

**SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 30, 2021
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
555 CHESTNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

A Special Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education will be held on March 30, 2021. This meeting will be held remotely as per guidelines to the public posted on the Ridgefield School District’s website. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Jacobs.

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 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”.

Ms. Ortiz may we have a roll call please

IV. ROLL CALL

Mr. Acosta	Present
Mr. Grippa	Present
Mrs. Inan	Present
Mr. Morilla	Arrived at 7:04 p.m.
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent
Mr. Pych	Present
Mr. Jacobs	Present

There being six members present, a quorum was declared.

Also present were:

Dr. Letizia Pantoliano – Interim Superintendent of Schools
Julyana Ortiz – Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ronald Kavanagh – Board Attorney

V. Motion to Convene in **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** for School Board Training, Personnel, Legal, Negotiations, Attorney/Client Privilege and/or Student Matters items, at 7:02 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Pych..

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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:

- () 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.
- () Sub-section 7 dealing with pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiations, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- () 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 not envisioned that the Board will return to open session after this closed session meeting.

VI. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

(Resolutions and Discussion Items only).

VII. Motion to move into PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Pych, seconded by Mrs. Inan.

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Ms. Ortiz stated there were no public comments.

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

Motion made by Mr. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Grippa.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

X. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

1. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Roll Call

Ms. Ortiz may we have a roll call please.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Acosta	Aye
Mr. Grippa	Aye
Mrs. Inan	Nay
Mr. Morilla	Nay
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent
Mr. Psych	Aye
Mr. Jacobs	Aye

2. APPROVAL OF MOBILEASE MODULAR SPACE, INC CONTRACT – Consent

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the contract with Mobilease Modular Space, Inc for the removal and replacement Slocum Skewes' Modular Units for the amount of \$1,703,200 utilizing New Jersey State Contract #ESCNJ 20/21-43:

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

Motion made by Mr. Pych, seconded by Mr. Acosta.
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

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XII. Motion to close PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the meeting.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education at 7:15 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Pych.
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

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