

**WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 27, 2021
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
555 CHESTNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

A Business Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education will be held on May 27, 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 7:01 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	Absent
Mr. Morilla	Present
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent
Mr. Pych	Present - left meeting at 7:49 p.m.
Mr. Jacobs	Present

Also present were:

Dr. Letizia Pantoliano – Interim 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 7:02 p.m.

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

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.

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- () 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.

VI. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

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

1. Annual School Ethics Presentation – Matthew Lee (NJSBA Representative)

Mr. Lee from NJSBA gave a presentation on the Annual Schools Ethics with the Board Members. Mr. Lee stated this presentation reviews the code of ethics that is done each year and the recent ethic decisions to give school officials guidance.

Mr. Jacobs asked Mr. Lee during election time as individuals not as the board can they be permitted to put a sign on their lawn. Do they need a disclaimer to do so? Mr. Lee stated you do not need a disclaimer to put a sign on the lawn. Mr. Grippa stated regarding the Doctrine of Necessity you have board members conflicted and you have a personnel matter, we need four board members to go through. Mr. Lee stated you need to look at the matter and decide what is needed in order to pass it. Mr. Grippa stated he is under the impression if we do not have four board members passing it, it is his understating it would not pass. Mr. Lee stated that Mr. Grippa is correct in his thinking. Mr. Jacobs thanked Mr. Lee for his presentation.

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2. Emergency Exit Drill of School Buses – Dr. Letizia Pantoliano

Dr. Pantoliano reported that in compliance the Emergency Exit Drill of School Buses were performed during the period of May 4th – May 7th, 2021 at each school location.

3. Recognition of Graduates with Associates Degree from Bergen Community College – Janet Seabold

Ms. Seabold stated that the Class of 2021 marks the first group of students who completed the Bergen Community College Early College Program. These 14 students were recognized at the Board of Education meeting for their accomplishment of achieving an Associate's Degree while simultaneously completing high school. They will begin their college career as juniors in the fall. Ms. Seabold introduced Mr. Jon Duncan who recognized and congratulated the students who received an Associate's Degree from the Early College Program: Jayson Abreu, Frank Amato, Wassan Aqil, Jailyn Garciga, Baian Ghayeb, Gianna Haase, Emma Hot, Ashley Kuiken, Julianne Martucci, Nicole Pepeto, Sophia Popp, Livia Ramos and Natalia Silva.

Dr. Pantoliano stated it is quite an accomplishment to say you received an Associate's Degree before graduating high school. You are first group to receive it and you did it during a pandemic. Dr. Pantoliano stated the sky is the limited for this group of students.

Mr. Jacobs stated to receive a college degree before a high school degree is unique and you should be very proud. Ridgefield is very proud and this is just the beginning for you and we think you are great. Congratulations.

Dr. Pantoliano gave an update of the modular units at Slocum Skewes School. We awarded the bid, the engineering is done, there was a permit review and the building fabrication is ongoing. The utilities have been disconnected. The building is in the process of being demo and the demo is scheduled for May 31 – June 11, 2021. Dr. Pantoliano stated that we had a Construction Meeting and we are all on the same page. Dr. Pantoliano stated we are all on schedule.

President Biden has given a third pool of money for school districts. It is called American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). Ridgefield is receiving \$2,264,852.00. We are meeting with the board, administration and staff and we are trying to we make as capital improvement that are necessary. Dr. Pantoliano stated one of the ways we are using are funds is through Environmental Science Project. Dr. Pantoliano stated that around the schools we are putting flower beds. The students are planting in front of Shaler Academy School and Bergen Boulevard School and also the high school will have planting done on June 14, 2021. Slocum Skewes School will have raised flower beds.

Dr. Pantoliano spoke about the collaboration with Leonia Board of Education. We will receive \$20,000 in total with Leonia and Ridgefield will be LEA. The money will come from the Perkins Grant. Dr. Pantoliano thanked Ms. Seabold for taking the lead in writing the grant.

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- A. Student Liaison – Sophia Popp – Ms. Popp reported on the following school activities: (See attached report).
- B. Finance Committee – Andrew Grippa (Chairperson), Ralph Morilla, Michael Jacobs – Mr. Grippa stated the business office is closing out the end of the year. District is working on opening next year’s budget to begin next year’s purchasing process for the 2021-2022 school year.
- C. Curriculum Committee – Claudia Narvaez (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Javier Acosta – **N/R**
- D. Operations Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Andrew Grippa, Michael Jacobs – Mr. Grippa stated the classrooms at Slocum Skewes have moved out of the modular units with no problems. The fashion panels at Bergen Boulevard have been completed. The Custodian/Maintenance Department have been working on various repairs in the district. Spring cleaning of the grounds is ongoing at this time.
- E. Personnel Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Maryam Juliet Inan, William Pych, Mr. Morilla stated still pending negotiations with Teacher Assistants and Custodial/Bus Drivers Department meetings are scheduled in June.
- F. Policy Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Maryam Juliet Inan, Javier Acosta – **N/R**
- G. NJSBA/Legislative Delegate – Claudia Narvaez - Alternates: Michael Jacobs
Mr. Jacobs stated assembly and senate education committee have convened and advanced over 20 school related measures. Student Retention permitting a parent/guardian to request a student to repeat a grade in 2021/2022. Special Education student ageing out requires Board of Education to provide special education related services to student exceeding the age of eligibility.
The legislative has come out with some pending legislative on concussions protocol requirements before the students can go back on the field. The next bill Concussion Evaluation requires written clearance from health professionals before they can go back. There is an Age Inheritance Bill to set up a commission to survey, design, encourage and promote the implementation of age closer and educational programs in the state. One of the hottest topics which the senate and the assembly took up is alleviating learning loss in New Jersey Grant Program to assist public schools to establish and expand educational programs that address Learning loss in New Jersey. Suicide Prevention Training require a one-time training in district. The senate took up hiring retired teachers to return to employment during the public health emergency for up to two years without re-enrollment in the pension system.

IX. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION -

Ms. Ortiz stated that it is open Registration for the NJSBA Workshop be held virtually on October 26th – October 28th and asked board members to reach out to her if they are interested.

X. Motion to move into PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the Meeting (Resolutions and Discussion Items Only).

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

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 type their question into the “chat” box, identify themselves by name and address, and to limit their comments to items

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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.

Ms. Ortiz stated in the chat box that four students thanked the board. Jaily Garcia, Baian Ghayeb, Julianne Martucci and Natalia Silva.

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

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

XI. BOARD COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

1. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Roll Call

Motion to approve the following consent items 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43 and 44:

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

Ms. Ortiz may we have a roll call please.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Acosta	Aye
Mr. Grippa	Aye
Mrs. Inan	Absent
Mr. Morilla	Aye
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent
Mr. Pych	Absent left meeting at 7:49 p.m.
Mr. Jacobs	Aye

FINANCE – (Items 2-15)

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2. MINUTES – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Work Session/Business Meeting and Executive Session (**REF#0527-01**):

3. BILL LIST – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the bill list from the months of April and May 2021 (**REF#0527-02**):

April 2021 Payroll	\$2,399,554.76
April 2021 Health Benefits	\$ 422,743.57
May 27, 2021 Vendor Batch 1	\$ 154,176.09

4. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Board Secretary Report for the period ending April 30, 2021 (**REF#0527-03**):

5. CASH REPORT- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Cash Report for the periods ending April 30, 2021 (**REF#0527-04**):

6. 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 April 30, 2021 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 April 30, 2021 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(b). Motion to certify, pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(e), that as of April 30, 2021, 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:

7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the budget transfer for month of April 2021 in the amount of \$88,539.00 as attached (**REF#0527-05**):

8. APPROVAL OF REGION V SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT-Consent

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education desires to enter into shared services agreements and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2021-2022 school year;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education designates Dr. Letizia Pantoliano, Interim Superintendent, as its representative to Region V and empowers her to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the joint bidding and/or shared services agreements for transportation for all Ridgefield Borough (district) students who are transported through Region V; student evaluations, student therapies and other student support services; non-public school services; other services as requested to be provided by Region V component districts on as needed basis:

9. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the following fundraisers for the 2020-2021 school year (**REF#0527-06**):

- A.) **Class of 2022** to hold a **Coin Toss** on June 5, 2021 (rain date June 6, 2021) through with proceeds going towards the offset of costs for senior year activities.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM REPTA – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education accepts a donation from REPTA in the amount of \$500.00 to the eight grade graduating class at Slocum Skewes School, to be used for their graduating or any other educational expense:

11. APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR BETWEEN THE RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE FOLLOWING SENDING DISTRICTS– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the following tuition contracts for the 2020-2021 school year between the Ridgefield Board of Education and the following sending districts:

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DISTRICT	SID	AMOUNT
Bogota	6391125674	\$34,565.19
Fairview	3471866249	\$21,069.80
Fairview	5902016611	\$36,869.59
Fairview	8606368943	\$15,652.00
Palisades Park	6465683670	\$13,544.90
Palisades Park	7302662538	\$15,652.00
Paramus	3350184024	\$12,668.84
Rutherford	1086312952	\$ 7,825.88
West New York	4858970836	\$ 5,417.98
Wood Ridge	3467513068	\$ 31,799.95

12. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (COLUMBIA ORTHOPEDICS) –

Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the contract between the Ridgefield Board of Education and the Trustees of Columbia University for School Physician/Medical Inspector services from Dr. Thomas Bottiglieri/Columbia Orthopedics for the 2020-2021 school year:

13. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF DELTA DENTAL AGREEMENT – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the renewal agreement with Delta Dental for 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 at a guaranteed rate of \$95.24 for 0001 Premier Plan and \$80.00 for 0002 Premier Plan effective July 1, 2021. This represents a 3.0% increase from the 2020-2021 contract:

14. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2022 FORD F-350 SRW (F3B) XL 4WD REG CAB BOX –

Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the purchase of one 2022 FORD F-350 (F3B) SRW XL 4WD REG CAB BOX w/ Western 8' Pro Plus Snow Plow – NJ State Contract#A88727 to Beyer Ford at the purchase price of \$44,880.50:

15. APPROVAL OF ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICE - Consent

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education is a member of the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group Fund (NESBIG) which provides coverage for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability, General Liability Coverage, Motor Vehicle and Equipment Liability, and Property Damage; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Service has offered to the Board professional risk management consulting services consistent with the industry standard and possesses the requisite education, license, skills and experience and;

WHEREAS, the Board desires professional risk management consulting services and is relying on such representation and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Board of Education enters an agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Consulting Services, Inc. to provide Risk Management Consulting Services for School Year 2021-2022 and shall be compensated pursuant to the current agreement with the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group Fund (NESBIG):

STUDENT SERVICES – (Items 16-18)

16. APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR BETWEEN THE RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE FOLLOWING SENDING DISTRICTS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the tuition contract for the 2021-2022 academic year between the Ridgefield Board of Education and non-resident parent:

District	SID	Amount
Non-Resident Student	9970167476	\$15,219.00

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____.
Motion approved by a roll call vote of _____ yes, _____ no, _____ abstain

17. APPROVAL OF THE PERKINS CONSORTIUM WITH THE LEONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Perkins Consortium between Leonia Public School District and Ridgefield Public School District for the 2021-2022 school year:

18. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THERAPY SOURCE INC. TO PROVIDE SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the services of Therapy Source Inc. to provide speech therapy services during the 2020-2021 school year for the month of June at a rate of \$86.50 per hour:

CURRICULUM – (Item)

OPERATIONS – (Items 19-23)

19. APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the following Use of Facilities Request (**REF#0527-07**):

- A. KPAC/Korean Parents Advisory Council to use Shaler Academy School Parking Lot for Food Drive on Saturday, June 26, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
- B. KPAC/Korean Parents Advisory Council to use Slocum Skewes Parking Lot for Food Drive Preparation on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with a rain date of Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

20. APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL 2013 GMC SIERRA PICKUP TRUCK – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the disposition by sale, donation or discard of a 2013 GMC Sierra, VIN#1GT02ZCG7DZ185382, that is no longer needed, obsolete and/or in non-working order for school purposes as per NJSA 18A:18A-45:

21. APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF SMART TECH SMART TABLES – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the disposition by sale, donation or discard of five Smart Tech Smart Tables at Shaler Academy, that are no longer needed, obsolete and/or in non-working order for school purposes as per NJSA 18A:18A-45:

22. APPROVAL OF POMPTONIAN FOOD SERVICE AS FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Board of Education “SFA” approves the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for 2021-2022. The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$30,775.00 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed in 10 monthly installments of \$3,077.50 per month as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC. As a result of the uncertainties during the public health emergency, there is no guaranteed operating result for the 2021-2022 school year.

23. APPROVAL OF POMPTONIAN FOOD SERVICE AS PRICE LIST FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, the upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Pomptonian Food Service Price List for the 2021-2022 school year (**REF#0527-08**):

PERSONNEL – (Items 24-40)

24. APPOINTMENT OF INASE MANSOUR AS A FULL TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT RMHS- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints Inase Mansour as a full time teacher assistant at RMHS at a pro-rated salary of \$21,069 beginning May 21, 2021 through June 30, 2021:

25. APPOINTMENT OF MARIA PENA AS A 1:1 FULL TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT RMHS- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints Maria Pena as a 1:1 full time teacher assistant (paid by Cliffside Park) for student ID#2960292128 at RMHS at a pro-rated salary of \$21,069 beginning June 2, 2021 through June 30, 2021:

26. APPOINTMENT OF LIFEGUARDS FOR THE EXTENDED YEAR SUMMER PROGRAM - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints the following as lifeguards for the extended year summer program for 2021 at a rate of \$35.00 per diem:

John Gyretko	Paolo Arcuri
Artina Behzet	Luke Cho
Jonice Concha	Taylor Jakuc
Christina Vasquez	

27. APPROVAL OF FRANK SARMIENTO AS A FULL TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT SUBSTITUTE – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves Frank Sarmiento a full time teacher assistant to substitute for a teacher, at a rate of \$40.00 per diem, to be used on an as needed basis, beginning May 31, 2021 through June 30, 2021:

28. **APPOINTMENT OF ALLISON NEUMANN AS FIRST GRADE TEACHER AT SHALER ACADEMY** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Allison Neumann as First Grade Teacher at Shaler Academy at a salary of \$56,710, MA step 6 beginning September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

29. **APPOINTMENT OF KATIE HUY AS PSD AUTISTIC TEACHER AT SHALER ACADEMY**– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Katie Huy as a PSD Autistic Teacher at Shaler Academy at a salary of \$59,850, MA step 9 beginning September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

30. **APPOINTMENT OF KATIE HUY AS PSD AUTISTIC TEACHER FOR THE 2021 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Katie Huy as a PSD Autistic Teacher for the 2021 extended school year program at a stipend of \$7,000:

31. **APPOINTMENT OF BUS AIDES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following paraprofessionals as bus aides and/or bus aide substitutes effective retroactive from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

Bus Aides

Debbie Becker
Dallas Fugnitti
Elizabeth Guardino
Maria Parisi
Maria Pavalopoulos
Joan Quaregna
Natalie Scaglione

Substitute Bus Aides

Modesta Perez Arcia
Emmanuel Barzaga
Natividad Florez
Lori Garofalo
Elisetta Governali
Concetta Grasso
Dennis Luzba
Frank Sarmiento
Amanda Simms

32. **APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MARGARET CARUSO** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an extension of an unpaid medical leave of absence for Margaret Caruso retroactive beginning May 18, 2021 with an anticipated return date of June 15, 2021:

33. **ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF SUNGKYUNG KEUM** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education accepts the resignation of Sungkyung Keum, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2021:

34. **APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY SUPPORT COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the attached Elementary Support Job description (REF#0527-09):

35. **APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE 2021 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints the following professional staff for the 2021 extended school year program at a stipend of \$7,000:

Kerry Chinigo - Speech Therapist
Jillian Casella - Physical Therapist
Stella Jeon - School Nurse
Dawn Galbraith-Mazzola - LDTC

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves unpaid days for Dawn Galbraith-Mazzola, LDTC, for May 13 and May 14, 2021:

37. **APPOINTMENT OF PINALI CHOKSHI AS SCIENCE TEACHER AT SLOCUM SKEWES SCHOOL**– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Pinali Chokshi as a Science Teacher at Slocum Skewes School at a salary of \$51,913, BA step 2/3 beginning September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

38. APPOINTMENT OF VERONICA POLONSKY AS SOCIAL WORKER AT RMHS –
Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Veronica Polonsky as a Social Worker at RMHS at a salary of \$54,141, MA step 3 beginning September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

39. APPOINTMENT OF VERONICA POLONSKY AS SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE 2021 EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Veronica Polonsky as a Social Worker for the 2021 extended school year program at a stipend of \$7,000:

40. APPROVAL OF A STUDENT CENTERED - PROJECT BASED LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM AND STAFF – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a student centered - project based learning summer program and staff beginning July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2021, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm:

Teachers at \$40/hr. plus 10 hours of teacher preparation

Michael Zunick
Alyssa Veltri
Jolyann Schoeppler
Darla Ferdinand
Tom Voorhis
Rebecca Zuniga
Lucia Abbattista
Rachel Hurm
Marilena Ferraiuolo
Seon Hee Lee
Min Jon Pak
Tom Schreck
Katherine Neary
Sonyong Im
Jonice Concha
Marissa Kane
Pinali Chokshi

Coordinator at \$50/hr. as needed

Tom Voorhis

41. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY #3421.13 – POSTNATAL ACCOMODATIONS- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the first reading of the new policy #3421.13 – Postnatal Accommodations (REF#0527-10):

42. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY #4421.13 – POSTNATAL ACCOMODATIONS- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the first reading of the new policy #4421.13 – Postnatal Accommodations (REF#0527-11):

LEGAL – (Items 43-44)

43. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 099 - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No 099 for the reasons set forth in the Interim Superintendent’s decision to the students’ parents and, directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith:

44. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 100 - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision and finding of no HIB offense in HIB Investigation No 100 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the students’ parents and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith:

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

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

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 type their question into the “chat” box, identify themselves by name and address. 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.

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

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

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 9:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Julyana Ortiz
Business Administrator/Board Secretary