

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 16, 2025

Public Started: 6:00 P.M.

Private Started: 6:05 P.M.

Public Started: 7:07 P.M.

Public Ended: 8:03 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 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 pm.

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Private Session Agenda

The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at 7:07 pm.

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V. Minutes for Approval

Special Meeting	May 6, 2025	Board Approved
Private Session	May 19, 2025	Board Approved
Monthly Meeting	May 19, 2025	Board Approved

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board

- A. Retiree Recognition
- B. Sports Recognition – Chris Brown
 - a. Softball Team – NJIC Patriot Division Champions
 - b. Tennis Team – NJSIAA North 1 Group 1 State Sectional Champions
 - c. County Tennis – Singles Champion
 - d. Matthew Rozzi – RECORD Athlete of the Week Boys Lacrosse – April 2025
- C. NJGPA Test Scores Presentation – Dr. Bernardo

Dr. Gamper spoke about this year's retirees. He stated that between them, they represented a lot of experience in their positions. While their leaving was bittersweet, he wished them well as they moved on to another journey.

The first retiree recognized was Tamar Keller-Moczarski. Dr. Gamper commented that she had spent 32 years in the district. She was always a strong advocate for students. He also mentioned that her mother also worked in the district at one time. Dr. Gamper presented her with a certificate and a gift from the Board.

The next retiree was Lisa McKenna. Dr. Gamper stated that she had 26 years of teaching experience and went from teaching 4th grade to kindergarten. He commented that this was not the usual progression. He mentioned that she kept the mood light in her classroom and that it was full of warmth. He also mentioned that she was a weather enthusiast and would call him to let him know when a storm was on the way. Dr. Gamper presented her with a certificate and a gift from the Board.

Dr. Gamper then spoke about Susan Sharber. He mentioned that she has worked at the High School for 22 years and is an outstanding 8th grade science teacher. She is kind and supportive and a positive influence beyond the classroom, participating in extracurricular activities. Dr. Gamper thanked her for her contributions and presented her with a certificate and a gift from the Board.

Dr. Gamper then spoke about Karen Baumann. He mentioned that she has spent 18 years as an elementary teacher at West Ridge. She has strong classroom management skills and can often be seen working late. Dr. Gamper presented her with a certificate and a gift from the Board.

Dr. Gamper then spoke about Joanne Rubenstein. He mentioned that she had 17 years in district. She currently works as the media specialist at both East Brook and West Ridge. She loves reading and literature and keeps the library stocked with students' favorites. She likes to keep the students engaged with programs like the "Battle of the books." Dr. Gamper presented her with a certificate and a gift from the Board.

The last honoree was David Librera. Mr. Librera worked for four years as the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and the Facilities Manager. He oversaw several key building improvements including bathroom renovations and the recent locker room addition. Safety and cleanliness were always in the forefront under his leadership. Dr. Gamper presented him with a certificate and a gift from the Board.

Mr. Brown then came up to present the Spring Sports Awards.

The first person recognized was Matthew Rozzi who was honored for being named Athlete of the week. He mentioned that the Lacrosse team had an outstanding season, going 14-5. Matthew has scored the most goals in school history. In one game, he scored 5 goals and had 2 assists as a defensive player. Mr. Brown then presented him with a certificate and a plaque which will go in the school's trophy case.

Mr. Brown then spoke about the Girls Softball team who had a 14-10 record and won the NJIC championship. They also advanced to the County and State tournaments. He mentioned one highlight was their win over Waldwick at home. He commented that several players had received all league mention. He called each of them up to receive their championship sweatshirts. He then continued and called up the coaches to be recognized as well.

Mr. Brown then spoke about the Boys Tennis Team. They concluded the year with an 11-3 record and recorded their first State sectional championship by beating Pascack Hills. He mentioned that this was a historic season with their number 1 player getting injured, but the team rallied and prevailed. He called each of them up to receive their championship sweatshirts. He then continued and called up the coaches to be recognized as well.

The last acknowledgement went to Ishwar for his win in the Boys singles and Doubles championship. He was ranked among the top 16 players in the State and was named first Team All-County. Mr. Brown presented him with a certificate for his accomplishments.

Mr. Brown thanked the Board for allowing this opportunity to recognize the athletes. Dr. Gamper then called for a five-minute recess to take pictures.

VII. Hearing of Citizens

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.

Ms. Cheman addressed the Board. She stated she was the outgoing PREA president. She acknowledged that the resignation of Mr. Kirkby was a huge loss to the district, and he would be leaving behind some big shoes to fill. She then spoke in support of Ms. Ballaera. She stated that she has worked before as the acting Principal. She handles everything with sound and professional decisions. As a supervisor, she earned the staff's respect and trust. She finished by stating the choice of Ms. Ballaera to replace Mr. Kirkby would be a perfect fit. She thanked the Board for their time and Dr. Gamper for his recommendation.

VIII. President's Report

Mr. Bradler mentioned that he had a plaque to thank Jay for his work as Student Representative and would make sure he received it.

Mr. Bradler commented that it has been a great spring. He spoke about the accomplishments of the athletic teams. He commented that all involved with the spring sports work hard and deserve recognition for their accomplishments. He also congratulated the retirees and let them know they will be missed.

He reported that final exams will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. Graduation for East Brook and West Ridge will be Thursday and High School graduation will be Friday. He thanked everyone for another successful year.

IX. Superintendent's Report

HIB Update

Dr. Gamper reported that there were no new HIB investigations.

He also reiterated President Bradler's sentiments on the student athletes and retirees.

Dr. Gamper indicated that he enjoyed working with Mr. Kirkby as the West Ridge Principal and will miss him in that role. He stated that he recommends Ms. Ballaera and feels she would be a wonderful replacement. He looks forward to seeing what great things are in store for West Ridge.

He concluded by wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

X. BOE Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds/ Finance – the committee met and discussed an opening for a maintenance position, the need for a bus replacement, a request for bus tracking and communication, the status of the HVAC replacement projects at the elementary schools and prices for new visitor bleachers. In addition, they discussed the need for impact testing on the turf and a proposal from the Architect on what repairs need to be made for the pedestrian bridge to the field.

Education – the committee met to discuss personnel issues including the hiring of a new Principal.

XI. Consent Agenda

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

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XII. 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. Ballaera addressed the Board. She thanked them for giving her the opportunity to be the West Ridge Principal.

XIII. Adjournment – 8:03 pm

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Robert Wright
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

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 May with (1) in school suspension, (2) out-of-school suspensions, and no truanies to report.

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- E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional evaluations for the CST, as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>VENDOR SERVICES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Hillmar, LLC	Additional Student Evaluations	\$1,400.00

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Child Study Team list of outside consultants for diagnostic evaluations, therapy, medical diagnosis, and other assessments for the 2025-2026 school year. ***"E3"***

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the creation of the following job description:
"E4"

Student Support Specialist (Certificated)

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following students on home instruction, as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE TIME</u>	<u>SUBJECTS</u>
1223-050	05/28/25 – 06/30/25	2.5 hour/week	Math
1223-050	05/28/25 – 06/30/25	2.5 hour/week	Science
1223-050	05/28/25 – 06/30/25	2.5 hour/week	Social Studies
1223-050	05/28/25 – 06/30/25	2.5 hour/week	English
2526-050	06/09/25 – 08/01/25	1 hour/week	Spanish 4H
2526-050	06/09/25 – 08/01/25	1 hour/week	US History I Honors

2526-050	06/09/25 – 08/01/25	1 hour/week	Psychology
2526-050	06/09/25 – 08/01/25	1 hour/week	Algebra IIE
2526-050	06/09/25 – 08/01/25	1 hour/week	American Lit
2526-050	06/09/25 – 08/01/25	1 hour/week	Chemistry

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- E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the 2023-24 school year.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the 2025-26 Comprehensive Equity Plan affirming that the Park Ridge School District is in compliance with its Three-Year Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) for the 2025-2028 school years.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the update to our School District Emergency Remote Learning Plan, titled 'Park Ridge Schools Remote Learning Plan 2025-2026. A copy of this plan may be found on the website of our curriculum office.

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TM 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 May 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. 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”***

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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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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #52232-52333 in the total amount of (\$2,525,250.46) and 900018 - 906257 (\$690,393.32) and EFTs using ACH technology #L59763 – L59768 in the amount of \$54,421.31. ***“F3”***

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #17-18 and #14294 - #14311 in the total amount of \$18,623.79. ***“F4”***

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1124 - #1125 in the total amount of \$2,556.00.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Unemployment Compensation Vouchers #1019 in the total amount of \$6,454.05.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the May 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 May 2025 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 Account. **“F9”**

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to pay bills for the month of July 2025 without the approval of the Board with the Check Journal to be ratified at the August 2025 public board meeting.

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- F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer amounts among the minimum chart of account line items for the fiscal years ended in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school year budget with listing of necessary transfers to be ratified at a future public board meeting of the 2025/26 school year.

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- F12. WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Capital Reserve Account at year-end, and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$1,200,000.00 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Ridge Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the District's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following tuition rates for the 2025/26 school year:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kindergarten	\$24,635
1 – 5	\$27,891
6 – 8	\$31,496
9 – 12	\$31,378
Primary LLD	\$40,000
Secondary LLD	\$50,000

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education awards the following bids through the New Jersey Cooperative Bid Service and conducted by Educational Data Services, Inc.:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>VENDORS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
General Classroom Supplies	See Award Letter	\$18,263.38
Athletic Supplies	See Award Letter	\$14,995.44
Paper/Copy Duplicator Supplies	See Award Letter	\$5,091.06
Custodial Supplies	See Award Letter	\$75.95
Fine Art Supplies	See Award Letter	\$7,210.84
Health and Trainer Supplies	See Award Letter	\$5,411.33
Library Supplies	See Award Letter	\$373.99
Office/Toner Supplies	See Award Letter	\$3,670.61
Physical Education Supplies	See Award Letter	\$2,817.39
Science Supplies	See Award Letter	\$4,418.59
Special Needs Supplies	See Award Letter	\$1,902.20

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- F15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following licensing and maintenance fees for bidding that will be utilized in ordering district school supplies, along with Right-To-Know services, with Educational Data Services, Inc., for the 2025/26 school year:

Time and Materials \$2,862.50

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- F16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the contract with Holy Name Medical Center, Inc. to provide School Physician services for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of technical support and equipment, and maintenance, repair and operational supplies through State Contract/Cooperative pricing. Listed below are expenses anticipated to exceed the threshold (cumulatively):

<u>ITEMS PURCHASED FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
CDW-G	\$35,966.87	ECSNJ Contract
CM3 Building Solutions, Inc.	\$90,922.83	Camden County Educational Service Commission

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appropriation of 2023-24 Extraordinary Aid funds in the amount of \$233,351.00, to be used in the 2024 – 25 Budget as follows:

11-000-230-331-000-00-92	\$78,000.00
11-190-100-610-050-01-47	\$78,000.00
11-000-262-420-000-01-34	\$77,351.00

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- F19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of a Temporary Instructional Space Application for West Ridge, East Brook Schools, and the Owl House.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- F20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of Dual Use Applications for West Ridge and East Brook Schools.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

BUILDING AND GROUND 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	\$810.00
20529.02	WR Unit Ventilator Replacement	\$540.00

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- BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Valley Chabad, for use of the HS Cafeteria, as per attached, on various Sundays from September 21, 2025, through March 22, 2026. ***"BG2"***

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- BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Valley Chabad, for use of the HS Library and classrooms, as per attached, on various Sundays from September 21, 2025, through May 17, 2026. ***"BG3"***

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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 the following substitute for 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 resignations, and rescinds/appointments of the following, as indicated in the areas and amounts listed, for the 2024/25 or 2025/26 summer and/or school year as indicated:

APPOINTMENTS 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Briscoe, Jennifer	7 hr. East Brook Paraprofessional (Step 1)	\$25,242.00/yr.
Griffin, Martin	Marching Band Volunteer	NA
Holzberg, Nancy	East Brook Substitute Lunch Aide	\$20.26/hour
Ostrowski, Jennifer	EB Kindergarten Scoring as needed	\$92.50/hr.

APPOINTMENTS 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>HOURS/RATE/STIPEND</u>
Albanese, Danielle	School Event Chaperone	\$40.00/Weekday School Events (excl. overnight events); \$50.00/Sat./Sun./other non-school day Events (incl. evenings of these days)
Colaneri, Gina	Saturday Detention	\$65.00/session
Dow, Christine	Saturday Detention	\$65.00/session
Napier, Lyzette	School Event Chaperone	\$40.00/Weekday School Events (excl. overnight events); \$50.00/Sat./Sun./other non-school day Events (incl. evenings of these days)
Rosado, Gladys	School Event Chaperone	\$40.00/Weekday School Events (excl. overnight events); \$50.00/Sat./Sun./other non-school day Events (incl. evenings of these days)
Silverman, Andrea	School Event Chaperone	\$40.00/Weekday School Events (excl. overnight events); \$50.00/Sat./Sun./other non-school day Events (incl. evenings of these days)
Zimmerman, Frank	School Event Chaperone	\$40.00/Weekday School Events (excl. overnight events); \$50.00/Sat./Sun./other non-school day Events (incl. evenings of these days)
Zimmerman, Frank	Saturday Detention	\$65.00/session

APPOINTMENTS 2025/26 SUMMER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
An, Jamie	Summer IEP Meetings	5 hrs. As per contract
Panagi, Maureen	ESY Summer Bus Aide (not to exceed 20 hrs.)	\$25.00/hr.
Reiff, Lynn	ESY Summer Bus Aide (not to exceed 20 hrs.)	\$25.00/hr.

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- P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the reimbursement of anticipated conference/ seminar expenses for the following staff members:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT(S) NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Ballaera, Melissa	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Atlantic City, NJ	10/16/25 – 10/17/25	\$675.00
Casatelli, Stacy	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Atlantic City, NJ	10/16/25 – 10/17/25	\$675.00
Epstein, Kelly	APSI Manhattan College Virtual	7/21/25 – 7/25/25	\$940.00
Goldberg, Ariel	APSI Rutgers University Virtual	7/14/25 – 7/17/25	\$900.00
Vallario, Jenna	William and Mary Online Virtual	7/8 -7/11/2025	\$700.00
Worgul, Julie	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Atlantic City, NJ	10/16/25 – 10/17/25	\$675.00

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- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, after consulting with the Board President, to offer contracts for employment vacancies for the 2025/26 school year.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Janine Giordano as the EXTRAS Coordinator for the 2025/26 school year, at a stipend of \$15,000.00 effective July 1, 2025.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as home instructors for Student 2526-05, from June 9 – August 1, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Dow, Christine	American Lit	1	\$65.00/hr.
Epstein, Kelly	Psychology	1	\$65.00/hr.
Falcon, Mark	Chemistry	1	\$65.00/hr.
Farrell, Michael	US History I Honors	1	\$65.00/hr.
Goldberg, Ariel	Algebra IIE	1	\$65.00/hr.
Sgambati, Elena	Spanish 4 H	1	\$65.00/hr.

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- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as home instructors for Student 1223-050, from May 28 – June 30, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Maskin, Sarah Kate	English	2.5	\$65.00/hr.
Maskin, Sarah Kate	Science	2.5	\$65.00/hr.
Maskin, Sarah Kate	Social Studies	2.5	\$65.00/hr.
Mullen, Erin	Math	2.5	\$65.00/hr.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following elementary schools paraprofessional lunch aides for the 2025/26 school year, at the rates indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>1 HOUR PER DAY</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Purcell, Carolyn	East Brook	5 Hours Per Week	\$20.26
Tracy, Heather	East Brook	5 Hours Per Week	NA

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education establishes the Affirmative Action Committee, for the purposes of conducting the State-required data assessment for the creation of the 2025-2026 through 2027-2028 Comprehensive Equity Plan. Members of the Committee are listed below.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROLE</u>
Troy Lederman	Affirmative Action Officer
Patrick Bernardo	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology
Jill Connolly	Director of Special Programs
Melissa Ballaera	Supervisor of Elementary Education
Mimi Brako-Bismark	E.R.A.S.E. Club Advisor/ELA Teacher
Julie Melvin	E.R.A.S.E. Club Advisor/World Languages Teacher
Tammy Levinson	Parent

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- P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the Schedule “E” Fall, Winter, and Spring Coaching positions, as listed on the attached, for the 2025/26 school year. **“P10”**

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P11. 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>
Rosado, Gladys	Paraprofessional PRHS Senior Beach Trip (6/11/25)	2 hr 15 min @ \$28.99/hour

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following previously established extracurricular MS/HS Clubs, along with their advisors, with no stipend, for the 2025/26 school year:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Middle School Book Club	Katie Haake
Teen Book Club	Katie Haake
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (F.C.A.)	Jack DiLisi

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

- P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the following students for summer employment at the positions, rates and time listed:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE/TIME</u>
Becovic, Adrijan	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Burns, Brendan	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Burns, Matthew	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Gaccione, Breydan	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Herroder, Joshua	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
McCreight, Michaela	Office Staff	\$16.50/hr. not to exceed 145 hrs.
Milner, Adam	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Mitnik, Anna	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Mitnik, Emily	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Nieves, Juan	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Otto, Travis	Custodian	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Randolph, Patrick	Athletic Assistant	\$16.50/hr. x 35 hrs. x 7 weeks
Sheridan, Caroline	Office Staff	\$16.50/hr. not to exceed 145 hrs.
Mc Conville, John	Substitute Custodian	\$16.50/hr. as needed

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- P14. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Tomasina Schwarz as HS Special Education Teacher, for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 11-12 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$78,929.00.

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- P15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for additional hours for ESY report writing from June 30 – July 25, 2025, as per the following:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
An, Jaime	As per contract	2	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD 4-6
Boenigk, Annette	As per contract	1.25	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher LLD K-3
Cariddi, Nicole	As per contract	3.25	ESY Speech Therapist
DeSimone, Joanne	As per contract	.5	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Dunay, Christine	As per contract	.5	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Finnerty, Karen	As per contract	1	ESY Elementary Special Education Teacher
Hemmer, Stephanie	As per contract	2	ESY PSD Teacher
Potkulski, Alexis	As per contract	3.75	ESY Multisensory Reading Program
Wagreich, Kim	As per contract	3	ESY Speech Therapist
Zukatus, Samantha	As per contract	1	ESY Owl House Teacher

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- P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Corinne Nieves as Transportation Coordinator for the 2025-26 school year, as per the PREA bargaining agreement.

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- P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following 2025-26 Substitute rates:

<u>SUBSTITUTE POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Substitute Teacher	\$150.00/day
Substitute Nurse	\$300.00/day
Substitute Paraprofessional	\$17.00/hour
Substitute Secretary	\$25.00/hour
Substitute Custodian	\$22.00/hour
Substitute Bus Driver	\$35.00/hour

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- P18. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Ailza Karathomas as WR Elementary Teacher 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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P19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Allison Schulien, High School Teacher as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from November 17, 2025, through January 5, 2026, with pay and with benefits.
- A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective January 6, 2026, through April 6, 2026, without pay and with benefits.
- A Child-Rearing Leave from April 7, 2026, though May 1, 2026 without pay and without benefits.

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P20. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Christopher Kirkby, WR Principal, effective August 3, 2025, or sooner.

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P21. The Park Ridge approves the appointment of Melissa Ballaera as WR Principal, for the 2025-26 school year, at an annual salary of \$165,000.00, effective July 1, 2025.

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P22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of the Schedule "E" Club Advisors, along with the stipends, as per attached list, for the 2025/26 school year. **"P22"**

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P23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members to write curriculum:

Staff Members Writing Curriculum for the 2025/26 School Year as per the PREA contract:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fernley, Mellanie	Life Skills Math 11 th Grade	Full Year Course	\$1499.00
Worgul, Julie	Life Skills Math 12 th Grade	Full Year Course	\$1499.00

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P24. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for the 7th Grade Orientation titled "Passport to Middle School" from 8/25 - 8/26/25. The program will run from 8:15 a.m. through 2:15 p.m. with teachers present 15 minutes prior to, and 15 minutes after the students arrive/depart. Payment is according to the PREA contract, at the teacher's hourly rate.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Hampson Avery, Rachel	As per Contract	7 th Grade Teacher
Kane, Tara	As per Contract	7 th Grade Teacher
Martucci, Monika	As per Contract	7 th Grade Teacher
McElrath, Alison	As per Contract	7 th Grade Teacher

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- P25. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael Livsey as a Night Custodian (Step 3) for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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- P26. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Sidebar Agreement with the Park Ridge Education Association for the 2024-2025 and 2025-26 school years. ***"P26"***

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- P27. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Narine Hacopian as a substitute Secretary at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for the period June 23, 2025 - July 31, 2025, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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- P28. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Narine Hacopian as the Accounts Payable Clerk, effective August 1, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year, on step 3 of the 12-month Office Staff Guide at an annual salary of \$58,418.00 prorated to her start date, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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