

**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: July 16, 2020

Public Started: 5:00 P.M.

Public Ended: 6:11 P.M.

Video Conference

**I. Roll Call**

N. Triano	D. Bradler	B. von Bradsky	R. Sileo	A. Wagner	J. Pierotti	F. Church
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Also Present:

R. Gamper	R. Wright
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**II. Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Board President, Frank Church.

**III. Open Public Meetings Statement** was read by Board President, Frank Church.

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 July 14, 2020 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on July 14, 2020 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 July 14, 2020 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. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS**

BG1. WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, The Park Ridge Board of Education opened bids for Grounds Maintenance Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education received one bids as follows:

Bidder	Amount
North Jersey Landcare LLC	\$46,545.00

AND WHEREAS North Jersey Landcare LLC was deemed to have the lowest, responsible bid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby awards the Grounds Maintenance contract to North Jersey Landcare LLC, in the amount of \$46,545.00 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

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BG2. WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, The Park Ridge Board of Education opened bids for Fields Maintenance Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Education received one bids as follows:

Bidder	Amount
North Jersey Landcare LLC	\$26,745.00

AND WHEREAS North Jersey Landcare LLC was deemed to have the lowest, responsible bid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Board of Education hereby awards the Fields Maintenance contract to North Jersey Landcare LLC in the amount of \$26,745.00 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

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BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the change order for the East Brook Trailer Site Work, in the amount of \$14,485.00, for the addition of 12 foundation piers. The change order will charge \$10,000 to the contingency allowance and increase the contractual amount by \$4,485.00. **"BG3"**

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BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Change Order #1 for the High School Bathroom Renovation project in the amount of \$2,380 for work performed as attached. The amount will be taken from the built-in contingency. No change to the contract is required. **"BG4"**

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BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Softball, for use of the West Ridge softball field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from July 9, 2020 - August 14, 2020, as indicated on the attached. **"BG5"**

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BG6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Park Ridge Softball for use of the Park Ridge HS softball field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from July 9, 2020 - August 14, 2020, as indicated on the attached. **"BG6"**

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<b>V. <u>FINANCE RESOLUTIONS</u></b>
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F1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the cancellation of outstanding checks, as per attached listing, from the Operating and Net Payroll Accounts. **"F1"**

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**VI. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

P1. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of David Librera as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, effective September 1, 2020, at an annual salary of \$68,500.00, pro-rated to \$57,084.

*Agenda item P1 was voted on in a separate vote and passed as follow:*

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P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Manuel Sanchez as a Custodian, Step 1, effective August 1, 2020, at an annual salary of \$41,137(\*), pro-rated to \$37,709(\*). Note (\*) – Based on 2019-2020 Bargaining agreement which expired June 30, 2020. This salary will be adjusted retroactively once an approved contract is in place for 2020-21.

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P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Adler Leneus as a .4 Weekend Custodian, Step 7, effective September 1, 2020, at an annual salary of \$18,076(\*), pro-rated to \$15,063. Note (\*) – Based on 2019-2020 Bargaining agreement which expired June 30, 2020. This salary will be adjusted retroactively once an approved contract is in place for 2020-21.

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P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Kevin Deen as a Part Time Bus Driver, effective September 1, 2020, at an hourly rate of \$30.00(\*), Note(\*) – Based on 2019-2020 Bargaining agreement which expired June 30, 2020. This hourly rate will be adjusted retroactively once an approved contract is in place for 2020-21.

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P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education rescinds motion P20 approved at the June 15, 2020 meeting.

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P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation of Molly Tague, High School Special Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2020.

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P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of the Business Administrator's 2019-20 Merit Pay as approved by the County Superintendent as per the attached documents. "P7"

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**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Board reviewed the agenda items and pulled P1 out for a separate vote. The remaining agenda items were voted on as a group, and passed as follows:*

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**VIII. Hearing of Citizens NONE**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

*Dr. Gamper reported that after speaking with the re-opening committee, he is recommending the purchase of 200 laptops for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This is being done over a concern about returning to remote instruction.*

*Mr. Sileo asked if these students would be charged laptop insurance?*

*Dr. Gamper responded that they would. All students in K-4 will have to pay the fee.*

*Mr. Sileo asked if grades K-3 would keep their same laptop?*

*Dr. Gamper responded that they would.*

*Mr. Sileo asked if professional development would be given to K-2 teachers on how to utilize the computers?*

*Dr. Gamper responded that they would.*

*Ms. Wagner commented that while she is supportive of getting these laptops now, she does not believe in continuing this practice once remote learning is over.*

*Dr. Gamper brought up proposed changes to the 2020-21 school calendar. A District committee meeting was held along with a parent committee, and both were in agreement on the changes. The realignment would delay student return to school until 9/8/20 and add one additional day of professional development. This new calendar would include a*

four day labor day weekend and take two days away from the winter recess. School would also close on MLK day and move that staff only day to September. Mr. Sileo asked if there were more professional development days in the calendar. Dr. Gamper responded that there was four days in the calendar, three in September and one in November. There will be a total of 187 days for staff and 183 for students. Three snow days are built in. Dr. Gamper also commented that the April break can be looked at for adjusting the school year should that become necessary. The recommended calendar changes, do not impact the last day of school. Ms. Wagner asked how many days are lost in the winter break. Dr. Gamper responded that it would be two. Mr. Sileo asked when parents would be informed about the changes. Dr. Gamper reported that the faculty would be informed in one to two weeks, and parents would find out in early August. Mr. Bradler remarked that the plan was due to the State on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Gamper said the plan can be approved in August and does not need a special meeting. Ms. vonbradsky asked if the district is working on contingency plans for COVID-19 positive tests. Dr. Gamper responded that they are still awaiting State guidance. Each school will have a pandemic response team.

**X. Adjournment 6:11 p.m.**

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Robert Wright  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary