



**PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

*Date: November 16, 2020*

*Public Started: 7:00 P.M.*

*Private Started: 7:05 P.M.*

*Public Started: 8:00 P.M.*

*Public Ended: 8:45 P.M.*

*High School Little Theater/Virtual Option*

<https://parkridge.webex.com/meet/ParkRidge>

**I. Roll Call**

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

Also Present:

R. Gamper R. Wright D. Lopez

**II. Pledge of Allegiance – was led by Board President Frank Church.**

**III. Open Public Meetings Statement** *was led 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 January 9, 2020 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on January 9, 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 January 9, 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. Adjournment to Private Session**

Private Closed Session was read by Board President Frank Church.

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 7:05.

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Private Session Agenda

The Regular Session of the Board of Education was recalled at 8:00.

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**V. Minutes for Approval**

Monthly Meeting

October 27, 2020

Board Approved

The Board approved the meeting minutes as follows:

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**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 questions and/or comments on agenda items only.

### **VIII. Student Representative's Report**

*Mr. Lopez informed the Board about two new clubs that were starting, GSA and Erase. The Student Body is planning a virtual pep rally to be held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. A Quiz game show is also in the works. Mr. Lopez reported that students are doing the best they can given the circumstances.*

### **IX. President's Report**

*Mr. Church congratulated Natalie Agoos, Lauren Sum and Debbie Claire for their election to the Board of Education*

### **X. Superintendent's Report**

#### **HIB Update**

*Dr. Gamper reported that there was one unconfirmed HIB at East Brook and none at the other two buildings.*

*Dr. Gamper gave an update on the pandemic situation. There are 11 cases of COVID currently reported in the district. A twelfth was just received today. West Ridge elementary will be going all virtual starting tomorrow.*

*Dr. Gamper congratulated the new Board members. He also wished all of the sports teams luck in their playoff games. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.*

### **XI. BOE Committee Reports**

*Finance – The committee discussed the EXTRAS and Food Service program – Mr. Wright discussed the projected losses for both programs. For Food Service as of October, the district has a loss of over \$8,000. One option discussed to reduce the loss was leaving the National School Lunch Program and using an outside vendor to prepare meals at a lower cost. The Board authorized Mr. Wright to pursue this option and report back. In discussing the EXTRAS program, he explained that low enrollment numbers and repeated closures due to COVID were causing significant losses. After reviewing the situation, the Finance committee agreed to end the program at year-end to give parents an opportunity to try finding childcare. The Board agreed with this direction.*

*Education – The committee discussed the 2021-22 school calendar. The calendar was reviewed with PREA representatives and they gave their approval.*

*Emergency closing days were also discussed. Districts are now allowed to use virtual days instead of snow days. The Administration and the PREA are OK with this as long as there is advance notice. A caveat would be if there were a blizzard or storm that might knock out power. Any unused snow days are added to the Memorial Day weekend.*

*Dr. Gamper spoke about the Anti-bullying Bill of Rights. Schools need 50 pts or more to meet the State minimum. Park Ridge exceeded the minimum point requirement in all three schools.*

**XII. Supplemental Agenda**

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

*The Supplemental agenda contained the approval of a therapeutic counselor and an EXTRAS program substitute. Both were moved to the Consent Agenda.*

**XIII. Consent Agenda**

*Ms. Agoos asked if there would be disruption to the Food Service program for those students receiving meals if the district changed vendors. Mr. Wright explained that for the students who qualify for Free/Reduced meals, there would not be. Anyone else currently participating in the program could become ineligible. He also confirmed that no change would be made until a new vendor could ensure a seamless transition.*

*The Board then voted on the Consent Agenda. It passed as follows:*

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**XIV. Hearing of Citizens - None**

**XV. Board Comments – New/Unfinished Business - None**

**XVI. Adjournment - 8:45 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 accepts the suspension, truancy and HIB reports from the Superintendent for the month of October with no SSDS suspensions and no truancy to report.

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

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E3. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the revised Bylaws for the Pascack Valley Council for Special Education (Region II). **"E3"**

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E4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the School Calendar, as attached, for the 2021-2022 school year. **"E4"**

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E5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the Park Ridge School District "School Safety and Security Plan" for the 2020/21 school year.

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E6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the tuition for the following students for the 2020/21 school year:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</u>
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2612	Rockland County BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/20 -6/30/21	\$18,791.39
1013	Rockland County BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/20 -6/30/21	\$12,818.39
268(B)	Rockland County BOCES West Nyack, NY	9/1/20 -6/30/21	\$12,818.39

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**EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

- A. 2021-22 District Calendar
- B. Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights
- C. Emergency Closing/Remote Learning days

**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 2020 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"**

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F2. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the Cafeteria Report for the month of September 2020. **"F2"**

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F3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Check Journal (List of Bills) containing Check #44618-44772 in the total amount of \$2,874,116.15. **"F3"**

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F4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the payment of Athletic Vouchers #12033-#12063 in the total amount of \$2,696.00. **"F4"**

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F5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Varsity Athletic Club Voucher # 1051-#1052 in the total amount of \$660.50. **"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 2020 "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 2020/21 General Fund Transfers for the month of October 2020 in the amount indicated per Appendix A. "F8"

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*F1.-F8. Backup attached.*

F9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves amending the 2020/21 ESSA grant application to include carry-over amounts from the 2019/20 school year, for use in the 2020/21 school year as follows:

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>PARK RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-PUBLIC</u>
Title I	\$1,034.00	\$0
Title II	\$15,058.00	\$2,750.00

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F10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Joint Transportation Agreement with Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education, for nineteen (19) students attending the Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, for the 2020/21 school year, at an estimated amount of \$11,273.84.

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**FINANCE DISCUSSION**

A. Election Results - *Unofficial*

Natalie Jowett Agoos	3,509
Lauren Sum	318
Deborah B. Clare	283

**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 payment #3 (Final Payment) to GL Group, Inc. for the High School and Middle School toilet Renovation Project, in the amount of \$31,768.50. **"BG1"**

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BG2. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Change Order #2 to GL Group, Inc., for the High School and Middle School toilet Renovation Project, to cancel the balance of the unexpended Project funds in the amount of \$32,630.00. **"BG2"**

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BG3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves Change Order #1 to Williams Scotsman, Inc. for the East Brook Trailer Project, for electrical work performed by the Board for a credit of \$7,200.00. **"BG3"**

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BG4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following payments to Parette Somjen Architects for the following projects: **"BG4"**

<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8103	EB Temporary Classroom Bldgs.	\$55.46
8363	High School Room 106 Renovations	\$17.56
8419	High School Restroom Renovations	\$99.63

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BG5. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the Use of the Building Facilities Application by Pride Lacrosse, for use of the PRHS Football Field, as per Board Policy #7510 "Use of School Facilities," from 3/13/2021 – 6/13/2021, as listed on the attached. **"BG5"**

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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 2020/21 school year:

None

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P2. The Park Ridge Board of Education acknowledges and approves the appointments and rescinds of the following, as indicated in the areas listed, and for the amounts cited for the 2020/21 school year:

SCHEDULE "E" APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Robert Andresen	Gay Straight Alliance Co-Advisor	\$1,250.00
Katelyn Saxton	Gay Straight Alliance Co-Advisor	\$1,250.00
Muhammad Awais	E.R.A.S.E. Club Advisor	\$2,500.00
Andrew Yeager	E.R.A.S.E. Club Counselor	\$1,000.00

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P3. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the reimbursement of anticipated conference/expenses for the following staff members, for the 2020/21 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON/LOCATION FOR CONFERENCE/SEMINAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Stephanie Jurkovic	Conference for School Based Speech-Language Pathologists	12/7-12/8/2020	\$479.00

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P4. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves additional hours for the following staff members for the 2020/21 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Nicole Allen	IEP Meetings	\$107.63
Kaitlyn Amato	IEP Meetings	\$42.13
Jean Anderson	IEP Meetings	\$165.17
Melissa Berkowitz	IEP Meetings	\$36.82
Caitlin Candio Sekel	IEP Meetings	\$181.60
Tammy LaBruna	IEP Meetings	\$413.14
Anthony Sosa	IEP Meetings	\$311.52
Mallorie Troast	IEP Meetings	\$56.42
Brigitte Walsh	IEP Meetings	\$52.31
Heather Zeuner	IEP Meetings	\$93.64

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P5. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation, due to retirement, of Gabriela Ferrero, Guidance Secretary at Park Ridge High School, effective March 1, 2021.

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P6. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Rosemary Garganta as East Brook Grade 6 teacher, on Step 5 of the MA guide, at an annual salary of \$65,104.00, prorated to her start date.

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P7. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas Hugh Cleary as substitute computer technician, effective November 10, 2020 through November 30, 2020, at a per diem rate of \$200.00 per day.

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P8. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the attached contract for David Librera, for the 2020-21 school year. **"P8"**

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P9. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the following staff members for additional stipends for teaching a 6<sup>th</sup> period, effective November 13, 2020 through March 10, 2021 or sooner:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Elizabeth Termanini	Period 1/2 Environmental Science Collab	\$5,009.48
Karen Carroll	Period 3/4 Conceptual Chemistry Collab	\$6,598.48
Deborah Strammello	Period 7/8 Biology Collab	\$7,155.12
Ann Schoenkopf	Period 11/12 Environmental Science Collab	\$7,441.07
Heather Loll	Period 16/17 Biology Collab	\$7,441.07

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*The additional stipend for these teachers is the result of Heather Wall's maternity leave. (High School Special Education Science Teacher) Additionally, Ms. Wall's doctor is advising that she work in the safest environment as possible as pregnancy is now considered a high-risk condition for COVID disease. As a result, these staff members will be commencing the additional stipends effective November 13, 2020.*

P10. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves a Leave-of-Absence for Heather Zeuner (East Brook Teacher) as follows:

- A Disability Leave-of-Absence from March 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021, with pay and with benefits.
- A State Family Leave-of-Absence effective May 3, 2021 through June 25, 2021, without pay and with benefits.

The dates listed above are based on current attendance and are subject to change.

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P11. The Park Ridge Board of Education accepts the resignation, due to retirement, of Lynne Collins, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, effective February 1, 2021.

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P12. The Park Ridge Board of Education approves the attached addendum to the PREA Bargaining Agreement for 2020-2023. ***"P12"***

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