

A Work Session/Business Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education will be held on March 11, 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 7:02 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. Jacobs	Present
Mrs. Narvaez	Present
Mr. Pych	Present
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 7:03 p.m.**

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

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.
- (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 –**

Dr. Pantoliano thanked the high school for inviting us to the National Honor Society Inducted Ceremony last night that was held in the auditorium. Dr. Pantoliano read the following names of the students who were inducted and Jason Abreu, Frank Amato, Briian Co, Liz Garcia, Jailyn Garciga, Gianna Haase, Fatima Hijazi, Emma Hot, Eric Jung, Eunice Kim, Jayeun Kim, Juliana Kim, Ryan Kim, Ashley Kuiken, Sung Min Lee, Julianne Martucci, Lauren Ng, Sol Bee park, Sophia Popp, Livia Ramos, Sabrina Reynoso and congratulated them. Dr. Pantoliano thanked the administrators and advisors for putting on a wonderful ceremony. Dr. Pantoliano stated that Livia Ramos is one of the 80 top senior girls' basketball players in New Jersey on a poll that was published on nj.com where you can vote for her. Dr. Pantoliano stated that Bergen County has opened up a vaccine site for educators. Dr. Pantoliano stated that we opened up a lottery system for the eight spots for the vaccine. Dr. Pantoliano thanked Kara, Darla and Theresa for setting up the lottery system and stated they picked the names randomly. Dr. Pantoliano stated that RMHS will be opening back up on Friday, March 12, 2021 for in-person instruction. Dr. Pantoliano stated that each of our schools is taking on a beautification project with teachers, parents and community members. They are looking at the outdoor spaces. They are looking into landscaping, gardening, planting, etc. Dr. Pantoliano mentioned the agreement for the cooperative for sports with Cliffside Park is on tonight's agenda for approval.

Dr. Pantoliano congratulated and thanked all students for their work and their accomplishments and wished them well.

**1. Preliminary Budget Review by Juliana Ortiz**

Ms. Ortiz thanked the RBOE budget team that includes the administrators, Interim Superintendent, Finance and Operations Committee for their assistance in building the 2021-2022 budget. Ms. Ortiz spoke about the Revenue Summary, Tuition and Student Services, Miscellaneous Revenue, State Aid, Budget and Fund Balance, Tuition Reserve, Capital Reserve Withdrawal, Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal, Extraordinary Aid, additional position for CST and two additional Class III Officers, upgrades to math curriculum and upgrades to technology and the 2.1% increase to the average taxpayers.

**2. RMHS Block Schedule Proposal Presentation by Janet Seabold**

Ms. Seabold, RMHS principal, presented a proposed new high school schedule will be rotating “A” and “B” schedule with the inclusion of a daily advisory period. The advisory period will allow students to continue to have access to remediation for skills that need addressing as well as the inclusion of a social/emotional learning curriculum. This curriculum will be presented by RMHS teaching staff.

**VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

- A. Student Liaison – Sophia Popp – Mr. Jacobs congratulated Ms. Popp for being inducted to the National Honors Society on behalf of the RBOE. Ms. Popp reported on the following school activities. (See attached report).
- B. Finance Committee – Andrew Grippa (Chairperson), Ralph Morilla, Michael Jacobs – Mr. Grippa stated there was no report and thanked Ms. Ortiz, Mr. Hiciano, and everyone who worked on the budget on behalf of the board. Mr. Jacobs seconded that and also thanked Mr. Grippa, Mr. Morilla, Mr. Pych, the Finance Committee and the Operations Committee.
- C. Curriculum Committee – Claudia Narvaez (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Javier Acosta – **N/R**
- D. Operations Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Andrew Grippa, Michael Jacobs – Mr. Pych thanked Ms. Seabold for her presentation. Mr. Pych spoke about Resolution #11 the replacement of modular classrooms and how long they have been around and how they will not cost the taxpayers any money. Mr. Pych spoke about the many projects such as roof repairs in Shaler Academy, bathroom upgrades in Slocum Skewes School, repair of retaining wall at RMHS, paint lockers in RMHS and Administration Building roof repair and these things are getting done from the money in the Maintenance Reserve Fund. Mr. Pych spoke about the cooperative sport agreement with Cliffside Park. Mr. Pych spoke about the adding a CST teacher is not just for special needs students but Ridgefield Students. Mr. Pych thanked Ms. Ortiz, Mr. Hiciano and the Finance Committee for their work on the budget. Mr. Grippa thanked Mr. Pych for his work while he was on the Finance Committee.
- E. Personnel Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Maryam Juliet Inan, William Pych – **N/R**
- F. Policy Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Maryam Juliet Inan, Javier Acosta – **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).**

Motion made by Mrs. Narvaez, 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, 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.

Mrs. Narvaez stated there are no public comments at this time.

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

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

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

Ms. Ortiz stated that on Resolution #2 – Approval of February 25, 2021 minutes there is a correction on Resolution 14 – Approval of Salary Adjustments Veronica Wilenta stated Step 8 MA Current Salary stated \$65,590, New Salary \$67,654 and it should of stated Step 8 MA Current Salary \$64,503.00 and New Salary \$67,654. The minutes were corrected.

Mr. Morilla spoke about Resolution #11 – Approval of the Preliminary Budget for SY 2021-2022 and Resolution #12 – Approval of the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget – Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve. Mr. Morilla thanked Ms. Ortiz, Mr. Hiciano, Dr. Pantoliano, the Finance and Operations Committee for their work on the 2021-2022 budget. Mr. Morilla stated he wanted to explain to the teachers, the public we are over extending ourselves. He spoke about the CST adding a new position that could cost \$100,000 including benefits while our special education student’s numbers are declining. He stated it would be nice to have but it is not necessary at this time. He stated in today’s environment people are losing their jobs, their homes, etc. and we are asking them to throw away \$300,000. He stated it would be reckless to our schools, students and taxpayers, we are already over extending ourselves on Resolution #12. He stated we should be asking the CST supervisor and team to come out with more comprehensive innovational ideas. Mr. Morilla stated being a part of the Finance Committee and a part of the board it was very hard for him in good conscious to vote yes on Resolution #11.

Mr. Jacobs thanked Mr. Morilla for his dissertation.

Mrs. Inan asked why are we adding an additional position for CST.

Dr. Pantoliano stated that this past year most of our students have been working virtual is hard to identify learning disability students. Once the students are back in-person the number of students getting evaluated will increase. I believe this a responsible budget because the state of New Jersey allows school districts to go up 2% every year. She explained how our expenses go up every year over 2% and stated we are not asking taxpayers for any additional money. Dr. Pantoliano stated when we spend fiscally responsible and have money left in our budget we get to put the money in a reserve account so we use the money for future projects and we can give back to the taxpayers. Dr. Pantoliano stated that in 2021/2022 the 1.3 million excess surplus we are giving it back to the taxpayers. Dr. Pantoliano stated her major job is to support the needs of the Ridgefield students. Dr. Pantoliano thanked the entire CST as their department generates a lot of the excess surplus by allowing out of district students. Dr. Pantoliano spoke about how the CST has only one LDTC teacher taking care of 210 to 215 special needs Ridgefield Students and the need for the additional position.

Ms. Drimones spoke about the number issue with the classified students that Mr. Morilla spoke about. Ms. Drimones stated we are trying to get the numbers down because by code we are allowed a certain number of special needs students that is acceptable. Ms. Drimones stated the CST goal is to lower the classified rate and to integrate and declassified the students to the main stream setting. Ms. Drimones stated the CST is committed to the community and the students.

Ms. Seabold spoke about the Learning Loss due to the pandemic.

A person in the chat room asked if our over the classified rate is due to Out-of-District students? Ms. Drimones stated no these are Ridgefield Students only.

A person in the chat room asked does the district use Go-Guardian to monitor the students while they are on their chrome books during class times?

Mr. Martucci – Prospect Avenue, Ridgefield, NJ stated he agrees that our taxes go up every year with limited increase in services. Mr. Martucci stated that Ridgefield already has an excellent special education program and he feels at this time we do not need an additional CST position that will be a burden on the taxpayers because of the current circumstances.

Mr. Grippa asked Ms. Ortiz \$70,000-75,000 position if it wasn't there would it impact the budget, would we be under the 2%. Ms. Ortiz stated it would not change the budget. Dr. Pantoliano stated it would not impact the budget. Mr. Grippa stated to Mr. Morilla he has every right to vote the way he wants. Mr. Grippa explained to Mr. Morilla how the money has to go into certain accounts. We cannot move the money from one account to another account. Mr. Grippa stated not raising the taxes does not do service to the students of Ridgefield. He stated everything on this budget is to help the students.

Mrs. Inan asked do we know the number of students who will be returning to school next year? Mrs. Inan stated that right now is not the time to spend a large amount of money.

Mr. Morilla stated he is agreeing with the budget but he is disagreeing with the extra position for the CST.

Mr. Jacobs asked Ms. Ortiz if we do not spend the money now there is no net impact to the taxpayers? He stated this money is put aside for capital projects. Ms. Ortiz stated it is in the

Capital Reserve and it is money we built in over the years. Mr. Jacobs stated it is a good budget and he supports the budget. He stated he is on Executive Committee for Bergen County School Board and Legislative of the state and the general consensus is they want to be back in September.

A person in the chat room regarding the Go Guardian stated that she uses and it is helpful. Mrs. Narvaez stated that she is a teacher and her district using the Go Guardian and Mrs. Narvaez stated she does not know of any issues with the Ridgefield students. Dr. Pantoliano stated we are not using it and we do not have a need for it at this time.

In conclusion, Mr. Jacobs thanked Ms. Ortiz and her team for the budget. He stated regarding the modules and the 1.8 million dollars, once you use that money you don't have \$3.00 left in the Capital Reserve and that the district does have plenty of money left. He stated the Reserve Accounts cannot be used for Payroll, only for upgrades towards the schools. He spoke about Cliffside Park/Ridgefield Co-Op and SEL will enhance the experience and bring them back because of a tough year the students have had. Lastly, Mr. Jacobs spoke how a big topic for years has been school security and unfortunately has been overshadowed by the pandemic. However, because of the upcoming budget the board has made good on a promise to have a Class III retired officer armed and extensively trained in each one of the school building. His biggest takeaway is to look at the bigger picture and not just line items, but the budget as a whole.

## **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 and 33:

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

**Ms. Ortiz may we have a roll call please.**

Roll Call	Aye
Mr. Acosta	Aye
Mr. Grippa	Aye
Mrs. Inan	Aye except Recuse on #11
Mr. Morilla	Aye except Nay on #11
Mrs. Narvaez	Aye
Mr. Pych	Aye
Mr. Jacobs	Aye

## **FINANCE – (Items 2-13)**

### **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 February 3, 2021 Special Meeting and Executive Session and the February 11, 2021 Work Session/Business Meeting and Executive Session and the February 25, 2021 Business Meeting and Executive Session (**REF#0311-01**):

**3. BILL LIST**

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 February and March 2021 (**REF#0311-02**):

February 2021 Payroll	\$2,397,202.17
February 2021 Benefits	\$ 431,835.88
March 11, 2021 Vendor Batch 1	\$ 385,434.01

**4. 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:

DISTRICT	SID	AMOUNT
Edgewater	8543482811	\$22,575.00
Fairview	3698514634	\$27,993.00
Fairview	2580895371	\$26,487.85
Fairview	6161709959	\$24,079.94
Fort Lee	7636578829	\$24,657.15
Paramus	33500184024	\$12,668.84
Weehawken	6381940453	\$36,119.91

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF SAFENET SCHOLARSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education accepts the Safenet Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 for RMHS senior student pursuing an associate degree level or higher in science or engineering programs:

**6. APPROVAL OF RESIDENT STUDENT SENT OUT-OF-DISTRICT 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 approves the following resident

student sent out of district based on requirements of their IEP for One-to-One Aide revision from 81 days to 86 days for 2020-2021:

<u>Student I.D.#</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>One-To-One Aide</u>
8711095050	Windsor Bergen Academy	\$10,072.35

7. **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 ESEA CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION**– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves an amendment to the 2020-2021 ESEA consolidated grant application to include carryover in the following amounts:

Title IA- \$340,240  
Title IIA-\$115,121  
Title III-\$46,353  
Title III Immigrant -\$14,879  
Title IV-\$31,949

8. **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#0311-03)**:

- A.) **Project Graduation** to hold a **Flower Power Fundraiser** from March 8, 2021 through May 15, 2021 with proceeds going towards the class of 2021.
- B.) **Girl Scouts** to hold a **Food Drive** from March 12, 2021 through March 31, 2021 with donations to go to St. Matthew's Food Pantry.
- C.) **Slocum Skewes Student Council** to hold a **Food Drive** from March 12, 2021 through March 31, 2021 with donations to go to the Ridgefield Food Pantry.
- D.) **Project Graduation** to hold a **Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser** from March 22, 2021 through May 1, 2021 with proceeds going towards the class of 2021.
- E.) **Project Graduation** to hold a **Coin Toss** from April 10, 2021 through May 22, 2021 with proceeds going towards the class of 2021.
- F.) **Project Graduation** to hold a **Tricky Tray** on May 15, 2021 with proceeds going towards the class of 2021.
- G.) **Eighth Grade Class** to hold a **Coin Toss** on May 15, 2021 with proceeds going towards the eighth grade dinner dance & traditions.

9. **APPROVAL TO LEASE PURCHASE SAVIN COPY MACHINES FOR SLOCUM SKEWES**– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the lease purchase of three (3) copy



machines for Slocum Skewes School from Atlantic Tomorrow/Municipal Capital Finance for \$845 per month for 60 months. NJ State Contract #40467:

**10. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MIRIAM SKYDELL AND ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR SERVICE THERAPISTS – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the services of Miriam Skydell and Associates, LLC for speech therapy services, occupational therapy services and physical therapy services at a rate of \$110.00 per hour. If needed, evaluations will \$400.00 each. Effective March 12, 2021 through June 20, 2021:

**11. APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR SY 2021-2022 – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the preliminary 2021-2022 school year budget as follows:

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Local Tax Levy</i>
General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 41,877,947	\$ 23,017,960
Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)	\$ 659,438	\$ 0
Debt Service Fund (Fund 40)	\$ 946,048	\$ 754,781
<b>Total Base Budget</b>	<b>\$ 43,483,433</b>	<b>\$ 23,772,741</b>

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Fund tax levy \$23,772,741 is approved to support Current General Expense that includes an adjustment for Debt Service Fund tax levy of \$754,781 to support Debt Service for the 2021-22 school year budget:

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education accepts State School Aid for the 2021-22 school year as follows:

Equalization Aid	\$ 1,968,319
Special Education Categorical Aid	\$ 1,036,775
Security Aid	\$ 96,410
Less: SDA Assessment	<u>\$ -474</u>
Subtotal	\$ 3,101,030
Debt Service Aid	<u>\$ 191,267</u>
Total Aid	\$ 3,292,297

And

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 \$1,853,200 to fund the following Capital Project:

**Slocum Skewes School:**

- Replacement of Modular Classrooms - \$1,853,200

**12. APPROVAL OF THE 2021-22 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 \$271,110 and appropriate said funds into the required maintenance account line in the general fund for the following:

- Roof repairs in Shaler Academy (\$30,000)
- Bathroom Upgrades in Slocum Skewes School (\$134,210)
- Sump Pump replacement in Slocum Skewes School (\$4,500)
- Repair of retaining wall at Ridgefield Memorial High School (\$24,000)
- Paint Lockers in Ridgefield Memorial High School (\$55,000)
- Administration Building Roof Repair (\$23,400)

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 \$271,110 from the Board of Education's approved Maintenance Reserve account to be used in SY 2021-2022.

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**13. APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2021-2022 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

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education has expended \$100.00 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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 )**

**CURRICULUM – (Item 14)**

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Tamika DePass	Educational/Behavioral Health Partnership Conference	Virtual	3/12/21	NO COST
Pandora Antzoulatos	Exploring NJ Student Learning Standards – K-12 Science Education	Virtual	3/19/21	NO COST
Paul Brodsky	Clinical Supervision Seminar	Virtual	4/12,13,19,20,26 & 27, 5/3 & 5/4	\$400.00
Michelle Collis	NJ Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards	Virtual	4/13/21	NO COST
Karen Johnson	2021 National and Social and Emotional Learning Conference	Virtual	5/17-5/19/21	\$399.00
Noreen Bredhold	Gulf Coast State College APSI for AP Language and Composition	Virtual	6/7-6/11/21	\$650.00

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Racheal Shuldman	3 Part Treatment Plan for OPT	Virtual	-	\$220.00
Racheal Shuldman	Mastering Mastication	Virtual	-	\$99.00
Chrisann Foley	The Learner's Edge – Student Skills for School and for Life	Virtual	-	\$439.00

**OPERATIONS – (Item 15)**

**15. APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPORTS PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLIFFSIDE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION AND RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves a cooperative sports agreement between Cliffside Park Board of Education and the Ridgefield Board of Education as attached **(REF#0311-04)**:

**PERSONNEL – (Items 16-20)**

**16. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF ALYSSA FARIS- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education accepts the resignation of Alyssa Faris, teacher assistant, effective March 11, 2021:

**17. APPOINTMENT OF TITLE I AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM STAFF – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints the following Title I afterschool program staff, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, beginning March 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021:

**Teacher/Workshop Presenters**

Diane Kim  
Jean Marie Westervelt

**18. APPOINTMENT OF SONDOS HAIMOR AS A PART TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT RMHS – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Sondos Haimor as a part time teacher assistant, at RMHS, at rate of \$16.10 per hour, beginning March 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021:

19. **APPROVAL OF FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR GIUSEPPE MAGURNO-** Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves an unpaid family leave of absence for Giuseppe Magurno, beginning March 19, 2021 through March 31, 2021 with an anticipated return date of April 1, 2021:

20. **REVISED APPOINTMENT OF FREDI NOLASCO AS 10M RMHS SECURITY PERSONNEL 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 appoints Fredi Nolasco as 10M RMHS Security Personnel at a retroactive salary of \$30,000 beginning September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

**POLICY – (Items 21-33)**

21. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #0145 – BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL-** Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #0145 – Board Member Resignation and Removal (**REF#0311-05**):

22. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY #0164.6– REMOTE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY-** Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the new policy #0164.6 – Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency (**REF#0311-06**):

23. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY #1643–FAMILY LEAVE-** Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the new policy #1643 – Family Leave (**REF#0311-07**):

24. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY AND REGULATION #5330.01– ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy and regulation #5330.01 – Administration of Medical Cannabis (**REF#0311-08**):

25. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #7425– LEAD TESTING OF WATER IN SCHOOLS** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #7425 – Lead Testing of Water in Schools (**REF#0311-09**):

26. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #2415– EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #2415 – Every Student Succeeds Act (**REF#0311-10**):

27. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY-#2415.02– TITLE I – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #2415.02 – Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities (**REF#0311-11**):

28. **APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY-#2415.05– STUDENT SURVEYS, ANALYSIS, AND/OR EVALUATIONS**- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (**REF#0311-12**):

**29. APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY AND REGULATION #2415.20– EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT COMPLAINTS- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy and regulation #2415.20 – Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (**REF#0311-13**):

**30. APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #4125–EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #4125 – Employment of Support Staff Members (**REF#0311-14**):

**31. APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #6360– POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #6360 – Political Contributions (**REF#0311-15**):

**32. APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #8330– STUDENT RECORDS- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #8330 – Student Records (**REF#0311-16**):

**33. APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #9713–RECRUITMENT BY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the revised policy #9713–Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (**REF#0311-17**):

**LEGAL – (Items )**

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

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RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
555 CHESTNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

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Motion made by Mr. Grippa, 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.

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

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

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS**

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 9:47 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Julyana Ortiz  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary