

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 6, 2026

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Private Started: 7:02 P.M.

Public Started: 8:07 P.M.

Public Ended: 8:13 P.M.

High School Little Theater

I. Roll Call

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

Also Present:

P. Bernardo R. Wright S. Eveland

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 August 3, 2026, caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on August 3, 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 August 3, 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 7:02 pm

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Private Session Agenda

The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at 8:07 pm.

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V. Discussion

A. PRHS Attic Project

Ms. Wagner mentioned that the bids came in significantly higher than expected but the work is needed in order to open school. As a result, the Board needed to move forward with the award.

Mr. Wright then read the following resolution:

S1. WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education (the Board), went out to bid on a project to create Fire Separation walls at the High School Attic on August 4th, 2026, and;

WHEREAS they received a total of 2 bids for the project, SMBA Construction for \$179,000 and Cynna Enterprises LLC for \$119,300, and;

WHEREAS the lowest responsible bidder was Cynna Enterprises;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby awards the Fire Separation walls contract to Cynna Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$119,300 pending a final review by the Board Attorney.

The motion passed as follows:

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VI. Consent Agenda

Ms. Malloy had a question on the purchase of the school bus (F8). Mr. Wright explained that the purchase had been recommended at the beginning of the year due to the loss of another bus. The purchase was not made until the end of the fiscal year due to budgetary concerns. Mr. Wright explained that the purchase does not impact the 2026-27 budget.

Ms. Malloy asked to Abstain from items E1 and E2.

The Board voted on the Consent agenda. It passed as follows:

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VII. Hearing of Citizens

Mr. Bradler congratulated the new Director of Curriculum on her appointment.

Ms. Rodriquez-Toronto thanked the Board for the opportunity. She expressed excitement at working at Park Ridge and being part of the community.

VIII. Adjournment – 8:13 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 approves the tuition for the following students for the 2026/27 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
1832-070	Sage Day Mahwah, NJ	9/1/26 - 6/30/27	\$82,553.31
815(g)	Windsor Prep Paramus, NJ	7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$33,937.68
1223	Windsor Prep Paramus, NJ	7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$73,789.59
1711(a)	Windsor Prep Paramus, NJ	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$24,415.86
1012 - 070	BCSS Washington Elementary School Paramus, NJ	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$74,034.00
269 – 070	Valley Program Norwood, NJ	7/6/26 – 6/30/27	\$94,063.00
2311-070	Valley Program Norwood, NJ 1:1 Aide	7/6/26 – 6/30/27	\$94,063.00 \$63,845.00
1330 – 060	Valley Program Norwood, NJ	7/6/26 – 6/30/27	\$94,063.00
820E	ACCESS Program Demarest, NJ	9/1/26 – 6/30 /27	\$84,794.88

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- E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the Park Ridge School District 2026 Website Accessibility Statement of Assurance. A copy is available in the Superintendent's Office.

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- E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Northern Valley Regional School District to provide additional OT/PT services for the 2025-26 school year, as indicated below, subject to revision:

SM 080626

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>SESSION RATE</u>
2311-070	OT/PT	24 sessions @ \$62.00/session
820(e) -050	OT/PT	24 sessions @ \$62.00/session
1330-060	OT/PT	24 sessions @ \$62.00/session
269-070	OT/PT	24 sessions @ \$62.00/session

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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. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the renewal of the Software Support Contract with Computer Solutions, Inc. for the 2026/27 school year.

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- F2. 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 attached:
"F2"

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- F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the June 26, 2026 through August 3, 2026 Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #053831-054104 in the amount of \$3,324,484.70 and 906274-907267 \$869,748.44, and EFTs using ACH technology #L62022-L62043 in the amount of \$73,245.37. **"F3"**

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- F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the 2025/26 Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$376,935.00.

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- F5. 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, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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- F6. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the following donation for the 2026/27 school year:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TYPE OF DONATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Knights of Columbus	Owl House Life Skills Program	Monetary for the 26/27 school year	\$500.00

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- F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following rates for the Before and After school EXTRAS program for the 2026-27 School year:

PROGRAM	HOURS	ONE DAY	TWO DAYS	THREE DAYS	FOUR DAYS	FIVE DAYS
AM	1	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$60	\$75
PM 4:15	1	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$60	\$75
PM - Extended	3	\$39	\$78	\$117	\$156	\$195
AM/PM – 4:15	2	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$120	\$150
AM/PM - Extended	4	\$52	\$104	\$156	\$208	\$260

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- F8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of a 29 Passenger School Bus from Van Con Inc., through the ESNJ cooperative bid at a total cost of \$120,647.00.

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<u>BUILDING AND GROUND RESOLUTIONS</u>

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 payment to LAN Architects for the following project: ***"BG1"***

<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
20529.08	HS Auditorium Renovations	\$1,750.00

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- BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the contract with R.D. Sales Door and Hardware, LLC to repair panic bars at the HS in the amount of \$37,148.53 in accordance with the Bergen County Cooperative Bid 23-45.

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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 Samantha Rodriguez-Toronto as Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Technology, effective 9/22/2026, at an annual salary of \$155,000, pro-rated to her start date.

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- P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Thein Amato as Network and Systems Administrator, effective 8/1/2026, at an annual salary of \$82,500.00, pro-rated to his start date.

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- P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a stipend of \$2,500 for Jill Connolly as acting Supervisor of Special Education, from September 9, 2026, through January 22, 2027.

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- P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves three extra summer workdays for Julie Worgul, to be scheduled in August 2026, to complete updates to the high school schedule and run meetings with Child Study team. Payment and scheduling as per the current PRASA contract.

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