

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

October 26, 2026

High School Little Theater

6:00 P.M. Public
6:05 P.M. Private
7:00 P.M. Public

I. Roll Call

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

Also Present:

P. Bernardo R. Wright S. Eveland J. Organ

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 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 _____.

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 _____.

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Private Session Agenda
The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at _____.

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V. Minutes for Approval

Private Meeting	September 28, 2026	For Board Approval
Monthly Meeting	September 28, 2026	For Board Approval

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board

A. NJSBA Board Training – New Superintendent and Board Transition Discussion

VII. Hearing of Citizens

Hearing of Citizens will be restricted to three minutes per person for a total of fifteen minutes for comments on agenda items only. The Board bears no responsibility, nor will it be liable for any comments made by the public. Please be advised that all comments are maintained as a matter of public record.

VIII. Student Representative's Report

IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

HIB Update

XI. BOE Committee Reports

XII. Supplemental Agenda

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

XIII. Consent Agenda

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XIV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business

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XVI. Adjournment

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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 September with (0) ISS suspension, (0) Out of school suspension, and no truancies to report.

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E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the results of the 2025-26 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Self- Assessment to Determine Grades for all district Schools.

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E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the out of district tuition for the following student for the 2026/27 school year:

STUDENT	PLACEMENT	DATES	AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
2511-070	BCSS New Bridges MS/HS Paramus, NJ 1:1 Aide	9/22/26 – 6/30/27	$86,292.00 $56,754.00

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E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Kelly Epstein, as the district's coordinator for the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy program for the 2026-27 school year.

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E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following overnight school field trip for the 2026/27 school year:

TEACHER'S NAME/ CLASS NAME	DESTINATION	DATE OF TRIP *
Heather Loll 8th Grade Class Trip	Philadelphia, PA	April 29, 2027 – April 30, 2027

** Changes in dates will not require BOE action.*

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E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Gerber Tours, Inc. as the travel provider for the Philadelphia, PA trip, from April 29 – April 30, 2027.

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E7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following school field trip for the 2026/27 school year:

TEACHER'S NAME/CLASS/GROUP	DESTINATION FOR FIELD TRIP	DATE OF TRIP *
Emily Fliesser, Luke Ostrow East Brook & West Ridge Grade 6 Students	Club Getaway Kent, CT	June 17 – June 18, 2027

** Changes in dates will not require BOE action.*

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E8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following student on home instruction, as indicated below, subject to revision:

STUDENT	DATES	TOTAL HOURS	SUBJECT
2615 - 050	9/29/26 – 11/13/26	1 hour/week	Math
2615 - 050	9/29/26 – 11/13/26	1 hour/week	History
2615 - 050	9/29/26 – 11/13/26	1 hour/week	Science
2615 - 050	9/29/26 – 11/13/26	1 hour/week	English
2615 - 050	9/29/26 – 11/13/26	1 hour/week	Spanish

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E9. The Park Ridge Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #312051 at East Brook Elementary.

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E10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the out of district tuition for the following students for the 2026/27 school year:

STUDENT	PLACEMENT	DATES	TUITION NOT TO EXCEED
1819 - 050	Rockland BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	$15,509.00
2625(a) - 05	Rockland BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	$15,509.00
1723 – 050	Rockland BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	$15,509.00
1225 – 060	Rockland BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	$15,509.00
2529(b) - 050	Rockland BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	$15,509.00

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E11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the AAPL test as our measure of fluency for the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy.

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E12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following consultant to provide dog therapy services for the 2026-27 school year, as indicated below, subject to revision:

PROVIDER	SERVICES	DATE
The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.	Comfort Therapy	11/2/2026

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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 September 2026 monthly financial reports (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. 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 month of N/A.

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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the September Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #054158 - 054515 in the amount of ($2,818,077.24) and #909264 - 910263 in the amount of ($801,483.10), and EFTs using ACH technology #L62626 – L62636 in the amount of ($55,760.47) for a total amount of $3,675,320.81. ***"F3"***

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #14467 – 14472 in the total amount of $1,964.00. ***"F4"***

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1143 - 1148 in the total amount of $12,988.25. ***"F5"***

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

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F7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the September 2026, "Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education" 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 2026/27 General Fund Transfers for the month of September 2026, in the amount indicated per Appendix A. ***"F8"***

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F1. – F8. Backup attached if applicable.

F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase with MRA International of two laptops for Our Lady of Mercy Academy using non-public technology funds totaling $2,234.00

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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"***

PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
20529.09	HS Attic Separation Walls	$2,907.00
20529.09	HS Attic Separation Walls	$342.00

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BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by the Park Ridge Recreation Men's Basketball for use of the HS Mini Gym on Mondays from 9/14/26 – 6/21/2027, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," as attached. ***"BG2"***

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BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by the Park Ridge Girl Scouts for use of WR Room #1 on various Mondays from 11/16/2026 – 6/14/2027, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," as attached. ***"BG3"***

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BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by the Borough of Park Ridge for use of the HS Little Theater on Sunday 11/29/26, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," as attached. ***"BG4"***

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BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by the Park Ridge Girl Scouts for use of EB Room #13 on various Fridays from 10/9/2026 – 6/11/2027, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," as attached. ***"BG5"***

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POLICY 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:

PO1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following Policies for second read and approval on October 26, 2026: ***"PO1"***

Policy 0162	Notice of Board Meetings
Policy 0162.1	Legal Notices
Policy 1230	Superintendent's Duties

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PO2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following Policies for first read on October 26, 2026: ***"PO2"***

Policy 1643	Family Leave
Policy 5460	High School Graduation
Policy 5461	High School Diplomas
Policy 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

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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 appointments of the following new substitute teachers for the 2026/27 school year:

TEACHER
Santiago, Sarah

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

SCHEDULE "E" RESCINDS 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR:

NAME	POSITION	STIPEND
Eichenlaub, Richard	Wrestling Head Coach	$9,537.00

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR:

NAME	POSITION	STIPEND/RATE
Mazzeo, Luke	Wrestling Head Coach	$9,537.00

TERMINATION FOR THE 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Tolani, Richa	WR FT 7 hr. Paraprofessional	10/22/2026

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026/27 YEAR:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	RATE
Almeida, Sophia	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Annese, Nicholas	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Barba, Christopher	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Brody, Morgan	EB 7hr. FT Paraprofessional	11/9/26	$27,575.00 (prorated)
Epifano, Jessica	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Finnerty, Karen	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Gavzy, Meredith	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Grzybek, Kevin	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Hegybeli, James	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Kohan, Jeanne	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
O'Riordan, Jennifer	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Pereira, Emily	EXTRAS Student Aide	10/27/26	$17.00/hr.
Prager, Elizabeth	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Santiago, Sarah	EXTRAS Teacher	10/27/26	$39.00/hr.
Santiago, Sarah	EXTRAS Adult Aide	10/27/26	$25.00/hr.
Stokes, Kevin	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night@ $123/night
Velazquez, Alyssa	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night
Wojciechowski, Elizabeth	Club Getaway Overnight Chaperone	6/17/27 – 6/18/27	1 night @ $459/night

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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 2026/27 school year:

NAME	REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	DATES	AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED
Brown, Chris	NIAAA Convention Phoenix, Arizona	12/10/26-12/15/26	$2,500.00

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P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as home instructors for Student 2615-050, from September 29, 2026 – November 13, 2026:

STAFF MEMBER	SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED	APPROX. HOURS	HOURLY RATE
Caine, Dana	Math	1 hr./week	$65.00/hr.
Hampson – Avery, Rachel	History	1 hr./week	$65.00/hr.
Jaffe, Molly	Science	1 hr./week	$65.00/hr.
McClair, Patricia	English	1 hr./week	$65.00/hr.
Sgambati, Martha	Spanish	1 hr./week	$65.00/hr.

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P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as chaperones for the 8th grade Philadelphia trip (April 29 – April 30, 2027) at the administrator/supervisor contract rate of $123 per night, and the overnight chaperone rate at the stipend rate of $275 per night:

Administrator/Supervisor ($123/night)
Troy Lederman

Nurse($275/night)
Geralyn Mastrangelo

Chaperones ($275/night)
Rachel Hampson-Avery
Joseph Manzo
Elena Sgambati
Gabriella Visaggio
Frank Zimmerman

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