

**WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING MAY 12, 2022  
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
555 CHESTNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

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A Work Session/Business Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education was held on May 12, 2022 in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grippa:

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:06 PM 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. Grippa	Present
Mrs. Inan	Present
Mr. Morilla	Present
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent
Mr. Pych	Present
Dr. Ryu	Present
Mr. Jacobs	Present Virtually – Exited at 9:15 p.m.

Also Present were:

Dr. Letizia Pantoliano – Interim Superintendent of Schools

Ms. 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 7:08 p.m.**

Motion made by Mr. Pych, seconded by Dr. Ryu

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 9:05 p.m.

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

Dr. Pantoliano advised the Emergency Exit Drills for School Buses were performed during the period of May 4, 2022 to May 6, 2022. Students received school bus evacuation instructions as well. Ridgefield Memorial High School bus drill was done on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bergen Boulevard bus drill was done on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Both Slocum buses were done on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and Shaler bus drill was done on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The bus drivers and bus aides participated in the drills which were monitored by the building supervisors, lead teacher assistants, and /or principals. This is a requirement of state law and we met that requirement. It's also a requirement to report on the drill at the board meeting following the drills.

**VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

- A. Student Liaison – Sophia Narvaez – N/R
- B. Finance Committee – Andrew Grippa (Chairperson), William Pych, Michael Jacobs – Mr. Grippa said the budget was approved.
- C. Curriculum Committee – Claudia Narvaez (Chairperson), Dr. Yongki Colin Ryu, Michael Jacobs – Dr. Pantoliano spoke regarding middle school scheduling for next year to expand the academies. She

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explained the district will be offering STEM Academy starting grade 7 through 12. There was a discussion on the benefits offering electives to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that align with our high school electives as well as AP classes. Dr. Pantoliano said forming the academy falls in line with STEM and culminating it with the Science Honor Society. Dr. DePass will oversee the program.

- D. Operations Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Andrew Grippa, Michael Jacobs- Mr. Pych advised their committee has had continued discussions about ESSA projects. Building and maintenance are doing outside spring cleanup.
- E. Personnel Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Dr. Yongki Colin Ryu – Mr. Pych reported negotiations with administration went well. The Memorandum of Agreement is on the agenda.
- F. Policy Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Maryam Juliet Inan – Mr. Morilla advised the Policy Committee will be meeting before the next meeting
- G. NJSBA/Legislative Delegate – Claudia Narvaez – Alternate: Michael Jacobs - N/R
- H. Technology Committee (ADHOC) – Michael Jacobs, William Pych, Andrew Grippa – Dr. Pantoliano reported the Bergen Tech technician is coming three days per week. Technology is going well and testing smoothly. Dr. Pantoliano advised we are getting a technology upgrade in our technology infrastructure that was received through grant funds.

**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 Ms. Inan

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 Dr. Ryu, seconded by Ms. Inan

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

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

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

Mr. Grippa	Aye	Recuse #13
Mrs. Inan	Aye	
Mr. Morilla	Aye	
Mrs. Narvaez	Absent	
Mr. Pych	Aye	
Dr. Ryu	Aye	
Mr. Jacobs	Absent (left meeting 9:15 p.m.)	

**FINANCE – (Items 2-4)**

**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 April 9, 2022 Special Meeting and Executive Session, April 30, 2022 Special 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 May 2022:

May 12, 2022 – Vendor Batch A                      \$321,650.78

**4. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION/RMHS AND THE TIDES ESTATE FOR THE 2022 SENIOR PROM – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the attached contract between Ridgefield Board of Education/RMHS and The Tides Estate in North Haledon, N.J. for the Senior Prom to be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022:

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**STUDENT SERVICES – (Items 5-7)**

**5. APPROVAL OF REVISION OF THE 2022-2023 RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT CALENDAR - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the revision to the 2022-2023 Ridgefield Public Schools District calendar:

**6. 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
Amy Oliff Leann Papadoupolas Mati Miano	Palisades Interstate Park	Hiking trip to explore and appreciate nature	5/14/22 (rain date 6/25/22)	BB, SA, SS and RMHS	X		25
Irene Voight Russ Thompson	Bergen Community College	College Registration	5/17/22	RMHS		X	30
Seon Lee Lim Oliver Islambouli Caroline Kim Irene Voight Anna Georgia	The Cast Iron Pot	World Language Class – Students will experience eating Korean Food	5/26/22 (rain date 6/6/22)	RMHS		X	48
Julia Acosta Charles Ries	American Dream	S.T.E.M Trip	6/2/22	RMHS		X	50

**7. APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENT ID#1161605008 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves home instruction for student ID#116605008 through Educere beginning retroactive from May 4, 2022:

**CURRICULUM – (Item 8)**

**8. 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Karen Johnson	Understanding HIB Characteristics	Virtual	6/1/22	NO COST

**OPERATIONS – (Item 9)**

**9. 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. Ridgefield Memorial High School for X-Quisite House of Dance to use the auditorium and six classrooms for a fee of \$1,400.00 on June 10, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and June 11, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and a custodial fee of \$956.91 for cleanup. Grand Total is \$2,356.91.

**PERSONNEL – (Items 10-15)**

**10. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF GEORGE WAGNER - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation (for retirement purposes) of George Wagner, full time teacher assistant, effective July 1, 2022:

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF BELINDA CAMPOS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation (for retirement purposes) of Belinda Campos, music teacher, effective July 1, 2022:

**12. APPROVAL OF SUMMER 2022 PROJECT BASED LEARNING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND STAFF - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the summer 2022 project based learning enrichment program and the following staff beginning July 5, 2022 through July 29, 2022, Monday through Friday from 8:45 am – 12:15 pm with the program taking place at Shaler Academy, Slocum Skewes School and Ridgefield Memorial High School:

**Summer Enrichment Coordinator to be paid a stipend of \$5,500**  
Brian Sansanelli

**The following teachers will be paid a stipend of \$3,100**  
Sunyoung (Abbey) Im  
Kristen Gambardella

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Karen Disciascio  
Gina D'Amore  
Laura Campo  
Jazie Holley  
Rachael Hurm  
Josephine Mendoza  
Rebecca Zuniga  
Alex Yumiguano  
Lucia Abbatistta  
Marissa Kane  
Robert Francin  
Erika Lynn

**The following teacher will be paid a stipend of \$3,300**  
Marilena Ferraiuolo

**The following teacher will be paid a stipend of \$2,400**  
Antonio DiBona

**13. APPOINTMENT OF PETER MASTRANGELO AS INTERIM PRINCIPAL FOR BERGEN BLVD. SCHOOL AND SHALER ACADEMY - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education appoints Peter Mastrangelo as Interim Principal for Bergen Blvd. School and Shaler Academy for May 2022 and June 2022 at a stipend of \$1,000.00 per month:

**14. 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 April 28, 2022.

**15. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE RIDGEFIELD ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the memorandum of agreement between the Ridgefield Board of Education and the Ridgefield Administrators Association effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025:

**POLICY – (Items 16-45)**

**16. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #2415.05–STUDENT SURVEYS, ANALYSIS, EVALUATIONS, EXAMINATIONS, TESTING OR TREATMENT - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment:

17. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY AND REGULATION #2431.4 – PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy and regulation #2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries:

18. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #2451– ADULT HIGH SCHOOL** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #2451 – Adult High School:

19. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY AND REGULATION #2460.30 – ADDITIONAL/COMPENSATORY SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the new policy and regulation #2460.30 – Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services:

20. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY AND NEW REGULATION #2622 STUDENT ASSESSMENT** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy and new regulation #2622 – Student Assessment:

21. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #3233 – POLITICAL ACTIVITIES** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #3233 – Political Activities:

22. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #5460 – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION** - Consent



BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #5460 –High School Graduation:

23. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY #5541 – ANTI-HAZING** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the new policy #5541 –Anti-Hazing:

24. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #7540 – JOINT 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 first reading of the revised policy #7540 – Joint Use of Facilities

25. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY AND REGULATION #8465 – BIAS CRIMES AND BIAS-RELATED ACTS** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy and regulation #8465 –Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts:

26. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #9560 – ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL SURVEYS** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #9560 – Administration of School Surveys

27. **ABOLISHMENT OF POLICY #1648.14 – SAFETY PLAN FOR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS – COVID-19** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby abolishes policy #1648.14 – Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – Covid-19:

28. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY #1648.15 –RECORDING FOR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IN BUILDINGS – COVID-19** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the new policy #1648.15 – Recording for Healthcare Settings in Buildings – Covid-19:

29. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #2415.04 – TITLE I – DISTRICT – WIDE PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #2415.04 – Title I – District – Wide Parent and Family Engagement:

**30. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY #2415.50 – TITLE I – SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT- Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the new policy #2415.50 – Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement:

**31. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY #2416.01 – POSTNATAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the new policy #2416.01– Postnatal Accommodations for Students:

**32. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #2417– STUDENT INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #2417 – Student Intervention and Referral Services:

**33. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICIES #3161 & #4161 – EXAMINATION FOR CAUSE - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policies #3161 and #4161 – Examination For Cause:

**34. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #5512–HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #5512 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying:

**35. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY & REGULATION #7410 – MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy and regulation #7410 – Maintenance and Repair:

**36. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #8420 – EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SITUATIONS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations:

**37. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY & REGULATION #9320 – COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy and regulation #9320 – Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies:

**38. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #2461 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised policy #2461 – Special Education/Receiving Schools:

**39. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #2461.06 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS – APPROPRIATELY CERTIFIED AND LICENSED STAFF - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised regulation #2461.06 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Appropriately Certified and Licensed Staff:

**40. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #2461.09 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS – STATEWIDE AND DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised regulation #2461.09 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Statewide and District-Wide Assessment Programs:

**41. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #2461.10 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS – FULL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised regulation #2461.10 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Full Educational Opportunity:

42. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #2461.12 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS - LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY AND ACADEMIC YEAR** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised regulation #2461.12 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Length of School Day and Academic Year:

43. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #2461.14 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS – AMENDING POLICIES, PROCEDURES, THE SERVICE PROVIDED OR THE LOCATION OF FACILITIES** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised regulation #2461.14 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Amending Policies, Procedures, The Service Provided or the Location of Facilities:

44. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #2461.15 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS – OPERATION OF AN EXTENDED ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised regulation #2461.15 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Operation of an Extended Academic Year Program:

45. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #2461.19 – SPECIAL EDUCATION/RECEIVING SCHOOLS – BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAM** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the revised regulation #2461.19 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Behavior Modification Program:

**LEGAL – (Items 46-51)**

46. **AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 111** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No 111 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:

47. **AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 112** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No 112 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:

**48. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 113 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent's decision and finding of no HIB offense in HIB Investigation No 113 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.

**49. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 114 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 114 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:

**50. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 115 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 115 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:

**51. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 116 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent's decision and finding of no HIB offense in HIB Investigation No 116 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). Second \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Pych thanked everyone and said the electives are wonderful and looked forward to seeing more activities. He mentioned Dr. Ryu's comments at the January meeting regarding increasing the STEM program in our district as very helpful in implementing the academies on site. Dr. Ryu said he truly appreciated Dr. Pantoliano and the staff's diligence as well as the hard work in getting this accomplished so quickly. Mr. Grippa mentioned having new members on the Board is a good thing.

Ms. Inan inquired about having the art show outside next year and possibly calling it "Art in the Park". She would like to see the outside community involved. Dr. DePass will add this to her list and all agreed it would be a wonderful endeavor.

Ms. Inan asked if it's possible to purchase a greenhouse for either Slocum or RMHS. A discussion followed with Dr. Pantoliano suggesting this could be done in conjunction with the environmental club, part of the beautification committee, and tied into science classes. Both Dr. Pantoliano and Dr. DePass mentioned if we tie planting to an educational initiative, Ridgefield will be able to fund through grants.

Ms. Inan suggested improvements to the privacy fence around Slocum blacktop. Mr. Pych said the fence was installed as a security for the students on the playground. There was a discussion about changing the green mesh. Ms. Ortiz will ask Fort Lee where they purchased the school logo mesh on their fencing.

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

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

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 9:32 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julyana Ortiz  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary