

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 27, 2026

Public Started: 6:00 P.M.

Private Started: 6:05 P.M.

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 9:30 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER

I. Roll Call

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

Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright S. Eveland R. Zeman

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 6, 2026 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on January 6, 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 January 6, 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. 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 6:00 pm.

M: AW S: RB

AW	RM	NA	MR	RB	DB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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

M: RB S: MR

AW	RM	NA	MR	RB	DB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

V. Minutes for Approval

Monthly Meeting	March 16, 2026	Board Approved
Private Session Meeting	March 16, 2026	Board Approved
Special Meeting	March 22, 2026	Board Approved
Private Session Meeting	March 22, 2026	Board Approved
Special Meeting	March 23, 2026	Board Approved
Private Session Meeting	March 23, 2026	Board Approved

M: AW S: RM

AW	RM	NA	MR	RB	DB
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

VI. Special Presentations to the Board - None

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

Mr. Zeman reported that the student council had to cancel field day because of a lack of participation. He reported that the Prom would be held at the View in Piermont on 6/11. They are currently deciding on the menu.

IX. President's Report

Mr. Bradler reported that Mr. Amitrano had resigned his seat. He stated that the Board will be working on the process for his replacement and indicated that there would be more details on that soon. He informed the public that the Superintendent search was nearing the end after many hours spent. He stated that Spring sports were off to a strong start. He mentioned the 8th grade trip to Philadelphia. He reported that the Dare Graduation was coming up as well as various concerts. He informed

everyone that Teacher Appreciation week was next week. He proudly reported that Park Ridge schools were now ranked 9th in the County.

X. Superintendent's Report

HIB Update

Dr. Gamper reported that there were no new HIB reports since the last meeting.

He mentioned that he attended a K-3 Spring concert. He commented that Mr. Ostrow and the students did a wonderful job.

Dr. Gamper also reported that he attended the Little Mermaid play. He was impressed with the high quality of the show and stated the students, and staff did an excellent job. He mentioned that there was a Dare Graduation tomorrow night. The graduation will include East Brook, West Ride and OLM. Finally, he reported that on Friday, May 22nd school will be closed due to not using all the scheduled snow days.

XI. BOE Committee Reports

Finance Committee– Mr. Rozzi reported that at the March 16th meeting, the Board set a tentative budget. It is posted on the district website. He mentioned that it was a challenging budget year due to rapidly rising health care costs. The district experienced a 29% increase in health care costs which accounted for 70% of the spending increase. There were no viable options. Salary increases were only 1.8% and the rest of the budget was up 3.1 %, which he stated was in line with inflation. To support this the budget was increasing by 2.8 million with the use of available of waivers. The increase of 8.14% will mean a \$597 annually to the average taxpayer. This decision was made only after exhausting all available options. The Board feels that it is important to keep the things that define the district such as full day Kindergarten, expanded course offerings, senior internships and teacher training. They feel the budget strikes a fiscal balance.

Personnel Committee – Met several times since the last public meeting to discuss personnel changes. They also met to work on the superintendent search.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Ms. Agoos updated everyone on the Theater project. She was happy to see all the people that came out to tonight's meeting, especially the students. She stated that some information that was being reported about the Theater project was incorrect. The project is not postponed, and the Board is still working on it. She reported that after the most recent meeting with the Architect, the Board was given updated budget numbers. Since the time that the Board began developing the plan, the cost of the project has more than doubled. The Board is currently trying to find a way to afford the renovation. One option is to do the construction but buy equipment later. She stated that the Board takes spending taxpayer money seriously. The Board thought they were in a good place with the project and then were informed about asbestos in the walls. They were told the cost of removal was estimated at \$125,000. At that moment, the Board felt it was time to step back and re-prioritize what is spent. She commented that the project will probably happen in stages. The Board still wants to get the children what they deserve. They have another scheduled meeting with the Architect. They still want to start the project this summer. She commented that the money will be

coming from a Capital Reserve fund. She explained that this fund is used to do capital projects in the district and it is becoming harder to put money into this account. As a result, the Board needs to be more careful when using the money. Once depleted, it will take a long time to replenish. She explained that the Board is looking at the big picture and not trying to drag their feet or let the theater students down. She finished by stating that the Board wants to get this project done.

Policy Committee – Met on 4/23 and discussed a new law in NJ with Dr. Bernardo, surrounding library materials. The Board will need to revise its policy to comply with the law. The committee also discussed the new cell phone ban in NJ. They have not received guidance yet but will need to have something in place by September.

XII. Supplemental Agenda

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

The resignation of Mr. Michael Marseglia for the purpose of retirement was on the supplemental agenda. It was moved to the consent agenda.

XIII. Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the Consent agenda.

Ms. Wagner asked to abstain from motion F13.

The Board voted and the Consent agenda passed as follows:

M: RM S: NA
 AW RM NA MR RB DB
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XIV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business

Ms. Browne – commented that information on social media with regards to the budget was not accurate.

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. Dow spoke about the Theater renovation. She stated it was no surprise to the theater people that there was asbestos in the walls. They have been dealing with it for a while with people getting rashes and passing out backstage. She said that she did not understand why the project had doubled. Backstage has to have dressing rooms and they need wider spaces. There are young girls dressing on a stairwell while boys go by. There are crumbling walls and a catwalk that needs to be redone. The walls need to come down, and students need a place to change. She also urged the Board to ensure that there are mechanical enhancements such as allowing the lights to be lowered so they did not have

to climb ladders to change them. She stated that this was a safety issue. She pushed for the addition of a bathroom saying it was inhuman not to have one. She felt these were basic safety items.

Abraham, a parent, stated that he found the situation disappointing. No one from the Board called them or consulted them on any of these issues. With regards to money, he asked if the Board could find sponsors or take advantage of grants. He stated that the drapes need to be fire retardant. He felt that asking the theater parents and students to "half ass" the project was wrong. They have waited seven years for something to be done. He felt there could have been more communication from the Board.

Trevor, a PRHS student, stated he was part of the theater community. He emphasized the issues that Ms. Dow spoke of and spoke about the asbestos and a changing ladder that creaks. He felt it was necessary to make these changes now because the current conditions cannot continue. He stated that the Board promised it would be fixed. Now they are saying it is on pause. He spoke about how important the theater has been for him. Before the theater, he was constantly bullied. The theater provided a safe space for him. The current condition of the theater is unacceptable. There are racist and sexualized graffiti on the walls. They asked the Board for help and were offered a band aid. He hopes the Board hears what they are saying tonight.

Mr. Widmor, a parent, commented that he has been donating his time to work on this project. He was hoping to get it to be slightly useable. He asked the Board if they knew the rating of the rigging equipment. He felt they represented a safety hazard. He felt that gum and shoelaces is all that is holding the place together. He asked the Board what it would take for them to do this project right. Do they need to have someone get hurt? He commented that he has 40 years of theater experience. He has seen the drawings and knows what the staff and students need. He offered himself as a point person. He felt more community outreach is needed.

A PRHS student commented that she has been involved with the theater program. She related her experience of getting a rash and feeling so sick she could not get out of bed. She felt that theater is making art and without a proper safe space, it is difficult to do. She stated that if this was for athletics, they would never allow such conditions to go on. She acknowledged that tax money is important but that so is safety. She urged the Board to do whatever they can to prevent lawsuits and injuries.

Ms. Nixon, a PRHS student and member of the honor society and stage manager reported to the Board that she has had to clean up mouse droppings and has seen students vomiting. There are girls changing in a room that is used by other students and staff. There is a sliding ladder that has fallen down and she has witnessed it hitting students. She stated that the stage is used by numerous people. She asked the Board to keep pursuing the theater renovations. She said that the theater is fifty years behind most theaters and cannot wait.

A PRHS student, who has been involved in theater for the last three years asked the Board why they felt they could postpone the project. The student noted that the locker room was completed on time. The student also stated that the asbestos could cause serious lung disease if not addressed. The student also commented on the disturbing graffiti and the inhuman conditions. The student urged the Board not to pause the project and rather to figure out a way to move forward. The student then provided the Board with pictures of the graffiti for them to review.

Another PRHS spoke to the Board about unacceptable conditions. He stated that the equipment was outdated and that students were spending hours in unsafe conditions. They understood that schools are facing budget cuts but when compared to other schools, Park Ridge is decades behind. They hoped the Board members change their minds about doing the project.

Emma, a PRHS student, recalled the Board discussing the project last year. She stated that everyone in the theater community was family. She commented that the theater has helped her get through some tough times. She did not think the Board should be chopping up the project. She saw a clear favoritism to sporting programs. She commented on the racial slurs and swastikas on the walls in the back. She feels this puts students at risk. While she acknowledged that money decisions can be difficult, the Board needs to prioritize students.

A PRHS student commented that he had been bullied his whole life. Seeing derogatory terms on the theater walls was ridiculous. He asked the Board how they would feel if their child experienced these things or had a daughter that had to change in front of boys.

Ms. Turpin, a resident, commented about the students who were speaking. They were passionate and she understood their frustration. She commented that as an attorney it was upsetting to hear about situations that were creating an unsafe environment for the students. In specific, she stated that a fresh coat of paint could eradicate the unpleasant wording and symbols. She stated that she saw the Little Mermaid performance and thought it was great. She is concerned about all the things the students were speaking about.

The Board then heard a series of written testimonies from students who could either not be there tonight or had graduated.

Some of the comments they heard were how important the theater has been to them and how disappointed they were to hear that the work was being stopped. They relayed stories of how the theater had helped them cope with difficult times and the great friendships that were made. They also heard of the poor conditions that the students had to work in and how they felt neglected when athletics was getting all the attention. The general consensus was that the Theater needs to have work done now.

Mr. Bradler stated that the Board was unaware of the vulgarities. He applauds those who came out tonight, saying it took courage. He then reported that the Board would be going into closed session to discuss the Superintendent contract negotiations.

Ms. Agoos stated that it was awesome that everyone came up to speak. She clarified that the Board does have money but just wants to figure out how best to prioritize the spending. She stated that when they heard the cost from the Architect, they took a step back. The Board is continuing to work on it and appreciate how hard it has been for students. She assured them that "things will start to happen."

Ms. Browne commented that the people who found the asbestos have indicated that it is encapsulated and is currently safe.

Ms. Wagner commented that the Board was unaware of the graffiti and assured them that it would be taken care of immediately. She stated that it was important to hear from them. She assured them

that not a single Board member does not want to do this project and that the Board will be working on it.

Dr. Gamper stated that it is nights like this that make him proud to be a Superintendent. It is important to hear from the community. Some of the things said tonight were shocking. He stated that he will take care of those things first thing tomorrow and that the Board is working to get this project off the ground.

Motion, second and vote to enter into private session at 8:04 pm.

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<i>XVI. Adjournment – 9:30 pm</i>
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AW RM NA MR RB DB

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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 March with no in-school suspensions, and 1 out-of-school suspension, and no truanies to report.

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- 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	Student Bilingual Educational/Psychological/Speech Evaluations	\$2,000.00

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Sheli J. Dansky PT MA and Associates for school-based physical therapy services for the 2026/27 school year as needed, in accordance with the attached agreement. ***"E3"***

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 40th Summer Music School as part of the Park Ridge Community School Program, effective June 29, 2026 – July 31, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The tuition schedule is as follows and includes a \$10 administrative fee:

	2 weeks (10 lessons)	3 weeks (15 lessons)	4 weeks (20 lessons)
30 minute lessons	\$260.00	\$385.00	\$510.00
60 minute lessons	\$510.00	\$760.00	\$1,010.00

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following outside vendor for a staff professional development workshop on April 6, 2026, as indicated below paid through Title IIA Grant:

<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Set it Up/Gabriella Mullday Fink	Sustaining the Heart of Teaching	\$250.00 (90-minute workshop)

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following student for the 2026/27 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
1030(a)	Fusion Learning Englewood, NJ	9/8/26 – 6/30/27	\$90,225.00

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the School Nurse Certification Program with New Jersey City University for the 2026-27 school year, to provide practicum hours at no cost to the district.

M: S:
AW RM NA MR 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 March 2026 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"***

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

F2. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the months of February and March 2026. ***"F2"***

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #053495 - 053622 (\$2,679,312.23) and 903261 - 904263 (\$1,407,969.17) in the total amount of \$4,087,281.40 and EFTs using ACH technology L60066 – L61518 in the amount of \$64,234.77. ***"F3"***

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #14402-14408 and 900012-900013 in the total amount of \$15,578.55. ***"F4"***

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

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

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

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

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the March 2026 “Report of the Secretary” and the “Report of the Treasurer” to the Board of Education. **“F7”**

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following 2025/2026 General Fund Transfers for the month of March 2026 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. **“F8”**

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donations for the 2025/26 school year:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Fulton Friendship Lodge	Richard Faraj Memorial Scholarship	Monetary for the 25/26 school year	\$1,500.00
Barry Fadem	The Fadem Brothers Outstanding Senior Award Scholarship	Monetary for the 25/26 school year	\$1,250.00
Bruce Fadem	The Fadem Brothers Outstanding Senior Award Scholarship	Monetary for the 25/26 school year	\$1,250.00
Park Ridge Owl Boosters	Gary Mioli Memorial Scholarship	Monetary for the 25/26 school year	\$2,000.00
Ed Gunther	Ted Gunther Memorial Scholarship	Monetary for the 25/26 school year	\$5,000.00

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Cooperative Skilled Trades, Compliance Services, and Ancillary Bids package, as bid by Educational Data Services Inc., for the period 4/1/26 to 3/31/27, in the amount of \$2,100.00.

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F11. 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 2026/27 school year:

Licensing & Maintenance Fee	\$4,320.00
Right-To-Know	\$3,565.00

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following rates for the 2026/27 EXTRAS Summer program:

Summer Camp Full Program (6 weeks)	\$ 2,100
Summer Camp Half Day Program (6 weeks AM or PM)	\$ 1,050
Summer Camp Half Day Program PM w/ Hoot Camp	\$ 630
Summer Camp One Week Full Day	\$ 504
Summer Camp One Week Half Day (AM or PM)	\$ 252

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following vendors to perform athletic training services for the district for the 2026/27 school year:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
AHS Hospital Corp	\$77.50/hour
SD Gameday	\$65.00/hour
Jag-ATC LLC	\$85.00/hour
The Spine and Health Center of Montvale	\$65.00/hour

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2026/2027 Price List for food provided by Pomptonian, as per the attachment. Menu items will increase to the amount below: **"F14"**

Student Lunch	\$5.15
Featured Favorite Lunch	\$5.50
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00
Faculty Lunch	\$5.65
Faculty Featured Favorite	\$6.15
Lunch Meals include: Entrée selection (protein/grain), fruit, vegetable, and an 8 oz. milk	
Student Breakfast	\$3.75
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.00
Faculty Breakfast	\$4.25
Breakfast Meals include: Breakfast Entrée, fruit/fruit juice and an 8 oz. milk	
Deli Sandwich or Wrap as a Complete Meal or a la Carte	\$5.15
Boar's Head Deli Sandwich or Wrap as a Complete Meal or a la Carte	\$5.50
Salad Lunch as a Complete Meal or a la Carte	\$5.15
Boar's Head Salad Lunch as a Complete Meal or a la Carte	\$5.50

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F15. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the terms, in accordance with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, with Benard Associates. **"F15"**

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the 2026/2027 Agreement for “Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Appointment as Independent Registered Municipal Advisor” between the Park Ridge School District and Phoenix Advisors, LLC. **“F16”**

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following tuition rates for Owl House for the 2026/27 school year:

The Owl House (In County):
 School Year (10 months) \$58,500
 ESY (1 Month Extended School Year) \$ 5,000
 Busing \$ 1,100 /mo

The Owl House (Out of County):
 School Year (10 months) \$60,000
 ESY (1 Month Extended School Year) \$ 5,500
 Busing N/A

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Owl House lease extension for a period of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2029.

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the contract with Bergen County Special Services to provide IDEA services to Our Lady of Mercy Academy not to exceed \$951.00. This contract is funded through the 2025/2026 IDEA grant.

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

- F20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves contracting with Bergen County Special Services to provide IDEA Preschool services to Our Lady of Mercy Academy in an amount not to exceed \$1,121.00.

M: S:
AW RM NA MR RB DB

BUILDINGS AND 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 disposal of the 2008 Ford F250 truck and the 2010 Dodge Caravan.

M: S:

AW RM NA MR 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 following substitute teachers for the 2025/26 school year:

Teacher

Falcone, Hannah

M: S:

AW RM NA MR RB DB

- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments/rescinds/resignations of the following, as indicated in the areas listed, for the amounts cited for the 2025/26 school year and 2026/27 Summer:

RESCINDS 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME PERIOD</u>
Wall, Heather	Home Instruction World Cultures Teacher (2 hrs. week)	3/30 – 6/25/26

APPOINTMENTS 2025/26 School Year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
D'Urso, Remi	EXTRAS Adult Aide	\$25.00/hr.	N/A
D'Urso, Remi	EXTRAS Student Aide	\$16.50/hr.	N/A
Giordano, Joseph	EXTRAS Adult Aide	\$25.00/hr.	N/A
Giordano, Joseph	EXTRAS Student Aide	\$16.50/hr.	N/A
O'Connor, Ella	EXTRAS Student Aide	\$16.50/hr.	N/A
Reiff, Lynn	HS Paraprofessional	\$29.86/hr.	Substitute 1:1 Spring Track Paraprofessional

APPOINTMENTS SUMMER 2026/27:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Diomede, John	Summer Music School Director	*TBD
Diomede, John	Summer Music Coordinator	*TBD
Diomede, Elizabeth	Summer Music Volunteer	N/A
Farzad, Marzie	WDW Overnight Chaperone (4/17 – 4/19/26)	3 nights @ \$266.00/night
Gryzbek, Kevin	Summer Music Assistant Director	*TBD
Hourican, Nicole	WDW Overnight Chaperone (4/17 – 4/19/26)	3 nights @ \$266.00/night
Nyonly, Monique	WDW Overnight Chaperone (4/17 – 4/19/26)	3 nights @ \$266.00/night
Sum, Tyler	WDW Overnight Chaperone (4/17 – 4/19/26)	3 nights @ \$266.00/night

** Salary is determined by tuition receipts.*

WDW (Walt Disney World)

M: S:

AW RM NA MR RB DB

- 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>
Misciagna, Desiree	NJTESOL Virtual	6/26/2026	\$100.00* (additional registration fee)
Plucinski, Keith	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference New Brunswick, NJ	5/20/2026	\$390.00*
Stokes, Kevin	NAESP Orlando, Florida	7/13 – 7/15/2026	\$3,200.00

**Paid through Title III ESEA Grant*

M: S:

AW RM NA MR RB DB

P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments and salaries of Tenured Administrators for the 2026/27 school year, as per contract, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P4"**

M: S:

AW RM NA MR RB DB

P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment and salaries of the Non-Tenured Administrators for the 2026/27 school year, as per contract, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P5"**

M: S:

AW RM NA MR RB DB

P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of Tenured Supervisors for the 2026/27 school year, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P6"**

M: S:

AW RM NA MR RB DB

P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of Non-Tenured Supervisors for the 2026/27 school year, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P7"**

M: S:

AW RM NA MR RB DB

P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of Tenured Certificated Staff Members for the District, High School, East Brook, and West Ridge, per the PREA Contract, for the 2026/27 school year, whose names and salary/step are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P8"**

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- P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of Non-Tenured Certificated Staff Members Qualifying for Tenure in the District, at the High School, East Brook, and West Ridge, per the PREA and PRASA Contracts, for the 2026/27 school year, whose names and salary/step are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P9"**

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- P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of Non-Tenured Certificated Staff Members for the District, High School, East Brook, and West Ridge, per the PREA Contract, for the 2026/27 school year, whose names and salary/step are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P10"**

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- P11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments of Tenured Secretaries/Office Staff, per the PREA Contract, for the 2026/27 school year, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P11"**

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- P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the Non-Tenured Secretaries/Office Staff, per the PREA Contract, for the 2026/27 school year, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P12"**

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- P13. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of the Technology Technicians for the 2026/27 school year, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's office and per attached. **"P13"**

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- P14. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Robert Wright as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2026/27 school year, as per the contract on file in the Superintendent's office.

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- P15. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Krista Kersting as the Assistant Business Administrator for the 2026/27 school year, as per the contract on file in the Superintendent's office.

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P16. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Brian Morgan as the Director of Facilities for the 2026/27 school year, as per the contract on file in the Superintendent's office.

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P17. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael Marseglia as the District Technology Coordinator for the 2026/27 school year, as per the contract on file in the Superintendent's office.

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P18. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointments and salaries of the Custodians/Maintenance Personnel for the 2026/27 school year, per IUOE Local 68 Contract, whose names are on file in the Superintendent's Office and per attached. **"P18"**

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P19. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Grace Biancorosso as the Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator for the 2026/27 school year, as per the contract on file in the Superintendent's office.

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P20. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Julianne Huettinger as the Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for the 2026/27 school year as per the contract on file in the Superintendent's office.

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P21. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Tara Reid as the Confidential Payroll/Benefits Secretary for the 2026/27 school year, as per the contract on file in the Superintendent's office.

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P22. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for an additional stipend for teaching a 6th period, effective April 20, 2026, through June 15, 2026 or sooner:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Falkoff, Jennifer	Period 1/2 7 th Grade Collaborative Science	Per Contract
Kane, Tara	Period 16/17 LLD Science	Per Contract

Koch, Heather	Period 14/15 ERI Social Studies	Per Contract
Loll, Heather	Period 7/8 Collaborative Biology	Per Contract
Strammiello, Debbie	Period 12/13 Fundamentals of US History I	Per Contract

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Due to the inability to secure a replacement for a certified special education teacher, the above staff members are approved for an additional stipend to teach a 6th period.

- P23. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Victoria Flores, West Ridge Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2026.

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- P24. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Kaitlyn Baliatico, High School Teacher as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from April 27, 2026, through May 14, 2026 with pay and with benefits.
- A Federal Family Leave from May 15, 2026, through June 25, 2026 without pay but with benefits.
- A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective August 31, 2026, through November 20, 2026 without pay but with benefits.
- A Child Rearing Leave of Absence from November 23, 2026, through June 22, 2027 without pay and without benefits.

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- P25. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of personnel and rates, for the 2026 Summer EXTRAS Program, as listed on the attached. **"P25"**

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- P26. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Jose Serna as the Night/Lead Custodian for the 2026/27 School year as per the collective bargaining agreement, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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- P27. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following East Brook staff member to complete kindergarten screening and scoring for incoming students on 7/5 – 7/25/26:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED HOURS/RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
O'Connor, Shannon	20 hours @ \$95.68/hour	\$1,913.60

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- P28. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following East Brook staff members to complete kindergarten screening for incoming students on 6/29 – 6/30/26:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED HOURS/RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Cariddi, Nicole	14 hours @ \$58.42/hour	\$817.88
O'Connor, Shannon	14 hours @ \$92.70/hour	\$1,297.80
Treby, Nancy	14 hours @ \$57.15/hour	\$800.10
Twomey, Monica	14 hours @ \$88.17/hour	\$1,234.38

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- P29. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff member as home instructor for Student 1610-050, March 30, 2026 – June 25, 2026:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT TO BE COVERED</u>	<u>APPROX. HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Falkoff, Jennifer	World Cultures	2 hrs. week	\$65.00/hr.

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- P30. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Sandra Horgan, Aracelis Machado and Caroline Glynn as school bus drivers for the 2026/27 summer.

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- P31. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members to review Athletic Physicals, for up to 5 days from July 1 – August 31, 2025:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>PER DIEM RATE/TIME</u>
DeBenedictus, Jaime	Athletic Physicals	As per current contract
Russell, Jeanne	Athletic Physicals	As per current contract

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- P32. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Megan Harrington, High School Teacher as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from May 26, 2026, through June 19, 2026, with pay and with benefits.
- A Federal Family Leave from June 22, 2026, through June 29, 2026, without pay but with benefits.
- A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective August 31, 2026, through November 23, 2026, without pay but with benefits.

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P33. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Heather Wall, High School Teacher as follows:

- A New Jersey State Family Leave-of-Absence effective August 31, 2026, through November 20, 2026, without pay but with benefits.

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P34. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mallorie Zayat, East Brook Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2026.

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P35. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Carrie Bianchi as a Nurse Preceptor for Nicole Hourican during her practicum for the School Nurse Certification Program with New Jersey City University during the Fall 2026 semester.

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P36. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for a professional development workshop on April 6, 2026, 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>
Kent, Dyana	Phonics/Grammar Reworking & Collaboration & BRI training	2.5	5
Ostrowski, Jennifer	BRI Training	1	2
Yates, Karen	Phonics/Grammar Reworking & Collaboration & BRI training	2.5	5

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P37. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Catherine Kennedy, West Ridge Paraprofessional as follows:

- A Federal Family Leave from June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, without pay but with benefits.

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P38. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for an additional stipend for teaching a 6th period, effective April 27, 2026, through June 25, 2026 or sooner:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Borsinger, Jessie	Period 1/2 English 9/10 Fundamentals	Per Contract
Krenek, Michael	Period 9/10 English 9/10 Fundamentals	Per Contract
Lynn, Raina	Period 14/15 American Lit Collab	Per Contract
Maher, Cathy	Period 11/12 English 11/12 Fundamentals	Per Contract
Schoenkopf, Annie	Period 5/6 Themes I Collab	Per Contract

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P39. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following Guidance Counselors for the summer at the per diem rates indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Alison Heller	\$577.50 x 2 days = \$1,155.00	\$619.82 x 6 days = \$3,718.92	8 days = \$4,873.92
Dawn Huffman	\$640.56 X 1 days = \$640.56	\$650.29 x 7 days = \$4,552.03	8 days = \$5,192.59
Tara Saykin	\$640.56 X 1 days = \$640.56	\$650.29 x 6 days = \$3,901.74	7 days = \$4,542.30

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P40. Be it resolved that Trustee Christopher Amitrano be removed from the Board for missing three or more consecutive meetings in accordance with Board Policy 0145 and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-3.

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P41. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Michael Marseglia, District (S1.) Technology Coordinator, due to retirement, effective September 1, 2026.

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