

**WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2020  
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A Work Session/Business Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Michael Jacobs in Rooms 103 and 104 at Ridgefield Memorial High School.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:14 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

**III. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Ridgefield Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Administration Building, and having notified The Record, The Star Ledger and the Ridgefield Borough Clerk”.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Acosta	Absent
Mr. Grippa	Present
Mrs. Inan	Present
Mr. Morilla	Arrived at 7:46 p.m.
Mrs. Narvaez	Present
Mr. Pych	Absent
Mr. Jacobs	Present

There being four members present, a quorum was declared.

Also present were:

Rory McCourt – Superintendent of Schools

Julyana Ortiz – Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**V. Motion to Convene in EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION for School Board Training, Personnel, Legal, Negotiations, Attorney/Client Privilege and/or Student Matters items, at P.M.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgefield Board of Education, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Board meet in closed session to discuss the following subject matter(s), which is (are) permitted to be discussed in closed session pursuant to the following designated sub-section(s) of Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act:

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- ( ) Sub-section 1 dealing with material rendered confidential by express provision of Federal or State law.
- ( ) Sub-section 2 covering a matter in which release of information would impair a right to receive federal funds.
- ( ) Sub-section 3 involving disclosure of material that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, including material related to an individual's personal and family circumstances, without the express written consent of the individual involved.
- ( ) Sub-section 4 pertaining to collective bargaining agreements and the terms, conditions and negotiations thereof.
- ( ) Sub-section 5 dealing with the acquisition of real property, the setting of bank rates, or the investment of public funds where discussion thereof would adversely affect the public interest.
- ( ) Sub-section 6 dealing with tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public where disclosure could impair such protection or investigation of violation of the law.
- (X) Sub-section 7 dealing with pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiations, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- (X) Sub-section 8 concerning student matters and/or personnel matters dealing with employment, appointment, termination, or terms and conditions of employment of any person or persons, or the evaluation, promotion or disciplining of employees unless all employees involved consent to disclosure thereof.
- ( ) Sub-section 9 involving deliberations after public hearing on a matter, which may result in the imposition of a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as precisely as can be determined at this time, the discussion conducted in the said closed session can be disclosed to the public upon taking final action thereon, provided disclosure shall not violate the attorney-client privilege, impair the safety and property of the public or constitute an undue invasion of privacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is envisioned that the Board will return to open session after this closed session meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Narvaez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs.

**VI. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING** reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. McCourt spoke about the County Superintendent of Schools has ordered a mandatory shutdown starting at 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2020 for the next two weeks. He thanked the administrative team for a doing a great job for preparing for the shutdown.

Mrs. Julyana Ortiz presented and discussed the 2020/2021 Preliminary Budget that is on tonight's agenda. Mrs. Ortiz thanked the Ridgefield Board of Education Team that includes the Superintendent, Administrators, and Operation and Finance Committee for their assistance in building the 2020/2021 Budget.

**VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

- A. Student Liaison – Fatima Hijaza – Ms. Hijaza reported on the following school activities. **N/R**
- B. Finance Committee – Andrew Grippa (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Javier Acosta-**N/R**
- C. Curriculum Committee – Claudia Narvaez (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Maryam Juliet Inan – **N/R**
- D. Operations Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Andrew Grippa – **N/R**
- E. Personnel Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), William Pych, Maryam Juliet Inan – Mr. Morilla stated they will be having their second meeting on negotiations. He stated everything is going well.
- F. Policy Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Claudia Narvaez – **N/R**
- G. NJSBA/Legislative Delegate – Claudia Narvaez - Alternates: Michael Jacobs – **N/R**

**IX. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION -**

- X. Motion to move into PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the Meeting (Resolutions and Discussion Items Only).**  
Statements made by individual participants are limited to a duration of five (5) minutes unless otherwise announced at the beginning of the discussion. The Board urges large groups to select one person to represent them. The Board reminds those individuals who take the opportunity to speak to please step up to the microphone, identify themselves by name and address, and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda. The Board may or may not respond to issues raised by members of the public. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks all members of the public to be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, the Board discourages comments regarding students and employees and will not respond to such comments. Please note that after the public discussion is closed by the President, no other questions or comments from the audience will be permitted until the “Questions and Comments from the Audience on Any Topic of Concern” at the end of the agenda. At that time, questions do not have to be confined to agenda items.

Motion made by Mrs. Narvaez, seconded by Mrs. Inan.  
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

**XI. Motion to close PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the Meeting.**

Motion made by Mrs. Narvaez, seconded by Mr. Morilla.  
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

**XII. BOARD COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY.**

Mrs. Narvaez thanked Mr. McCourt for his handling and doing an amazing job of his handling of the Coronavirus outbreak crisis with the community.

Mr. Grippa also thanked Mr. McCourt for his handling with the staff and administrators being proactive.

Mr. Jacobs also stated that Mr. Court lets you speak and listens.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**XIV. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION**

**1. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Roll Call**

Motion to approve the following consent items  
2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28 and 29:

Motion made by Mrs. Narvaez, seconded by Mrs. Inan.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Acosta	Absent
Mr. Grippa	Aye
Mrs. Inan	Aye
Mr. Morilla	Aye
Mrs. Narvaez	Aye
Mr. Psych	Absent
Mr. Jacobs	Aye except Abstained on #23

**FINANCE – (Items 2-16)**

**2. MINUTES – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the minutes of the February

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26, 2020 Business Meeting and Executive Session (**REF#0312-01**):

**3. BILL LIST – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the bill list from the months of February and March 2020 (**REF#0312-02**):

February 2020 Payroll	\$2,462,617.23
February 2020 Benefits	\$ 469,622.77
March 12, 2020 Vendor Batch 1	\$ 317,611.51

**4. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Board Secretary Report for the period ending January 31, 2020 (**REF#0312-03**):

**5. CASH REPORT- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Cash Report for the period ending January 31, 2020 (**REF#0312-04**):

**6. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the budget transfer January 2020 in the amount of \$895,426.25 as attached (**REF#0312-05**):

**7. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S CERTIFICATION – Consent**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(d), I, Julyana Ortiz School Business Administrator, certify that as of January 31, 2020 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(d), I, Julyana Ortiz School Business Administrator, certify that as of January 31, 2020 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(b).

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Motion to certify, pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(e), that as of January 31, 2020 after review of the Board Secretary’s monthly report (appropriations sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(e), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year:

**8. APPROVAL OF RESIDENT STUDENT SENT OUT-OF-DISTRICT FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR STRTING MARCH 3, 2020 – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the following student sent out of district based on requirements of their IEP for 2019-2020 starting March 3, 2020.

<u>STUDENT I.D. #</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TUITION</u>
8527038657	Washington Elementary School	\$35,000.00

**9. 2019-2020 DISTRICT PURCHASING AGENT– Consent**

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-2 provides that a Board of Education shall assign authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Board of Education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 provides that contract, awarded by the purchasing agent that do not need exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold, may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37, c. provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Board of Education pursuant to the statutes cited above hereby appoints Julyana Ortiz, Business

Administrator/Board Secretary, until June 30, 2020 as its duly authorized purchasing agent(s) and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Ridgefield Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Julyana Ortiz is hereby authorized, until June 30, 2020 to award contracts on behalf of the Ridgefield Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Julyana Ortiz is hereby authorized, until June 30, 2020 to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable, when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold but less than the bid threshold of \$40,000.00.

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Ridgefield Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey hereby sets its bid threshold to \$40,000.00:

**10. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the following fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year (**REF#0312-06**):

- A.) **Autism Speaks** to hold a **Jeans Day** on April 1, 2020 with proceeds going towards Autism research and resources.
- B.) **Autism Speaks** to hold a **Coin Collection** on April 1, 2020 with proceeds going towards Autism research and resources.
- C.) **Marching Band** to hold a **Ping Pong Tournament** on April 3, 2020 with proceeds going towards the marching band trip.
- D.) **Marching Band** to hold a **Color Run** on May 2, 2020 with proceeds going towards the marching band trip.

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education accepts an artist donation from Harold George of three large prints and four small prints for RMHS:

**12. APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION-Consent**

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Board of Education does hereby approve and agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated

Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2020-2021 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission (**REF#0312-07**):

**13. APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR SY 2020-2021 –  
Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the preliminary 2020-2021 school year budget as follows:

	<i><b>Budget</b></i>	<i><b>Local Tax Levy</b></i>
General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 40,272,753	\$ 22,566,627
Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)	\$ 639,061	\$ 0
Debt Service Fund (Fund 40)	\$ 932,698	\$ 713,507
<b>Total Base Budget</b>	<b>\$ 41,844,512</b>	<b>\$ 23,280,134</b>

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Fund tax levy \$23,280,134 is approved to support Current General Expense that includes an automatic adjustment for Use of Banked Cap of \$3,175 and Debt Service Fund tax levy of \$713,507 to support Debt Service for the 2020-21 school year budget:

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education accepts State School Aid for the 2020-21 school year as follows:

Equalization Aid	\$ 1,697,911
Special Education Categorical Aid	\$ 1,051,622
Security Aid	\$ 96,410



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Less: SDA Assessment	\$ -474
Subtotal	\$ 2,845,469
Debt Service Aid	\$ 189,191
Total Aid	\$ 3,034,660

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education withdraws from the Board of Education’s approved Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$217,000 to transfer \$30,000 to Debt Service and to fund the following other Capital Projects:

**Shaler Academy School**

- New Playground - \$84,000

**Bergen Boulevard School**

- Security Vestibule in Front Entrance - \$20,000

**Slocum Skewes School:**

- Multipurpose Room Door - \$15,000
- Remove and replace Cafeteria Tables - \$40,000
- Remove and replace Art Room Lights – \$8,000
- Drain in front of Multipurpose Room Door - \$12,000

**Ridgefield Memorial High School**

- Remove and replace gutters - \$8,000

**14. APPROVAL OF THE 2020-21 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – WITHDRAWAL FROM MAINTENANCE RESERVE– Consent**

WHEREAS, NJSA 6a:23A-14.2(d) permits a Board of Education to withdraw such funds from the maintenance reserve account and appropriate into the required maintenance account lines at budget time or any time during the year for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-4

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education is desirous to withdraw funds from the Maintenance Reserve Account in the amount of \$69,000 and appropriate said funds into the required maintenance account line in the general fund for the following:

- Repair floors in room 101A/B in Slocum Skewes School

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(\$10,000)

- Repair ceiling in room 206 in Slocum Skewes School (\$35,000)
- Lock replacements in Slocum Skewes School (\$4,000)
- Locker repairs and paint in Ridgefield Memorial High School (\$20,000)

WHEREAS, according to 6A:23A-14.2(e), the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education shall restore any unexpended required maintenance appropriations up to the amount of maintenance reserve account funds withdrawn, to the maintenance reserve account at year- end:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education approves the withdrawal of \$69,000 from the Board of Education's approved Maintenance Reserve account to be used in SY 2020-2021.

**15. APPROVAL OF THE 2020-21 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – USE OF BANKED CAP – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education approves the use of the 2019-2020 banked cap permitting the tax levy to increase above 2% in the amount of \$3,175 needed to purchase the textbooks for the Bergen County Community College program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to submit the preliminary budget with the inclusion of the use of the 2019-2020 banked cap as noted above.

**16. APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR – Consent**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in each pre-budget year the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by state and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education had previously established a maximum amount for the pre-budget year 2019-2020 as \$60,000

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WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education has expended \$6,593.95 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount of the 2020-21 school year as \$60,000.00.

**STUDENT SERVICES – (Item 17)**

**17. APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the following class trips for the 2019-2020 school year:

Teacher Name	Location	Purpose	Date	School	Learning Center	General Ed.	# of Students Attending
Erica Donato Maria Pena Terry Guidi Jesse Gennarelli Linda Parent Karin Ruts Kristine Emerson Nati Florez Megan Dominquez Noelle Evelina Ralph Torres Natalie Scaglione Mildred Morales Lisa Governelli Kelly Kowatch Megan Marquez Jesse Genneralli Kelly Kowatch	Bowler City	Students will interact with the following peers, employees of CBI location, making requests, practice waiting their turn	4/2/20	SS	X		20
Vincent Marriner Jo-Marie Giacari Daniel Rivera Jessica Yoo Kiki Kalathas Maria Garcia Priscilla Vargas Bianca Llenas	Blaze Pizza/Walmart	Community based instruction requirements of transition goals and student IEP's	4/3/20	SS	X		12
Kristin Capotorto Christine Simeone Debbie Becker Ralph Cheuveret Manal Hajmahmoud Angela Colasante Nikki Kimball	Edgewater Commons	Students will be participating in education community based trips to help develop their individual goals,	4/20/20	RMHS	X		12

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		objectives and skills in a natural environment					
Kristin Capotorto Mati Miano Ellen Ciniello Jerry Russo Luis Ortega Ralph DiStaulo Hope Yuschak Debbie Becker Judy Rommes Nikki Kimball Elsie King	JCC	Students will be participating in education community based trips to help develop their individual goals, objectives and skills in a natural environment	4/23/20	RMHS	X		14
David Crum Matthew Mulholland	Bethlehem Catholic High School/Dorney Park	To perform high level music with the two concert bands, two jazz bands and receive comments and feedback from Judges	5/5/20	SS		X	118
Jennifer Rupprecht Connie Grasso Debbie Torres Nurse	Shoprite/Farmers Market	Students will interview a chef, explore the benefits and challenges of buying local foods, cook and follow recipes	5/15/20	RMHS	X		8
Debora Carlson Rosa Chaves Debbie Torres Cecilia Lombardi	Logans Farm	Students will explore and develop life skills through activities with farming and sustainable living	5/19/20	RMHS	X		12
Anthony DiBona Irene Voight	NJ Convention & Expo Center	Students to learn about careers in the construction industry	5/27/20	RMHS		X	15
Debora Carlson Rosa Chaves Debbie Torres Cecilia Lombardi	Eco Tour – Hackensack River Keeper	To learn about additional environmental resources to keep our environment clean and safe	6/5/20	RMHS	X		12

**CURRICULUM – (Item 18)**

**18. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP EXPENDITURES - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the following workshop participation and expenditures:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Jolyann Schoeppler	Embracing the Whole Child NJCEC Spring 2020 Conference	Mahwah	3/16/20	\$115.00
Claudia Ficoseco	2020 Educational Enterprises Annual Conference	Paramus	3/27/20	NO COST
Courtney Goch Michelle Mariani	Practical Strategies for Improving the Behavior of Attention Seeking, Manipulative and Challenging Students	West Orange	3/31/20	\$279.00 pp
Timothy Yang	Bergen County Diversity Summit	Lyndhurst	4/1/20	NO COST
Veronica Wilenta	NJABA NJ Association for Behavior Analysis 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	Somerset	4/3/20	\$250.00
Chrisann Foley	Guided Math Seminar	Cherry Hill	4/17/20	\$279.00
Mike Zunick	NJSELA Spring Roundtable	Monroe	5/8/20	NO COST
Anna Maric	Social Skills 24/7	Norwood	5/28/20	NO COST
Kathleen Estevez	Art of Coaching Volleyball Clinic	Chicago, IL	5/30-5/30/20	\$301.27

**OPERATIONS – (Item 19)**

**19. APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education Motion to approves the following use of Facilities Request (**REF#0312-08**)

- A. RBAO/Ridgefield Recreation to use the Bergen Boulevard School Gym for Baseball/Basketball Practice from March 16, 2020 – June 12, 2020, Monday through Friday – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (subject to availability and when school is open).
- B. RBAO/Ridgefield Recreation to use the Slocum Skewes School Gym for Baseball/Basketball Practice from March 16, 2020 – June 12, 2020, Monday through Friday - 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (subject to availability and when school is open).

**PERSONNEL – (Items 20-29)**

**20. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF MARIA REYES - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education accepts the resignation (for retirement purposes) of Maria Reyes, full time teacher assistant at Slocum Skewes School, effective April 1, 2020:

**21. APPOINTMENT OF VICTORIA VASQUEZ AS A PART TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT SHALER ACADEMY- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints Victoria Vasquez as a part time teacher assistant at Shaler Academy at a rate of \$15.95 per hour, retroactive beginning March 3, 2020 through June 30, 2020:

**22. APPROVAL OF UNPAID WORK DAYS FOR JOSEPH SKUNCA – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves unpaid work days for Joseph Skunca retroactive from February 27, 2020, February 28, 2020, March 2, 2020, March 3, 2020, March 4, 2020, March 5, 2020, March 11, 2020 and March 12, 2020:

**23. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints Gary Bonacci and Karima Shaalan as district substitute teachers, to be used on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$110.00, beginning March 16, 2020 through June 30, 2020:

**24. APPOINTMENT OF SPRING SATURDAY HAPPENING STAFF FOR THE 2019–2020 SCHOOL YEAR - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints the following Spring Saturday Happening Staff to work the following program dates: March 11,(walk-in registration), 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 18, 2019:

**The following teachers will be paid \$28.00 per hour and used on an as needed basis:**

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Anthony DiBona	(Basketball)	Teacher
Anas Zubi	(Basketball)	Sub. Cert (60 college credits)
Christopher Martucci	(Basketball Sub)	Sub. Cert (60 college credits)
Erin Carlin	(Cooking)	Teacher
Marcela Sansanelli	(Substitute)	Sub. Cert (60 college credits)
Daniel Gonzalez	(Substitute)	Sub. Cert (60 college credits)
LeeAnn Papadoupalos	(Creative Colors of Art)	Teacher
Jaclyn McLaughlin	(Volleyball)	Teacher

**The para-professionals will be paid \$20.00 per hour and used on an as needed basis for instructing a class:**

Emmanuel Barzaga	(Chess/Checkers)
Lori Garofalo	(Playdough Workshop)
Maria Pavlopoulos	(Cooking)
Joseph Kolodziej	(Reading and Creative Writing)

**The para-professionals will be paid \$25.00 per hour and used on an as needed basis:**

Kristina Heard	(Volleyball Assistant)
Karin Ruts	(Assistant)

**The following school will be paid \$60.00 per hour and used on an as needed basis:**

Bergen Jang Star Taekwondo School, INC.	(Taekwondo)
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**25. APPROVAL OF UNPAID WORK DAY FOR CHRISTINA CANSIAN - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves unpaid work day for Christina Cancian retroactive from March 4, 2020:

**26. APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EMPLOYEE ID#0375 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves a medical leave of absence for employee ID#0375 retroactive beginning March 2, 2020, with the use of twenty-two (22) sick days with an expected return date of April 1, 2020:

**27. APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EMPLOYEE ID#2039- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves a medical leave of

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absence for employee ID#2039 retroactive beginning March 6, 2020, with the use of eleven (11) sick days with an expected return date of March 23, 2020:

**28. EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF REEM JALUDI AS LEAVE REPLACEMENT SECRETARY AT SHALER ACADEMY – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, the upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves an extension of appointment of Reem Jaludi as a leave replacement secretary at Shaler Academy, at a rate of \$16.29 per hour, beginning retroactive beginning March 2, 2020 through March 31, 2020:

**29. APPROVAL OF UNPAID WORK DAYS FOR DAWN GALBRAITH -MAZZOLA – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves unpaid work days for Dawn Galbraith-Mazzola retroactive for March 10, 2020, March 11, 2020 and March 12, 2020:

**POLICY – (Items )**

**LEGAL – (Item )**

- XV.** Motion to move into **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS** Session of the meeting (any items).

Please follow the guidelines as stated under “Questions and Comments from the audience on Agenda items”.

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, seconded by Mrs. Narvaez.  
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

- XVI.** Motion to close **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS** Session of the meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Inan, seconded by Mrs. Narvaez.  
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.



**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 8:22 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, seconded by Mrs. Narvaez.

Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julyana Ortiz  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary