

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 25, 2025

Public Started: 6:00 P.M.

Private Started: 6:02 P.M.

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 7:15 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 6:02 pm.

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

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V. Minutes for Approval

Private Meeting	June 16, 2025	Board Approved
Monthly Meeting	June 16, 2025	Board Approved

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board

A. ACCESS for English Language Learners Assessment Result

Ms. Connolly gave a presentation on multi-lingual test scores. She explained that these tests are for students in ELL and tests for language proficiency. They are tested for listening, speaking and writing. A student needs to achieve a score of 4.5 to exit the program. Test scores range from 1-6. She explained that since State guidelines prohibit displaying the test results for groups of less than 10 students, she was unable to show the testing results. She did say that the number of students who exit the program was consistent with previous years.

VII. Hearing of Citizens - None

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. President's Report

Mr. Bradler reported that he met the new staff and administration and welcomed them to the community. He is excited for the fall sports season. He thanked the coaches and athletes for their hard work. He also thanked the custodial / maintenance staff for getting the buildings ready. He concluded by wishing the teachers, moms and dads a great year.

IX. Superintendent's Report

 **HIB Update**

Dr. Gamper reported that there was one HIB at East Brook in June that was founded. There were none at West Ridge or the High School.

Dr. Gamper reported that the architect had worked over the summer on possible Theater renovation ideas. He has come up with preliminary drawings for five different options. The options range from modifying existing space to adding new space. There will be a meeting on September 9th to review the options with the Board.

He is looking forward to staff returning on Wednesday and the students the day after Labor Day. He wished everyone a successful year.

X. BOE Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds/ Finance – Met on 7/25/25. They discussed the ROD grant project. There was a change in the timelines and some issues with the flooring in the West Ridge classrooms. The West Ridge Playground project was discussed. The Board had several questions and decided to have more discussion on it. The Board also reviewed a proposal to pave the area by the West Ridge cul de sac. They received an update from the architect on the bridge. They have deemed it structurally safe for now. They reviewed a proposal on replacing the visitor bleachers but deemed it too high. They are looking to get more quotes and to make the area safer. The Architect is working on renovation proposals for the Little Theater. The Board was informed that new roofs will be needed soon at the Elementary schools. Finally, they discussed the need to replace the turf blanket and redo the track surface in the near future.

XI. Supplemental Agenda - None

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

XII. Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. A motion was made and second to table item F29 pending further discussion. The motion passed as follows:

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

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XIII. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business

Dr. Gamper commented that the turf blanket will be undergoing stress tests to make sure it is safe but presently it is passing the tests.

XIV. Hearing of Citizens

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Ms. Abraham asked why the motion for the West Ridge Playground was pulled.

Ms. Agoos responded by saying that there was a contribution by the Board for \$25,000 being considered. The Board would like to find out more about the project and its status. They are pulling it from the agenda in order to have more discussion on it. She pointed out that the commitment to fund a previous playground project at East Brook was made by a different Board.

Ms. DeMartino stated that she was on the West Ridge PTO. She was surprised to hear that the Board is looking for more information. They were planning on doing the installation this year. She is hoping the Board comes back with a decision shortly. East Brook was given \$25K six years ago. They started the project and came at the end to the Board for funding. She understood that Boards change but felt there should be equitable treatment. She asked the Board to please reconsider and indicated that the PTO will provide any additional information they may need.

XV. Adjournment – 7:15 pm

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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 June with (0) Out of school suspensions, (3) In School suspension, and no truanicies.

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E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student teachers for the 2025/26 school year:

NAME	COLLEGE	TIME	PR TEACHER
Francesca Cartagena	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Erin O’Brien (WR Teacher)
Abigail Donnellan	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Christy McCallister (WR Teacher)
Caelan Elsmore	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	April Gagliano (EB Teacher)
Kenneth Fliegel	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Ryan Dennis (HS Teacher)
Lidiya Kelyman	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Patricia McClair, Chuck Kovacs (HS Teachers)
Aidan McBride	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Kelly Epstein (HS Teacher)
Laura Neary	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Pam Houston (EB Teacher)
Emma Redfern	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Meredith Gavzy (WR Teacher)
Amanda Sutton	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	John Diomede (HS Teacher)
Benjamin Weinberg	Ramapo College	Sept. 2025 – May 2026	Joe Mazzaca (EB Teacher)

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E3. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education is required to perform criminal history record checks in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education may apply to employ applicants on an emergent basis pending completion of a criminal records check where special circumstances are present justifying the emergent employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Ridge Board of Education that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to make an initial assessment of the existence of special circumstances warranting emergent application to employ applicants for positions within the Park Ridge School System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Ridge Board of Education that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized in such cases warranting an application for emergent employment

to prepare and forward the necessary documentation to the Bergen County Superintendent and/or the New Jersey Department of Education to process said application.

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E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2025/26 Park Ridge School District Mentoring Plan and the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for each plan. Copies are available in the Superintendent’s Office.

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E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education reviews and approves the submission of the August 2025 SSDS, (Student Safety Data System) which summarizes the incidents of violence; vandalism; harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB); weapons offenses; substance offenses; and any other incident leading to student removal from school; and HIB trainings and programs for the Park Ridge School District, East Brook, West Ridge and the High School for the time period of September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education reviews and approves the Park Ridge School “School Safety Plan” for East Brook and West Ridge Elementary Schools and the High School for the 2025/26 school year.

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E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the agreement with West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc. for \$34,333.00, from July 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025.

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E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education adopts the following district curricula for the 2025/26 school year that align with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) and with the timeline for implementation for each content standard (N.J.A.C. 6A:3-3.1):

<u>NJSLs - Content Areas</u>	<u>State Board Adoption Date</u>	<u>District Implementation of Revised Curricula</u>
K-12 Visual and Performing Arts Curricula	June 3, 2020	August 2022
K-12 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education	June 3, 2020	August 2022

K-12 English Language Arts	October 4, 2023	August 2024
K-12 Mathematics	October 4, 2023	August 2025
Science	June 3, 2020	Grade 4: Sept. 2021 Grades K-3, 5-12: August 2022
Social Studies Updated for 18A:35-4.35 and 18A:35-4.36a	June 3, 2020	Grade 4: Sept. 2021 Grades K-3, 5-12: August 2022 September 2021
World Languages	June 3, 2020	September 2021
Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills	June 3, 2020	Grades 7-12 Business: Sept. 2021 Sport Management, Entrepreneurship, Social Media Marketing and Pathways to Success: August 2023
K-12 Technology	June 3, 2020	August 2022

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- E9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the state-approved Marshall Practice Evaluation rubric-based evaluation tools for the purpose of evaluating certificated district employees. The following evaluation rubrics will be utilized:

Marshall Teacher Practice Evaluation Rubric – utilized to evaluate all district teachers

Marshall Principal Practice Evaluation System – utilized to evaluate all district principals and assistant principal

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- E10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the School Based Behavioral Threat Assessment Team, for the 2025-26 school year, on file in the Superintendent's office.

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- E11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2025/26 Park Ridge School Nurse's Orders and the School Nursing Plan, which are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

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E12. 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>SUBJECT</u>
921(a)-050	11/24/2024 – 1/10/2025	2 hours	Pre-Calculus
2025(d)-050	6/21/2025 – 6/30/2025	6 hrs.	Math

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E13. Whereas, the Park Ridge Board of Education conducted a Request for Proposal for Mental Healthcare services on June 29, 2025, and;

Whereas, they received a total of five responses, and

Whereas, West Bergen Mental Health had the lowest annual cost and highest total points per the Bid Matrix as attached;

Be it Resolved that the Park Ridge Board of Education appoints West Bergen Mental Health to provide mental healthcare services at an amount of \$171,667 for the period September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. ***“E13”***

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E14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2025/26 Park Ridge School District Professional Development Plan, the 2025/2026 Park Ridge High School Professional Development Plan, the 2025/2026 East Brook Professional Development, the 2025/2026 West Ridge Professional Development Plan, and the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for these plans. Copies are available in the Superintendent’s Office.

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E15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves all curricular/extracurricular and textbooks for all grades from Pre-K through Grade 12 for the subjects listed, including all state-mandated programs and services, for the 2025/26 school year. This approval includes the curricula and curriculum guides, and program of studies as stipulated in N.J.A.C 6:8-4.3(a)3. All documents are available in the Superintendent’s office.

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E16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following maximum allowable costs for Independent Educational Evaluations, as per Board Policy 2468:

<u>TYPE OF ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>EVALUATOR QUALIFICATIONS</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST</u>
Academic Achievement/Educational	Certified LDT-C or alternative license and/or credentials and qualified to administer chosen assessments as required by the publisher	\$650.00 Bilingual: \$750
Assistive Technology	Speech, OT, PT or Combined Discipline	\$1,100.00
(Central) Auditory Processing/Hearing Acuity	Licensed Audiologist	\$700.00
Cognitive/ Psychological	Licensed Psychologist or Certified School Psychologist	\$650.00 Bilingual: \$850.00
Adaptive Behavior/Behavior/ Functional Behavior Assessment	Certified School Psychologist, Certified School Social Worker, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Licensed Psychologist or Psychiatrist	\$130.00/hour or \$800.00 per eval
Motor/Mobility Adaptive/OT/PT	Certified and licensed Occupational Therapist or Certified and licensed Physical Therapist	\$600.00
Neurological Evaluation	Licensed Neurologist	\$925.00
Neurodevelopmental	Certified Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician	\$800.00
Neuropsychological	Licensed Psychologist with American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology or comparable board Certification	\$4,000.00
Psychiatric Evaluation	Board Certified Psychiatrist	\$850.00
Social/Emotional	Certified Psychologist, Certified School Psychologist, Certified School Social Worker	\$600.00
Speech and Language	Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Specialist or Speech/Language Pathologist	\$500.00 Bilingual: \$800

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E17. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Department of Education's designation of the Park Ridge School District as a High Performing District. The NJQSAC review is as follows:

<u>NJQSAC Areas</u>	<u>Initial Placement</u>
Instruction and Program	87%
Fiscal Management	100%
Governance	100%
Operations	98%

Personnel	100%
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E18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Delta T Group to provide education services and/or Child Study Team evaluations, as needed. Rates are as per the attached rate sheet, not to exceed \$10,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. **“E18”**

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E19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following students for the 2025/26 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
1215(a)-050	Sage Day Rochelle Park, NJ	9/02/25 - 6/30/26	\$78,622.20
1330-060	Valley Program Norwood, NJ	7/1/25 - 6/30/26	\$90,478.00
208-060	Academy 360 Verona, NJ	9/3/20- 6/30/26	\$92,370.95 (tuition) \$41,750.00 (1:1 aide)

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E20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Above and Beyond Learning Group to provide IEP mandated services for the 2025-26 school year, as indicated below, subject to revision:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SESSION RATE</u>
1832-070	Paraprofessional Support	\$45.00/hr.

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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(e), certifies that the Board Secretary's June 2025 and July 2025 monthly financial reports (appropriations section) did not reflect an over-expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, have 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 months of May and June 2025. **"F2"**

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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the July/August Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #52241-52608 in the total amount of \$3,537,823.68 and 906258-908254 \$2,023,567.28, and EFTs using ACH technology #L59943-L60068 in the amount of \$105,750.29. **"F3"**

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #90001-90002 and #14312-14322 in the total amount of \$3,305.05. **"F4"**

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1126-1128 in the total amount of \$1,120.62. **"F5"**

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F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Unemployment Compensation Vouchers #1020 in the total amount of \$2,585.80.

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

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F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following and General Fund Transfers for the months of June and July 2025 in the amounts indicated, per Appendix A. **“F8”**

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F1.-F8. – Backup attached.

F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of Student Accident Insurance with Philadelphia Insurance Company in the amount of \$31,905.00, effective August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2026.

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F10. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education has contracted to send certain students with disabilities who reside in the district to approved outside placement schools; and

WHEREAS those schools do not charge any of its students for meals; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education does not require those outside placement districts to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program as administered by New Jersey Department of Agriculture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education understands and acknowledges that the foregoing actions do not increase the contracted tuition rate for students with disabilities sent by the district to those outside placement school districts.

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F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following vendors for toner and ink printer cartridges, through an H.C.E.S.C. bid, effective from July 1, 2025, through April 16, 2026:

Staples & Staples Business Advantage

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F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF LEGAL DEPOSITORIES –
BANK FOR DEPOSITS/WITHDRAWALS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to invest school district funds within statutory limitations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education designates Provident Bank as the bank for deposits and withdrawals for the Warrant Account, Payroll Account, Payroll Agency Account, Unemployment Account, Capital Reserve Account, Student Activities Account, and Athletics Student Activities Account, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the designated signatures on the above accounts as outlined and recommended by the Superintendent.

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F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education awards the following bid through the New Jersey Cooperative Bid Service and conducted by Educational Data Services, Inc.:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>VENDORS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Athletic Supplies	See Award Letter	\$4,931.54

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F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the contract with AX9 Security, Inc. to provide security services to Our Lady of Mercy Academy for the 2025/2026 school year. The contract will be funded through nonpublic security aid totaling \$26,649.57.

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F15. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following non-public funds for Our Lady of Mercy Academy for the 2025/26 school year budget:

Non-Public Technology Aid	\$ 1,945.00
Non-Public Nursing Services	\$18,928.00
Non-Public Textbook Aid	\$ 2,725.00
Non-Public Security Aid	<u>\$26,650.00</u>
Total	\$50,248.00

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F16. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the 2024/25 Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$508,954.00.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following non-public nursing allocations for the 2025/26 school year:

- Nursing supervision services for Our Lady of Mercy Academy with Bergen County Department of Health Services, in the amount of \$2,567.84.
- Board administration fee, 3% of state aid entitlement and equipment and supply Deduction, in the amount of \$567.84 and \$100.00, respectively.
- Nursing services provided by Suzanne Tobin in the amount of \$15,692.32.

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F18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Priority Nursing Services, to supply temporary nursing services to the district, for the 2025-26 school year.

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F19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of the Software Support Contract with Computer Solutions, Inc. for the 2025/26 school year.

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F20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the adoption of the Follett Library Catalog System/Services in the amount of \$3,847.78 for the 2025/26 school year.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F21. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the FY 26 IDEA Grant award as follows:

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT</u>	<u>(PARK RIDGE SD)</u>	<u>(OLM)</u>
IDEA – Basic	\$321,951.00	\$286,299.00	\$35,652.00
IDEA – Preschool	\$21,728.00	\$20,979.00	\$749.00

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F22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the IDEA FY26 Grant.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F23. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the FY 2026 ESEA Grant as follows:

<u>ESEA GRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT</u>	<u>PARK RIDGE SD</u>	<u>OLM</u>
Title I	\$41,891.00	\$41,891.00	-0-

Title II A	\$15,890.00	\$14,206.00	\$1,684.00
Title III	\$3,658.00	\$3,658.00	-0-
Title III Immigrant	\$1,158.00	\$1,158.00	-0-
Title IV	\$10,000.00	\$8,940.00	\$1,060.00

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F24. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the FY26 ESEA Grant.

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 TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F25. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
West Ridge PTO	2025 Frost Valley Field Trip	Monetary	\$7,940.00
West Ridge PTO	2024/25 Field Trip	Monetary	\$792.00
East Brook PTO	2025 Frost Valley Field Trip	Monetary	\$9,628.43

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F26. WHEREAS, Robert Wright, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, and 18A:18A-3, has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$44,000 to \$53,000, effective July 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:18A-3, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$53,000 for the Board of Education, and further recognizes Robert Wright, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:18A-3 for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

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F27. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Bergen County Special Services to provide IDEA services for the 2025/26 school year, as per Agreement.

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 TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

F28. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following to provide contracted services at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, funded by Nonpublic IDEA Basic Grant, for the 2025/26 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Bergen County Special Services	Counseling, OT, Speech, Behaviorist, additional Supplemental instruction, executive function	\$35,652.00

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

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F29. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of \$25,000 to the West Ridge PTO for the installation of playground equipment.

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

BUILDINGS & 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>
20529.06	WR Floor slab repairs	\$2,724.00

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TM CA RF JP NA RB DB

BG2. WHEREAS the Park Ridge Board of Education held a bid opening for the 2025-26 Field and Grounds maintenance on June 25th at 3:30 pm and;

WHEREAS the sole bidder, Field Pro Enterprises, was deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby awards the Field and Grounds Maintenance bid to Field Pro Enterprises as follows:

Base Contract Price	\$75,720
Per Unit Prices	
Clay	\$275/ton installed
Grass Seed	\$200/per 50lb bag installed
Top Soil	\$110/yd installed
Mulch	\$89/yd installed

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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 new substitute for the 2025/26 school year:

Substitute Teachers

Francesca Cartagena*
 Abigail Donnellan*
 Caelan Elsmore*
 Kenneth Fliegel*
 Ahren Frey
 Lidiya Kelyman*
 Aidan McBride*
 Laura Neary*
 Emma Redfern*
 Tyler Sum
 Amanda Sutton*
 Benjamin Weinberg*

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**These substitutes are student teachers in the district for the 2025-26 school year.*

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE/SALARY</u>
Allen, Leann	EB FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional (Step 1)	\$25,242.00/year
Baer, Herb	Football Volunteer	N/A
Benny, Carol	Transfer from WR to EB	N/A
Brody, Morgan	EB FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional (Step1)	\$25,242.00/year
Kulogowski, James	EB FT 6 hr. Paraprofessional (Step 1)	\$21,636.00/year
Napier, Lyzette	Bus Aide	\$26.02/hr.
Palagano, Laurie	EB FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional (Step 1)	\$25,242.00/year
Panagi, Maureen	Bus Aide	\$24.75/hr.
Perry, Jennifer	Transfer from HS to EB	N/A
Reiff, Lynn	Bus Aide	\$29.86/hr.
Rosado, Gladys	Transfer from HS to the Owl House	N/A
Vaccaro, Jacqueline	EB FT 7 hrs. Paraprofessional (Step 2)	\$26,772.00/year

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2025/26 SUMMER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Baumann, Valerie	Summer IEP meetings as needed (not to exceed 5 hrs.)	As per contract

Garcia-Juarez, Alejandro	Child Study Team Translator for Parent Meetings	\$25.00/hr.
Napier, Lyzette	Child Study Team Translator for Parent Meetings	\$25.00/hr.
O'Connor, Shannon	Summer IEP meetings as needed (not to exceed 5 hrs.)	As per contract

2024-25 RESCINDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Wagreich, Kim	WR Kindergarten Screening	13 hrs. @\$89.72/hr

2025-26 SUMMER RESCINDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Wagreich, Kim	ESY Speech & Behavioral Services	72 hrs. as per contract

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Giordano, Nicole	EB Paraprofessional	06/30/25
Werner, Patricia	EB Paraprofessional	07/25/25

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS 2025-26:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Jarvis, Cole	Asst. Football Coach Step 1	\$6,597.00
Krenek, Michael	Dramatics Director Ass't MS	\$1,521.00

SCHEDULE "E" RESCINDS 2025-26:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Dow, Christine	Dramatics Director Ass't MS

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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 2025/26 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED</u>
	NONE		

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P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves all current Park Ridge certificated staff and substitute teachers as home instructors for the 2025/26 school year at a rate of \$65.00 per hour.

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- P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the attached list of Substitute Teachers for the 2025/26 school year. **"P5"**

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- P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves payment of course fees for staff members to attend the Northern Valley Curriculum Center for courses in alignment with our ESEA grant goals in the following amount payable to Northern Valley Curriculum Center, for fees charged to ESEA/Title IIA not to exceed \$10,120.00 A full listing of approved courses may be found in the superintendent's office.

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- P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff member as home instructor for Student 921(a)-050, from November 22, 2024, to January 10, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Palacios, Carla	Pre-Calculus	2	\$65.00/hr.

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- P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for professional development workshops on August 28, 2025 as indicated below @ \$86.00 hour charged to the Title IIA grant for Professional Development:

<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS PRESENTING</u>	<u>HOURS PLANNING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Baliatico, Kaitlyn	Using AI and Canvas in your Classroom	1	2	8/28/25
Centurione, Danielle	Classroom Management Setting the tone and de-escalation strategies	1	2	8/28/25
Hampson Avery, Rachel	Teaching AI usage to your students	1	2	8/28/25
Kane, Tara	"Let them and Let Me" theory in your class	1	2	8/28/25
Kovacs, Chuck	Using AI tools to aid differentiation	.5	1	8/28/25
Maskin, Sarah-Kate	Seven Habits of Effective Teens	1	2	8/28/25
Wall, Heather	Using AI tools to aid differentiation	.5	1	8/28/25

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- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for professional development workshops on August 28, 2025 as indicated below @ \$86.00 hour:

<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS PRESENTING</u>	<u>HOURS PLANNING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Conforti, Lisa	Grade 6 Report Card Revision	2	4	8/28/25
Kent, Dyana	Grade 2 Report Card Revision	2	4	8/28/25
Yates, Karen	Grade 3 Report Card Revision	2	4	8/28/25
Chemam, Kim	Grade 4 Math Curriculum	1	2	8/28/25

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P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Hernando Gallego, HS Maintenance, due to retirement, effective October 1, 2025.

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P11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Jill Connolly as the District 504 Compliance Officer and HIB Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year.

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P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Gianna Carrozza as West Ridge Elementary leave replacement teacher, from August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on Step 1 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$65,444.00.

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P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Kelly Daniel-Cusato as East Brook Elementary leave replacement teacher, from August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on Step 1 of the MA Guide, at an annual salary of \$65,444.00.

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P14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff member as home instructor for Student 2025(d)-050, from June 21 – June 30, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Falkoff, Jennifer	Math	6	\$65.00/hr.

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P15. The Board of Education approves the updated Principal job description for the Park Ridge School District, incorporating the qualifications for the position in accordance with NJAC 6A 9B-12.5. A copy of the updated description is available on file in the Superintendent’s office.

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P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for an additional stipend for teaching a 6th period, effective September 2, 2025, through November 14, 2025:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Powers, Jillian	Period 5/6 Spanish V Honors	Per Contract
Schoenkopf, Ann	Period 3/4 Spanish I Fundamentals	Per Contract
Sgambati, Martha	Period 16/17 Spanish III	Per Contract
Strammiello, Debbie	Period 11/12 Spanish II Fundamentals	Per Contract

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P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Danielle Mule, East Brook Nurse, effective August 16, 2025.

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P18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff members for the 2024/25 school year and 2025/26 summer:

STAFF MEMBER	HOURLY RATE	ADDITIONAL HOURS	ASSIGNMENT
Burchell, Jennifer	As Per contract	2.5 hours	Make up Kindergarten Screening
Conrad, Lauren	As Per contract	15.5 hours	Kindergarten Screening
DeSimone, Joanne	As per contract	4.75 hours	ESY Special Education Teacher
Napier, Lyzette	\$24.03/hr.	2.25 hours (6/19/25)	1:1 Para for Graduation Practice
Napier, Lyzette	\$24.03/hr.	2 hours (6/20/25)	1:1 Para for Graduation
Perry, Jennifer	\$22.78/hr.	2.25 hours (6/19/25)	1:1 Para for Graduation Practice
Plucinski, Keith	As per contract	2.5 hours	ESL Kindergarten Screening
Potkulski, Alexis	As per contract	.25 hours	ESY Report writing
Silverman, Andrea	\$28.99/hr.	2.25 hours (6/19/25)	1:1 Para for Graduation Practice
Tobin, Kristin	As Per contract	2.5 hours	Make up Kindergarten Screening
Yates, Karen	As Per contract	2.5 hours	Make up Kindergarten Screening

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P19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as the Anti-Bullying Specialists for the 2025-26 school year:

Park Ridge High School – Andrew Yeager & Julie Worgul
 East Brook Elementary – Gianna Gravinese
 West Ridge Elementary – Tatum Gonzales & Melanie Greenwood

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P20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves an additional extension to the Leave-of-Absence for Kaitlyn Jacobus (EB Teacher) as follows:

- A Child-Rearing Leave from August 27, 2025, to June 30, 2026, without pay and without benefits.

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P21. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the corrected placement on the salary guide for Gianna Gravinese as East Brook School Counselor for the 2025-26 school year, on Step 3-4 of the MA + 30 Guide, at an annual salary of \$71,337.00.

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P22. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Rosemary Colangelo, East Brook Elementary teacher, effective July 29, 2025.

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P23. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Jessica Epifano as East Brook School Nurse, for the 2025/26 school year, on Step 9 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$71,254.00, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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P24. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Elizabeth Prager as East Brook Elementary teacher, for the 2025/26 school year, on Step 6 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$66,704.00, prorated to her start date.

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P25. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Marzieh Farzad as Elementary World Language teacher (Spanish), for the 2025/26 school year, on Step 1 of the BA Guide, at an annual salary of \$62,094.00, prorated to her start date, pending completion of state mandated paperwork.

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P26. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Sandra Horgan, Caroline Glynn, and Aracelis Machado as school bus drivers for the 2025/26 school year.

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P27. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for Weight Room Supervision at Park Ridge High School from 3:00-5:00 p.m. @ \$35.00/hr. when school is in session:

Danielle Centurione	Ryan Dennis	Dylan Evans
Michael Farrell	Molly Jaffe	Tara Kane (substitute)
Chuck Kovacs	Brian Meisner	Heather Wall
Gabrielle Visaggio		

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P28. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Narine Hacopian as Facilities Use Coordinator for the 2025-26 school year.

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P29. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following clinic and coach for fall 2025, as outlined: ***"P29"***

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATES / TIMES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Volleyball camp	Bill Allen Martina McGee	1-8	Mondays: 9/15, 9/29, 10/13 Wednesdays: 9/17, 10/8, 10/15 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	PRHS Gym	\$200

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