



**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Public Hearing on the Budget

Park Ridge High School – Little Theater

May 4, 2026

7:00 P.M. Public

I. Roll Call

A. Wagner R. Malloy N. Agoos M. Rozzi R. Browne D. Bradler

Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright S. Eveland

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Open Public Meetings Statement

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the “Open Public Meetings Act,” the Park Ridge Board of Education on April 8, 2026, caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on April 8, 2026, 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 April 8, 2026, 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. 2026/2027 Budget Presentation

V. 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.

VI. Consent Agenda

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. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following budget:

WHEREAS, The Park Ridge Board of Education adopted a Tentative budget on March 16, 2026, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 24, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held in the Little Theater of the Park Ridge High School located at 2 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ on May 4th, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the 2026/27 school year budget as follows:

2026/27	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total Expenditures	43,154,272	\$ 480,926	\$ 535,936	\$44,171,134
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$ 5,310,905	\$ 480,926	\$ 182,219	\$ 5,974,050
Taxes to be Raised	\$37,843,367	- 0 -	\$ 353,717	\$38,197,084

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Park Ridge Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$1,990,946.00. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Park Ridge Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for Banked CAP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$157,778 for the purpose of paying for goods and services needed in the 2026-27 budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$2,000,000 for other capital project costs. The total cost of these projects are \$2,000,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

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VII. Adjournment

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Robert Wright
Business Administrator/Board Secretary