	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Corrigan, Kelleen	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
DeLucca, Shane	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Gallow, Megan	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Goldstein, Diane	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Gonzales, Tatum	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Greenwood, Melanie	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Perez, Krysten	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Porta, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Slipiec, Barbara	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Wagreich, Kim	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70
Zigman, Isabella	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	70

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- P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for an additional stipend for teaching a 6th period, effective May 28, 2025, through June 20, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Fernley, Melanie	Period 14/15 MS Support 8	\$1,316.14
Meyer, Lucy	Period 5/6 Skills for School Success 9/10	\$1,469.72
Phillips, Chris	Period 9/10 Spanish IV Honors	\$1,502.17
Powers, Jillian	Period 7/8 Spanish VI/AP	\$1,456.15
Sgambati, Elena	Period 1/2 Spanish IV Honors	\$1,346.17

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- P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Eleni Bubalo as West Ridge leave replacement teacher, for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 1 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$62,094.00, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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- P14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of personnel and rates, for the 2025/26 EXTRAS Program, as listed on the attached. ***"P14"***

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- P15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as home instructors for Student 1217-050, from May 1 – May 9, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Erdman, Rachel	German	1	\$65.00/hr.
Farrell, Michael	History	1	\$65.00/hr.
Jaffe, Molly	Biology	1	\$65.00/hr.
McClair, Patricia	English	1	\$65.00/hr.
Mullen, Erin	Math	1	\$65.00/hr.

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- P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Christopher Phillips, HS Foreign Language teacher, effective July 1, 2025.

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- P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Employment Contract of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, as approved by the County Superintendent. ***"P17"***

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- P18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for IEP planning and eligibility meetings, from June 23 – August 26, 2025, to be used on a as needed basis:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>6/23-6/30/25 RATE</u>	<u>7/1 - 8/26/25 RATE</u>	<u>ESY HOURS</u>
Allen, Nicole	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Borsinger, Jessie	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Burchell, Jennifer	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Conforti, Lisa	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5

DeSimone, Joanne	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Dunay, Christine	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Evans, Dylan	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Falkoff, Jennifer	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Finnerty, Karen	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Hegybeli, James	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Hemmer, Stephanie	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Kane, Tara	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Kovacs, Chuck	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Krenek, Michael	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Loll, Heather	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Manzella, Melissa	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Maskin, Sarah-Kate	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
McCallister, Christy	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Potkulski, Alexis	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Strammiello, Debbie	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Twomey, Monica	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Wall, Heather	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5
Velazquez, Alyssa	As per PREA Contract	As per PREA Contract	5

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- P19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following Guidance Counselors for the summer at the per diem rates indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Alison Heller	\$542.73 x 2 days = \$1,085.46	\$577.50 x 6 days = \$3,465.00	8 days = \$4,550.46
Dawn Huffman	\$628.06 X 2 days = \$1,256.12	\$640.56 x 6 days = \$3,843.36	8 days = \$5,099.48
Tara Saykin	\$628.06 x 2 days = \$1,256.12	\$640.56 x 5 days = \$3,202.80	7 days = \$4,458.92

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- P20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Andrew Gunther as Jr./Sr. HS Social Studies teacher, for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 1 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$62,094.00.

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- P21. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Keri Koch as Jr./Sr. HS Special Education teacher, for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 14 of the MA + 30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$88,628.00.

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- P22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Marlene Kanter as East Brook leave replacement teacher, for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 2 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$66,444.00.

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- P23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Isabella Zigman as West Ridge School Social Worker, for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 1 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$65,444.00.

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- P24. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Gianna Gravinese as East Brook School Counselor for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 3-4 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$67,444.00.

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- P25. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following camp/clinic and coach for spring and summer 2025, as outlined:

<u>CLINIC</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>DATES / TIMES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
STRENGTH & SPEED CAMP	Molly Jaffe	7-12	June 23 - July 3, 2025 July 7 - July 17, 2025 7:15 am - 10:15am	PRHS Weight Room	\$250

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- P26. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of John O'Hanlon, HS Social Studies teacher, effective July 1, 2025.

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- P27. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Brooke Lehrer as Jr./Sr. High School Special Education teacher for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 9 of the MA + 30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$80,306.00.

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