

PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

November 16, 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	October 26, 2026	For Board Approval
Monthly Meeting	October 26, 2026	For Board Approval

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VI. Special Presentations to the Board

A. NJSLA and DLM Test Scores Presentation –Ms. Rodriguez Torrento

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 October with 2 (two) OSS and 0 ISS suspensions and no truancies to report.

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E2. The Park Ridge Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in the HIB investigations below:

INVESTIGATION	LOCATION	OUTCOME
313706	East Brook	Unfounded
314271	East Brook	Unfounded

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E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Annual Uniform Memorandum of Agreement with the local police authorities for the 2026/27 school year, which is on file in the Superintendent's office.

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E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the Park Ridge School District "School Security Plan" for the 2026/27 school year.

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E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the school Calendar, as attached, for the 2027-2028 school year. ***"E5"***

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E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the District Goals for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

By June 30, 2027, complete a thorough review of policies and procedures district-wide,

resulting in clarified communication among Board members and updated administrative procedures so that we can better align ourselves with the district's overall vision.

By June 30, 2027, engage in community communication to increase transparency and celebrate more of our students' stories and successes.

By June 30, 2027, review our facilities, network infrastructure, and equipment to build a clear priority list for future-proof and sustainable schools.

By June 30, 2027, develop and implement a basic MTSS framework, based on New Jersey's Tiered System of Supports guidelines.

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E7. **WHEREAS,** the Park Ridge Board of Education recognizes the value of interscholastic athletics in promoting student participation, teamwork, sportsmanship, school spirit, and the overall educational experience; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education recognizes the benefits of providing students with meaningful opportunities to participate in interscholastic athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Public Schools and Emerson Public Schools have expressed their mutual interest and intent to establish a cooperative football program beginning with the Fall 2027 football season; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cooperative program is intended to provide students from both school districts with the opportunity to participate in a combined football program, subject to all applicable conference and governing body requirements; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and implementation of the proposed cooperative football program is contingent upon approval by the New Jersey Interscholastic Conference (NJIC), as well as any other applicable approvals required by governing athletic organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby expresses its intent to pursue the establishment of a cooperative football program with Emerson Public Schools commencing with the Fall 2027 football season, contingent upon approval by the New Jersey Interscholastic Conference (NJIC) and satisfaction of all applicable requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to work collaboratively with the administration of Emerson Public Schools and the appropriate athletic and conference representatives to pursue the necessary approvals and coordinate the development of the proposed cooperative program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following NJIC approval, the participating school districts and their respective Boards of Education shall collaboratively determine the Lead Local Education Agency (LEA) and establish any necessary arrangements and decisions regarding the potential inclusion, coordination, and participation of cheerleading and marching band programs in connection with the cooperative football program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the implementation of the cooperative football program shall be subject to any required agreements, approvals, and arrangements between the participating school districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Park Ridge Board of Education

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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 October 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. 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 September 2026. ***"F2"***

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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the September Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #054087 – 054622 in the amount of ($2,522,801.78) and 910264 - 911262 in the amount of ($774,495.42), and EFTs using ACH technology #L62766 – L62773 in the amount of ($48,743.35) for a total amount of $3,346,040.55. ***"F3"***

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #14473 – 14482 and #900020 in the total amount of $12,821.90. ***"F4"***

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher #1149 – 1151 in the total amount of $894.00. ***"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 October 2026 "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 2026/27 General Fund Transfers for the month of October 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 accepts the following donation:

DONOR	TO	TYPE OF DONATION	APPROX. AMOUNT
East Brook PTO	East Brook Student Activity Fund	Monetary for the 26/27 school year	$1,171.32

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F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves amending the 2026/27 IDEA and the 2026/27 ESEA grant applications to include carry-over amounts from the 2025/26 school year, for use in the 2026/27 school year as follows:

GRANT	PARK RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	NON-PUBLIC
IDEA Basic	$0	$249.00
ESEA Title IA	$601.00	$0
ESEA Title III	$119.00	$0

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F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the revised FY 27 IDEA Preschool Grant award as follows:

GRANT	AMOUNT OF GRANT	(PARK RIDGE SD)	(OLM)
IDEA – Preschool	$22,023.00	$22,023.00	0

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F11. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the purchase of technical support and equipment, and maintenance, repair and operational supplies through State Contract/Cooperative pricing. Listed below are expenses anticipated to exceed the threshold (cumulatively):

ITEMS PURCHASED FROM	AMOUNT	SOURCE
Eastern DataComm	$24,795.00	Proprietary Equipment
Lightpath Fiber Infrastructure	$68,344.92	E-Rate Bid
R.D. Sales Door and Hardware	$49,830.05	Bergen County Bid 23-45

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F12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following revisions to the non-public nursing allocations for the 2026/27 school year:

- Nursing supervision services for Our Lady of Mercy Academy with Bergen County Department of Health Services, in the amount of $4,511.52.
- Board administration fee, 4% of state aid entitlement in the amount of $815.36.
- Nursing services provided by Suzanne Tobin in the amount of $3,656.42.
- Nursing services provided by Kristine DeSanto in the amount of $10,222.50

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FINANCE DISCUSSION

A. Unofficial Election Results

Josephine V. Hunt	1,745 (3-year term)
Rachelle Browne	1,560 (3-year term)
Shanai Jensen	1,377 (3-year term)
Amara Wagner	70 (Unexpired 1 year term)

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 following resolution for submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, which is on file in the Business Office:

WHEREAS the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three- year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public- school facilities, and

WHEREAS the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Park Ridge Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Park Ridge Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements. ***"BG1"***

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BG2. 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 #5 on November 16, 2026 and December 21, 2026, 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 EB Room #13 on various Fridays from October 9, 2026 – June 11, 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 Bible Club, for use of EB Room #13 on various Thursdays from November 19, 2026 – June 17, 2027 as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," as attached. ***"BG4"***

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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 November 16, 2026: ***"PO1"***

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 substitute teachers for the 2026/27 school year:

Substitute Teachers

None

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR:

NAME	POSITION	RATE/SALARY
Jarvis, Cole	HS 7-hour Paraprofessional (step 2)	$27,575.00 (prorated)
Zambrano, Melinda	EB 7-hour Paraprofessional (step 4)	$30,942.00 (prorated)

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P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the reimbursement of conference/expenses for the following board/staff members, for the 2026/27 school year:

NAME	REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	DATE	AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED
None			

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P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following substitute nurses to assist with 7th grade hearing screenings on November 4, 2026:

NAME	POSITION	RATE/SALARY
DeSanto, Kristine	7th Grade hearing screening	1 hr. @ $50.00 hr.
Hourican, Nicole	7th Grade hearing screening	1 hr. @$50.00 hr.

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P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers - Local 68 as per attached. ***"P5"***

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P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members as district liaison for the student teacher mentorship program. Payments for the Fall Clinical Practice 1 for the 2026/27 school year as per the agreement with Archway Project Ramapo College N.J. are as follows:

TEACHER	DUTY	BUILDING	STIPEND
Brown, Chris	Clinical Supervisor	HS	$1,000.00
Casatelli, Stacy	Clinical Supervisor	HS	$500.00
Centurione, Danielle	Mentor Teacher	HS	$200.00
Conforti, Lisa	District Liaison	DISTRICT	$500.00
Epstein, Kelly	Clinical Supervisor	HS	$500.00
Evans, Dylan	Mentor Teacher	HS	$200.00
Fogarty, John	Mentor Teacher	HS	$200.00
Gagliano, April	Mentor Teacher	EB	$200.00
Hegybeli, James	Clinical Supervisor	EB	$500.00
Kane, Tara	Mentor Teacher	HS	$200.00

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P7. 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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P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the per diem rate of $217.50 for nursing services at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, effective December 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not to exceed a total of $10,222.50. These services are funded through the New Jersey Nonpublic Nursing School Aid entitlement.

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