

**WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 28, 2022
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
555 CHESTNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

A Work Session/Business Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education was held on April 28, 2022 in the High School Cafeteria. The order of business and agenda for the meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Jacobs.

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:08 PM the meeting will be 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

Ms. Ortiz may we have a roll call please.

Mr. Grippa	Present
Mrs. Inan	Absent
Mr. Morilla	Present
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent
Mr. Pych	Present
Dr. Ryu	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, was at 7:11 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, 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.
- () Sub-section 2 covering a matter in which release of information would impair a right to receive federal funds.

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- () 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 8:16 p.m.

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

Dr. Pantoliano advised that U.S. News and World Report ranked Ridgefield Memorial High School at 137 in New Jersey which is in the top 40 percent.

Dr. Pantoliano made comments on the following resolutions of the agenda:

No. 6 - is our upcoming fundraisers

No. 8 - thanked Katie Chung for her donation

No. 9 - thanked Chronicle books for their donations

No. 10 - explained this is a restrictive grant to be used for our homeless population

No. 13 - falls under our Operations Committee and it's about improving energy savings with solar panels

No. 15 - is our relationship with cablevision and noted that the cost per month went down \$3,000.

No. 16 - thanked Julyana Ortiz and advised that Mrs. Ortiz will be giving the budget presentation

No. 17 - is the withdrawal from maintenance reserve that was leftover from previous budgets to be used for the following:

- Fire Alarm Communication Device/Monitoring Upgrade Districtwide
- Intercom Upgrade in Slocum Skewes
- Repair of staircase in Ridgefield Memorial High School

No. 18 - we received the school security grant from 2020

No. 22 - is an agreement between RMHS and St. Thomas Aquinas College about career and educational funding

Nos. 24 and 47 - mentioned the approval of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction job description and appointment of Dr. Tamika DePass to this position. She said it will make a significant difference to our students/district and will not cost additional money.

Julyana Ortiz presented the 2022-2023 Budget. She thanked the Finance Committee and Administrators. Mrs. Ortiz stated it did not change from what we submitted to the County. She explained and showed by PowerPoint what is in the Ridgefield budget and what it will cost taxpayers. Mr. Jacobs and Dr. Pantoliano thanked Mrs. Ortiz.

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. Student Liaison – Sophia Narvaez – Ms. Narvaez reported on school activities

B. Finance Committee – Andrew Grippa (Chairperson), William Pych, Michael Jacobs – Mr. Grippa thanked Dr. Pantoliano, Mrs. Ortiz and Mr. Hiciano for their hard work.

C. Curriculum Committee – Claudia Narvaez (Chairperson), Dr. Yongki Colin Ryu, Michael Jacobs-N/R

D. Operations Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Andrew Grippa, Michael Jacobs – Mr. Pych said the report was well delivered by Dr. Pantoliano and thanked Mrs. Ortiz on prudent financing so they can get projects done.

E. Personnel Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Dr. Yongki Colin Ryu – Mr. Pych mentioned they were able to negotiate the Administrator’s contract successfully.

F. Policy Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Maryam Juliet Inan – N/R

G. NJSBA/Legislative Delegate – Claudia Narvaez – Alternate: Michael Jacobs – Mr. Jacobs mentioned that Trenton has invited districts to explore mergers. Districts are invited to apply for grant funding to explore mergers. Looking at regionalization of districts. Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services announced that grant applications are open for the School Regionalization Efficiency Program. The program will allow public school districts and eligible governing bodies in New Jersey to apply for grant funding for school regionalization or consolidation study under the program which was established PC221 and signed into law by Governor Murphy in January. BLGS will provide reimbursement to approved application forms county wide to see if a potential merger would result in cost savings or other efficiencies and benefits to students and tax payers.

Mr. Jacobs advised that school districts are invited to apply for Special Education Extraordinary Aid. Application for Special Education Extraordinary Aid is available on NJDOE homepage. The applications are accepted now through May 25, 2022. It provides additional aid to the districts.

Students are encouraged to vote and may register from April 25 to April 29. To register students must be at least 17 and 18 or older to vote. They must be a U.S citizen, resident of county at least 30 days before election, and not be serving a sentence of incarceration.

H. Technology Committee (ADHOC) – Michael Jacobs, William Pych, Andrew Grippa – Dr. Pantoliano

said the ADHOC committee met and did its job. She said Bergen County Tech Schools assisted us well. The day person will begin on May 3rd three times per week and the night tech. will continue to come.

IX. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION -

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

(Resolutions and Discussion Items Only).

Motion made by Mr. Pych, 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 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 to close **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS** Session of the Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, seconded by Mr. Pych
Motion passed unanimously by Board members present

XI. BOARD COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY.

Mr. Pych thanked Katie Chung for her donations
Mr. Jacobs mentioned the new position with Dr. DePass will bring stability, continuity, and growth.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

1. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Roll Call

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Motion to approve the following consent items 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50 and 51:

Motion made by Dr. Ryu seconded by Mr. Morilla

Motion passed unanimously by Board members present

Ms. Ortiz may we have a roll call please.

Mr. Grippa	Aye	Recused Item No. 47
Mrs. Inan	Absent	
Mr. Morilla	Aye	
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent	
Mr. Pych	Aye	
Dr. Ryu	Aye	
Mr. Jacobs	Aye	

FINANCE – (Items 2-19)

2. MINUTES – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the February 24, 2022 Business Meeting and Executive Session, March 10, 2022 Work Session/Business Meeting and Executive Session and the March 24, 2022 Business Meeting and Executive Session:

3. BILL LIST – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the bill list from the month of April 2022:

April 28, 2022 – Vendor Batch A \$556,101.73

4. CASH REPORT - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the Cash Report for the periods ending February 28, 2022 and March 31, 2022:

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfers for months of February and March 2022 in the amounts of \$285,429.00 and \$29,733.00:

6. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school

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year:

- A.) **RMHS Spring Track** to hold a **Clothing Fundraiser** beginning April 30, 2022 with proceeds going towards team equipment, clothing and dinner.
- B.) **Slocum Skewes Student Council** to hold a **Pantry Supply** beginning May 1, 2022 through May 16, 2022 with proceeds going towards the Ridgefield Food Pantry.
- C.) **DECA** to hold a **Fund Drive** beginning May 1, 2022 through June 15, 2022 with proceeds going towards DECA trips.
- D.) **National Honor Society** to hold a **School Spirit Sale** beginning May 1, 2022 through May 27, 2022 with proceeds going towards awards for student graduation.
- E.) **Class of 2022** to hold a **Wendy's Fundraiser** on May 2, 2022 with proceeds going towards the cost of senior activities.
- F.) **RMHS Spring Track** to hold a **Coin Toss** on May 7, 2022 with proceeds going towards team equipment, clothing and dinner
- G.) **Class of 2022** to hold a **Dodgeball Tournament** on May 12, 2022 (or May 13, 2022) with proceeds going towards end of the year senior activities.
- H.) **Project Graduation 2022** to hold a **Basket Raffle** on May 12, 2022 with proceeds going towards project graduation.
- I.) **Project Graduation 2022** to hold a **Chipotle Night** on May 16, 2022 with proceeds going towards project graduation.

7. APPROVAL TO WRITE OFF OUTSTANDING CHECKS FROM THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves to write off prior year outstanding checks from the general fund account as listed below:

34160	8/28/2020	\$25.00
34453	9/25/2020	\$901.50
35369	10/16/2021	\$86.00
34935	1/7/2021	\$188.00
35566	6/25/2021	\$885.00

8. APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM KATIE CHUNG – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a donation from Katie Chung, in the amount of \$10,000 for the marching band at RMHS to be used for additional equipment and uniforms:

9. APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM CHRONICLE BOOKS – Consent

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a donation from Chronicle books for journals and notebooks to be used by the Serendipity Club at RMHS:

10. APPROVAL TO APPLY AND ACCEPT THE FUNDS OF THE ARP HOMELESS II GRANT– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the application and acceptance of the funds of the ARP Homeless II Grant in the amount of \$12,792.00:

11. REVISED APPROVAL OF RESIDENT STUDENT SENT OUT-OF-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 hereby approves the following revision for resident student sent out of district based on requirements of his IEP for the 2021-2022 School Year:

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>One to One Aide</u>
8711095050	Windsor Bergen Academy	\$69,653.13	\$32,642.25

12. 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 hereby approves the following tuition contracts for the 2021-2022 school year between the Ridgefield Board of Education and the following sending district:

District	SID	Amount
Cliffside Park	2059020276	\$14,541.39
Dumont	3795508461	\$17,097.20
East Rutherford	9293088037	\$14,541.39
Fairview	4076096247	\$12,822.50
Fairview	1377304533	\$21,676.70
Harrison	9417063403	\$18,013.10
Lodi	9464122571	\$22,287.31

13. APPROVAL OF THE RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR A SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the legal entity and territorial area governed by the Board) has determined to undertake an Energy Savings Improvement Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6 with the assistance of their Energy Services Company (ESCO) DCO Energy, LLC (together “DCO”) for the development of an Energy Savings Plan, which is expected to include provision for a solar power purchase agreement among its proposed energy conservation measures; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq. and as prescribed by Local Finance Notice 2009-10, dated June 12, 2009, the Board may use competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of a solar power purchase agreement; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3(a), the Board is required to pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3(b), 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6, the competitive contracting process, including the preparation of a request for proposals (“RFP”), solicitation of proposals, and award of a contract based upon the methodology set forth in the aforesaid RFP, must be administered by the Board’s purchasing agent, legal counsel or business administrator, with the assistance of its professionals; now, Be It Resolved, by the Ridgefield Board of Education, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. This Board of Education hereby determines to use competitive contracting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq. and as prescribed by Local Finance Notice 2009-10, dated June 12, 2009, for the selection of a qualified solar power purchase agreement provider (“PPA Provider”), to assist with a proposed solar project to be undertaken in accordance with the School District’s Energy Savings Improvement Program, and authorizes its Business Administrator, with the assistance of its professionals, to prepare a request for proposals (again, “RFP”) for the solicitation of the PPA Provider, to publish such solicitation as required by law and to take other steps necessary to enable the School District to enter into a power purchase agreement with the provider selected in accordance with the RFP. Other appropriate representatives of the School District at the direction of the Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to assist in the preparation, publication and review of the RFP and the proposals as permitted and required by law. Any actions therefor taken prior hereto in furtherance of the foregoing, are hereby ratified and deemed authorized by this resolution.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately:

14. APPROVAL OF POMPTONIAN FOOD SERVICE AS FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR THE 2022-2023 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 2022-2023.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee

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of \$32,525.00 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed in 10 monthly installments of \$3,252.50 per month as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC:

15. APPROVAL OF CABLEVISION LIGHTPATH FOR VOICE OVER IP PHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the three-year contract with Cablevision Lightpath, Inc. in the amount of \$10,358.95 per month for voice over IP phone and internet services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op Bid#ESCNJ 18/19-46:

16. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR SY 2022-2023 – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the final 2022-2023 school year budget as follows:

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Local Tax Levy</i>
General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 40,065,753	\$ 23,478,319
Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)	\$ 601,218	\$ 0
Debt Service Fund (Fund 40)	\$ 689,423	\$ 597,620
Total Base Budget	\$ 41,356,394	\$ 24,075,939

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Fund tax levy \$24,075,939 is approved to support Current General Expense that includes an adjustment for Debt Service Fund tax levy of \$597,620 to support Debt Service for the 2022-23 school year budget:

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Boro Board of Education accepts State School Aid for the 2022-23 school year as follows:

Equalization Aid	\$ 1,968,319
Special Education Categorical Aid	\$ 1,119,247
Security Aid	\$ 96,410
Less: SDA Assessment	<u>\$ -474</u>
Subtotal	\$ 3,183,502
Debt Service Aid	<u>\$ 91,803</u>
Total Aid	\$ 3,275,305

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 \$168,000 to fund the following Capital Project:

Bergen Boulevard School:

- Remove and Replace Side Staircase by Parking Lot - \$14,000
- Remove and Replace Sidewalk slabs and staircase - \$24,000

Slocum Skewes School:

- Paving of Slocum Schools Playground - \$80,000
- Paving of Slocum Schools Parking Lot - \$40,000

Ridgefield Memorial High School:

- Roof Replacement, Athletic Storage Unit - \$10,000

17. APPROVAL OF THE 2022-23 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 \$47,000 and appropriate said funds into the required maintenance account line in the general fund for the following:

- Fire Alarm Communication Device/Monitoring Upgrade Districtwide (\$4,000)
- Intercom Upgrade in Slocum Skewes School (\$25,000)
- Repair of staircase at Ridgefield Memorial High School (\$18,000)

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 \$47,000 from the Board of Education's approved Maintenance Reserve account to be used in SY 2022-2023:

18. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FUNDS FOR SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT-Consent

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves to accept the funds for the following grant fund allocations in the following amounts with Eastern Data Comm:

School Security Grant FY2020 \$93,311

19. APPROVAL OF REGION V JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT - Consent

RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Board of Education desires to enter into a Joint Purchasing Agreement and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2022-2023 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 transportation agreements for all Ridgefield Borough students who are transported through Region V;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board approves the joint bidding and/or shared services agreement; including but not limited to student evaluations, student therapies and other student support services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for non-public school services; and the Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for other services as requested to be provided by Region V component districts on an as needed basis:

STUDENT SERVICES – (Item 20)

20. APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following class trips for the 2021-2022 school year:

Teacher Name	Location	Purpose	Date	School	Learning Center	General Ed.	# of Students Attending

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Donna Wietecha	Walmart/Target PetSmart/BJ's Gamestop Burlington/Aldi Dollar Tree/Home Depot/Lowes	To learn the use of public transportation	4/29,5/6,5/13, 6/3,6/10,6/17/22	RMHS	X		3
Russ Thompson	Lincoln Tunnel	National Honor Society annual service project assisting NJ Special Olympics with race registration and set up	5/1/22	RMHS		X	20
Kristin Capotorto Allison Sforza Donna Wietecha Christine Simeone	Walmart/Target/ Acme/Paramus Park	To promote the use of academic and functional skills in the community or natural setting	5/4,5/10,5/20, 5/26,6/1,6/7, 6/13/22	RMHS	X		8
Donna Wietecha	Van Saun Park	Meeting with other 18-21 programs to practice social skills in a picnic/community setting	5/20/22	RMHS	X		30
Tom Voorhis Oliver Islambouli Thomas Schreck	Six Flags Great Adventure	Trip for Choir and Marching Band	5/21/22	RMHS		X	98

CURRICULUM – (Item 21-22)

21. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP EXPENDITURES - Consent

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Tamika DePass	NJASCD Virtual Whole Child Conference	Virtual	4/28/22	\$99.00
Daniel Priest	FMT Blades & Blades Advanced	Virtual	6/25 & 6/26/22	\$880.00
Karen Johnson	ASCA 2022 Conference	Virtual	7/9-7/12/22	\$359.00

22. APPROVAL OF THE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN RMHS AND ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the articulation agreement between RMHS and St. Thomas Aquinas College for the 2022-2023 school year for the Business Program:

OPERATIONS – (Items 23-26)

23. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN RMHS AND FELICIAN COLLEGE FOR THE RMHS GRADUATION - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between RMHS and Felician College for the RMHS graduation at Breslin PAC on June 24, 2022 in the amount of \$5,930.00:

24. APPROVAL OF THE REVISION OF THE 2021-2022 RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT CALENDAR - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the revision of the 2021-2022 Ridgefield Public Schools District calendar as follows:

May 2, 2022 - Schools/District Closed
May 27 & 31, 2022 - Schools/District Closed
June 17, 2022 - Schools/District Closed

25. APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the disposition by sale, donation or discard of one Tobii Dynavox device (S/N TDG13-210628005995), that is no longer needed, obsolete and/or in non-working order for school purposes as per NJSA 18A:18A-45:

26. APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following Use of Facility Request:

- A. Shaler Academy for KPAC to use the parking lot for a garage sale as a fundraiser event on Saturday, May 14, 2022 and a rain date of Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- B. Ridgefield Memorial High School for Junior Police Academy to use the gym and three (3) classrooms on Monday, July 11, 2022 through Friday, July 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (subject to availability and when school is open).
- C. Ridgefield Memorial High School Junior Police Academy graduation to use the auditorium and cafeteria on Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (subject to availability and when school is open).

PERSONNEL – (Items 27-50)

27. APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE SIMMS AS A 1:1 FULL TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT 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 Stephanie Simms as a 1:1 full-time teacher assistant, at Slocum Skewes School, at a pro-rated salary of step one, beginning April 29, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

28. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF ALBERT DEMURO – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Albert DeMuro, custodian, effective May 16, 2022:

29. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF LINDY GELBER – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Lindy Gelber, school nurse, effective July 1, 2022:

30. APPROVAL OF UNPAID DAY FOR DALLAS FUGNITTI – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an unpaid day for Dallas Fugnitti retroactive for March 21, 2022:

31. APPROVAL OF UNPAID DAYS FOR MARINA HADJICHRISTOU – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves unpaid days for Marina Hadjichristou retroactive from April 7, 2022 through May 13, 2022:

32. APPROVAL OF UNPAID DAYS FOR JOAN QUAREGNA – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves unpaid days for Joan Quaregna retroactive from April 6, 2022 through April 8, 2022:

33. APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR JANET BUSH – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an unpaid family leave of absence for Janet Bush, for the care of a family member, of twelve (12) weeks in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA) and the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), retroactive from April 4, 2022 through April 8, 2022:

34. APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION JOB DESCRIPTION – Consent

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction job description:

35. APPOINTMENT OF SHPETIM HODAJ AS NIGHT CUSTODIAN AT RMHS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Shepetim Hodaj as night custodian at RMHS at a salary of step 1, prorated, beginning May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

36. APPOINTMENT OF ARBEN SHAHU AS PART TIME CUSTODIAN 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 Arben Shahu as a part time custodian at Slocum Skewes School, beginning May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

37. APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ASHLEY BURKE – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves Ashley Burke's request for disability leave effective September 1, 2022 and use of twenty (20) sick days during said disability leave which shall end on September 30, 2022 followed by an unpaid leave of absence of twelve (12) weeks in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA), subject to submission of medical confirmation of the actual period of disability which will determine the expiration of the disability leave and the commencement and expiration dates of the NJFLA leave with an anticipated return date of December 21, 2022:

38. REVISION OF APPOINTMENT OF LAURA CAMPO AS A SPANISH 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 approves a revision of the appointment of Laura Campo as a Spanish teacher at Slocum Skewes School at a salary of MA step 12 pro-rated beginning retroactive from April 25, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

39. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints the following as district substitute teachers, at the board approved rate to be used on an as needed basis, beginning May 2, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

Karima Shaalan (name change/retroactive from March 9, 2022)
Dorothy Anderson

40. APPOINTMENT OF FULL TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT SUBSTITUTES AND TEACHER ASSISTANT SUBSTITUTE – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints the following as full time teacher assistant substitutes and teacher assistant substitute, to be used on an as needed basis, beginning May 2, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

Gihan Ghaly – FT TA Substitute
Jeanette Benton – FT TA Substitute
Luke Simeone (pending background check) – TA Substitute

41. APPOINTMENT OF DIMITRI MATARAS AS A HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT RMHS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Dimitri Mataras as a health and physical education teacher, at RMHS, at a salary of BA step 1, beginning September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

42. APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFER OF THOMAS SCHRECK – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the transfer of Thomas Schreck from Slocum Skewes School to RMHS, as a full time music teacher, effective September 1, 2022:

43. APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION/INSTRUCTOR – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves home instruction/instructor for student ID#262198 retroactive beginning April 13, 2022 through May 13, 2022 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jaime Gryctko	1 hour per day

44. APPROVAL TO RESCIND EXTRA SERVICE POSITION/STAFF APPOINTMENT - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves to rescind the following extra service position and staff appointment for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Positon</u>
Nicole Broschard	Cooking Class Advisor

45. APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR STACEY IBARBIA – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the

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Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a medical leave of absence for Stacey Ibarbia Effective retroactive beginning April 15, 2022 and use of twenty-five and a half (25.5) sick days and one (1) personal which shall end on June 6, 2022 followed by an unpaid leave of absence of twelve (12) weeks in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) through June 27, 2022:

46. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF ELSIE KING – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Elsie King, part time teacher assistant, effective July 1, 2022:

47. APPOINTMENT OF TAMIKA DEPASS AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Tamika DePass as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, effective immediately, pending County approval:

48. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF DONG EUN YUN – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Don Eun Yun, part time teacher assistant, effective retroactive from April 26, 2022:

49. REVISION OF APPROVAL OF MENTORING PROGRAM STAFF FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the revision of the mentoring program hours for the following staff at a rate of \$40/hr. for mentors and a rate of \$50/hr. for coordinators for the 2021-2022 school year at no cost to the District:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Maximum Hours</u>
Julia Acosta	150
Jennifer Sommers	180
Marilena Ferraiuolo	180
Seon Hee Lim	220
Matilde Miano	150
<u>Coordinator</u>	
Tamika DePass	130

50. REVISION OF APPROVAL OF NURSE TO COMPLETE CONTACT TRACING/COVID PAPERWORK– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the revision of the following nurse to complete extra

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service hours of contract tracing and/or COVID paperwork, at a rate of \$29.46/hr., during the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Staff Name</u>	<u>Maximum Hours</u>
LeeAnn Papadapoulous	148

POLICY – (Items)

LEGAL – (Item 51)

51. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 110 - Consent

HIB BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent’s decision in

Investigation No 110 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:

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

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. 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.

Motion made by Mr. Grippa seconded by Mr. Pych
Motion passed unanimously by Board members present

Ridgefield resident Alicia addressed the Board regarding Resolution #49. She stated she has three Children, grades 6th, 4th and 2nd. Alicia’s concern was that two of her children receive less mentoring than the older child. She asked for more details on the program.

Dr. Pantoliano recommended that Alicia contact Dr. DePass who runs the mentoring program. She said if two of her children are not receiving enough mentoring then to reach out to her. Dr. Pantoliano advised we have more students in need then active mentors. The hours of mentors were increased under Resolution #49.

Dr. Pantoliano also pointed out that at next month’s meeting there will be a presentation on the program. The district started out mentoring for ESL students because this is what’s tied to the grant

funding. Mentoring is not paid out of local budgets but rather tied to grants. She said our district also offers ESL classes at night for parents and caregivers.

Mr. Jacobs said he is reaching out to legislature to add a line item in the budget for sustainable funding. Alicia asked if students can participate in the evening classes and Dr. Pantoliano said the evening classes are for adults only.

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

Motion made by Mr. Morilla seconded by Dr. Ryu
Motion passed unanimously by Board members present

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education was at 8:55 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, seconded by Mr. Pych
Motion passed unanimously by Board members present

Respectfully submitted,

Julyana Ortiz
Business Administrator/Board Secretary