

**WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 16, 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 June 16, 2022, in the High School Cafeteria. The order of business and agenda for the meeting was called to order by Mr. Jacobs.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:06 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”.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

**Mrs. Ortiz, may we have a roll call please.**

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Mr. Grippa   | Arrived 7:12 p.m. |
| Mrs. Inan    | Present           |
| Mr. Morilla  | Present           |
| Mrs. Narvaez | Arrived 7:12 p.m. |
| Mr. Pych     | Arrived 7:12 p.m. |
| 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, at 7:07 p.m.**

Motion made by Dr. Ryu, 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.

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- ( ) Sub-section 2 covering a matter in which release of information would impair a right to receive federal funds.
- ( ) Sub-section 3 involving disclosure of material that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, including material related to an individual's personal and family circumstances, without the express written consent of the individual involved.
- ( ) Sub-section 4 pertaining to collective bargaining agreements and the terms, conditions and negotiations thereof.
- ( ) Sub-section 5 dealing with the acquisition of real property, the setting of bank rates, or the investment of public funds where discussion thereof would adversely affect the public interest.
- ( ) Sub-section 6 dealing with tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public where disclosure could impair such protection or investigation of violation of the law.
- (X) Sub-section 7 dealing with pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiations, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- (X) Sub-section 8 concerning student matters and/or personnel matters dealing with employment, appointment, termination, or terms and conditions of employment of any person or persons, or the evaluation, promotion or disciplining of employees unless all employees involved consent to disclosure thereof.
- ( ) Sub-section 9 involving deliberations after public hearing on a matter, which may result in the imposition of a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as precisely as can be determined at this time, the discussion conducted in the said closed session can be disclosed to the public upon taking final action thereon, provided disclosure shall not violate the attorney-client privilege, impair the safety and property of the public or constitute an undue invasion of privacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is envisioned that the Board will return to open session after this closed session meeting.

**VI. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING** reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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

Dr. Pantoliano thanked Mrs. Phyllis Greco for getting a video game truck for our students coming on June 23, 2022. Ms. Greco, who is retiring, was instrumental in getting a video game truck as a parting gift for her students. Phyllis Greco, Jerry Russo, and Steve Lacatena's names were inadvertently left off the agenda. The three names should be added as chaperones under Item No. 24.

1. Updated Safe Return Plan – June 2022 – Dr. Letizia Pantoliano said we have had the Safe Return Plan since last fall and noted it needs to be updated every six months and this is our six-month update. She said little has changed and advised it is posted to the Ridgefield website.
2. Dr. Pantoliano read a walk-in resolution No. 53.  
RESOLUTION WITHHOLDING THE SALARY AND ADJUSTMENT  
INCREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE NUMBER 0499 FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL  
YEAR.
3. Walk-in resolution No. 54

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL LIFEGUARDS FOR ESY SUMMER PROGRAM ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.

**VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

- A. Student Liaison – Sophia Narvaez – N/R
- B. Finance Committee – Andrew Grippa (Chairperson), William Pych, Michael Jacobs-Mr. Grippa reported the Business Office submitted grant application for SDA Grant as well as reimbursement for lead water testing that was done. The Business Office is in the process of preparing to close the books for 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- 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 we will be continuing partnership with Bergen County Tech.
- E. Personnel Committee – William Pych (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Dr. Yongki Colin Ryu-Mr. Pych said still in discussion with Central Office and contracts will be forthcoming.
- F. Policy Committee – Ralph Morilla (Chairperson), Michael Jacobs, Maryam Juliet Inan-Mr. Morilla advised he met with Mr. Jacobs and Mrs. Inan earlier tonight to discuss two policies. The first policy discussed is to offer virtual webcast Board Meetings for 2022-2023 school year like the Cliffside Park and Ridgefield Park meetings. The committee spoke with Mrs. Ferdinand and Mrs. Arcuri about this. The second policy discussion was regarding the Board Committees and rotating committee members to allow each member to gain experience in various aspects of the School Board. Mr. Jacobs thanked Mr. Morilla for bringing up this conversation.
- G. NJSBA/Legislative Delegate – Claudia Narvaez – Alternate: Michael Jacobs-Mrs. Narvaez said there is a new Mental Health Assistance Pilot Program. A-660 would establish a 4-year pilot program in which 15 school districts would be chosen by the New Jersey Department of Education. A district’s mental health assistance program would be designed to identify issues affecting student mental health and the possible impact of those issues on academic performance, and to provide support, and referral services in a confidential setting to help students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties. Participating districts would be required to appoint one or more student assistance counselors, or contract with third-party mental health care providers, to facilitate the district’s program. At the conclusion of the program, participating districts would be required to submit a report to the NJDOE detailing the district’s views on the successes and benefits of the program.

Mrs. Narvaez reported “HIB” A-1841 would modify the definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. The bill would add “action” and “behavior” to the list of motivations of an incident that may be present in order for the incident to qualify as HIB (currently, that list of qualifying motivation reads “any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic”).

The School Threat Assessment Team A-4075/A-3229 would require each school district to develop a policy for the establishment of a “threat assessment team at each school. The purpose of the team would be to help ensure a safe and secure school environment by assisting staff in identifying students who pose a potential safety risk and preventing targeted violence in the district.

- H. Technology Committee (ADHOC) – Michael Jacobs, William Pych, Andrew Grippa- Mr. Grippa said as mentioned previously, we are approving Bergen Tech for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Dr. Pantoliano mentioned we have two contracts; one is for a technician that comes in three days per week and the second is for “as needed services.” She pointed out the importance of working with Bergen Tech to make sure Ridgefield is not vulnerable to ransom issues. Our district stores on a cloud and not a server which is safer.

Mr. Jacobs congratulated Dr. Pantoliano on being elected to Executive Committee of the Bergen County School Board Association as a Board member of Cliffside Park.

Mr. Jacobs requested a motion to add Resolution 53 and Resolution 54 to the agenda.

**Mrs. Ortiz, may we have a roll call please.**

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|--------------|-----|
| Mr. Grippa   | Aye |
| Mrs. Inan    | Aye |
| Mr. Morilla  | Aye |
| Mrs. Narvaez | Aye |
| Mr. Pych     | Aye |
| Dr. Ryu      | Aye |
| Mr. Jacobs   | Aye |

**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 Mrs. Inan

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. Grippa said there should be a policy about rotating the Board Committees. Each committee should have one experienced member along with the new members. Mr. Jacobs said duly noted and that he agrees that one veteran should remain on each committee.

Dr. Pantoliano said this is a By-law and requested Mrs. Ortiz to get copies of Robert's Rules for board meetings. Mr. Grippa stated the Board has not used Robert's Rule in twenty years. Mr. Jacobs said he has a copy and will bring it in for Board to review.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Inan inquired if the upgrade of the Slocum fence has been addressed. Dr. Pantoliano said she spoke with Mrs. Ortiz and that they have received information but will look into the matter over the summer.

**XIII. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION**

**1. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Roll Call**

Motion to approve the following consent items 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51 and 52:

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

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

|              |     |                    |
|--------------|-----|--------------------|
| Mr. Grippa   | Aye | Recuse #29 and #50 |
| Mrs. Inan    | Aye |                    |
| Mr. Morilla  | Aye |                    |
| Mrs. Narvaez | Aye |                    |
| Mr. Pych     | Aye |                    |
| Dr. Ryu      | Aye | No to #41          |
| Mr. Jacobs   | Aye |                    |

**FINANCE – (Items 2-23)**

**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 May 12, 2022, Work Session/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 months of March, April and May 2022:

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| May 12, 2022 – Vendor Batch A | \$ 380,986.46  |
| March 2022 Payroll -          | \$2,482,262.79 |

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| March 2022 Benefits - | \$ 409,109.35  |
| April 2022 Payroll -  | \$2,434,738.63 |
| April 2022 Benefits - | \$ 410,072.21  |
| May 2022 Payroll -    | \$2,384,761.29 |
| May 2022 Benefits -   | \$ 410,072.21  |

**4. APPROVAL TO APPLY AND ACCEPT THE FUNDING OF THE 2022-2023 ESEA CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby applies and accepts the funding of the 2022-2023 ESEA Consolidated Application in the following amounts:

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| Title IA-\$357,205 (SA & BB) |
| Title IIA-\$59,428           |
| Title III-\$29,200           |
| Title IV-\$23,056            |

**5. APPROVAL OF TUITION FOR THE 2022-2023 LEARNING CENTER PROGRAMS – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following tuition rates for the Learning Center Programs for the 2022 – 2023 school year:

|                             |                      |               |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Pre-Kindergarten (full day) | \$8,086              |               |                      |
| Pre-Kindergarten (half day) | \$4,756              |               |                      |
| BD Program (NO ESY)         | \$48,248             |               |                      |
| AUT Program                 | \$65,028             | ESY - \$8,878 | 10 Months - \$56,150 |
| LC MAINSTREAM Program       | \$28,750             | ESY - \$3,896 | 10 Months - \$24,854 |
| MD Program                  | \$50,703             | ESY - \$6,861 | 10 Months - \$43,842 |
| PSD Program                 | \$34,089             | ESY - \$4,711 | 10 Months - \$29,378 |
| FT 1:1 Aide                 | \$48,870 (12 Months) |               | 10 Months - \$45,030 |
| PT 1:1 Aide                 | \$26.90 per hour     |               |                      |
| OT/PT Services              | \$90 per session     |               |                      |

**6. APPROVAL OF REPORT OF AWARDED CONTRACTS BY THE RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Ridgefield Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18.et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part200:

**CONTRACTS AWARDED**

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| <b>Vendor Name</b>                                  | <b>Approval Date</b> |
|---|----------------------|
| Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP                       | 3/22/2018            |
| Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance      | 2/28/2019            |
| Mobilease Modular Space                             | 3/30/2021            |
| Delta Dental  | 5/27/2021            |
| Pomptonian Food Service 2021-2022                   | 5/27/2021            |
| Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services           | 5/27/2021            |
| Region V Shared Service Agreement                   | 5/27/2021            |
| Dr. Thomas Bottiglieri/Columbia Orthopedics         | 6/24/2021            |
| AM Consultants                                      | 7/1/2021             |
| AmeriFlex   | 7/1/2021             |
| AT&T  | 7/1/2021             |
| ATC Services  | 7/1/2021             |
| Atlantic Tomorrow Solutions                         | 7/1/2021             |
| Bergen County Technical Schools                     | 7/1/2021             |
| Blackboard  | 7/1/2021             |
| Bruce Cerra   | 7/1/2021             |
| Computer Solutions                                  | 7/1/2021             |
| CP-DBS, LLC dba PaySchools                          | 7/1/2021             |
| Direct Energy                                       | 7/1/2021             |
| E-Z Pass  | 7/1/2021             |
| Exxon Wex-Bank                                      | 7/1/2021             |
| Frontline Technologies                              | 7/1/2021             |
| Great American Financial Services (Postage Machine) | 7/1/2021             |
| Genesis Educational Service                         | 7/1/2021             |
| Health Smart Benefits                               | 7/1/2021             |
| Jersey Mail Systems - (CMRS-FP)                     | 7/1/2021             |
| JP Morgan Chase                                     | 7/1/2021             |
| Mettel  | 7/1/2021             |
| Municipal Capital Finance                           | 7/1/2021             |
| Nestle Water (Ready Refresh)                        | 7/1/2021             |
| Pathian Administrators                              | 7/1/2021             |
| Phoenix Advisors                                    | 7/1/2021             |
| Stanley Convergent Security                         | 7/1/2021             |
| Sunoco Wex-Bank                                     | 7/1/2021             |
| TransAmerica Occidental Life Insurance Co.          | 7/1/2021             |
| US Bancorp Governmental Leasing & Finance           | 7/1/2021             |
| Verizon Networkfleet - Bus Tracking                 | 7/1/2021             |
| Verizon/ Verizon Wireless                           | 7/1/2021             |



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| Western & Pest Control   | 7/1/2021   |
| John Leckie, Inc. 2021-2022  | 7/29/2021  |
| Best Choice Home Care LLC  | 8/26/2021  |
| Jill A. Pantaleo, LCSW & Associates, LLC                                   | 9/09/2021  |
| Benecard Services for Prescription Benefits                                | 11/11/2021 |
| Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs LLC Board Attorneys                      | 1/6/2022   |
| Educational Data Services  | 1/6/2022   |
| FKA Architects - Feitlowitz & Kosten, PA                                   | 1/6/2022   |
| Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission                           | 1/6/2022   |
| Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP Auditors                                       | 1/6/2022   |
| Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission                         | 1/6/2022   |
| National Joint Powers Alliance   | 1/6/2022   |
| Rullo & Juillet Associates, Inc. - Asbestos Management & PEOSHA Compliance | 1/6/2022   |
| Western States Contracting Alliance  | 1/6/2022   |
| Cablevision Lightpath  | 4/28/2022  |

**7. APPROVAL OF PURCHASES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL DATA SERVICES AND OTHER EDUCATION SERVICES COMMISSION AS OF JUNE 9, 2022 – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following purchases through Educational Data Services commission as of June 9, 2022:

**VENDOR**

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| · Academy Construction         | \$129,000.00 |
| · Academy Furniture & Supplies | \$335,970.05 |
| · Ackerson Drapery             | \$12,194.88  |
| · Apple Computer               | \$246,141.88 |
| · Aramsco/E.A Morse            | \$1,289.32   |
| · Beyer Ford                   | \$44,880.50  |
| · Camcor Inc.                  | \$2,816.88   |
| · Carolina Biological Supply   | \$1,169.61   |
| · Cascade School Supplies      | \$1,133.51   |
| · CDW Government               | \$155,519.29 |
| · Combustion Service Corp      | \$35,182.00  |
| · Dick Blick Company           | \$1,066.31   |
| · Hertz Furniture              | \$38,680.60  |
| · Imperial Bag & Paper Co.     | \$4,245.08   |
| · Interboro Packaging Co       | \$1,016.40   |
| · John A Earl Inc.             | \$9,420.51   |
| · Kencor Inc.                  | \$7,687.87   |
| · Keyboard Consultant          | \$27,179.36  |



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| · Lakeshore                   | \$3,343.67     |
| · Lew Corporation             | \$2,164.00     |
| · Mathusek Inc.               | \$131,746.00   |
| · Medco Supply                | \$1,669.09     |
| · Mobilease Modular Space     | \$1,708,595.00 |
| · Nasco                       | \$4,395.32     |
| · Northeastern Interior       | \$212,150.00   |
| · Passon's Sports/BSN Sports  | \$1,613.51     |
| · Premier Business Solutions  | \$51,875.00    |
| · Pure Lighting Company       | \$3,245.00     |
| · Rubbercycle                 | \$15,750.00    |
| · School Health Corp          | \$6,680.67     |
| · School Specialty            | \$60,419.79    |
| · Silva's Mechanical Services | \$11,855.10    |
| · Staples Advantage           | \$33,166.56    |
| · Super Duper Publications    | \$3,330.90     |
| · The Liberty Group           | \$12,650.00    |
| · United Sales USA Corp       | \$8,825.61     |
| · United Supply Corp          | \$1,740.63     |
| · W.B. Mason                  | \$4,647.23     |
| · W.W. Grainger               | \$12,661.18    |

**8. APPROVAL OF ALL PURCHASES FOR VENDORS OVER \$44,000.00 AS OF JUNE 9, 2022 – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves all purchases for vendor's over \$44,000.00 as of June 9, 2022:

| <b>Vendor Name</b>              | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| A & J Drain and Plumbing        | District Bathroom Faucets/Repairs   | \$46,155.35   |
| Academy Construction            | High School Gym Floor Abatement   | \$129,000.00  |
| Academy Furniture & Supplies    | District Air Purifiers  | \$335,562.44  |
| Achieve 3000                    | Blended Learning Program  | \$54,090.00   |
| Apple Computer                  | Faculty Macbook Airs  | \$232,680.00  |
| Aspiris                         | District Network & Ethernet Drop/Wiring for New Slocum Skewes Modulares                     | \$48,721.50   |
| Bergen County Special Services  | Student ESY Tuition, 1:1 Assistants & Extra Related Services                                | \$149,605.00  |
| Bergen County Technical Schools | Student Tuition   | \$536,287.00  |
| Best Choice Home Care           | District Sub-Nurses   | \$45,000.00   |
| Beyer Ford                      | Replacement Pickup Truck  | \$44,880.50   |
| Borough of Ridgefield           | Shaler Bond Payments, Property Rent, Willis Field Maint., Class III Officer & Town Pool Use | \$677,804.00  |

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| Cablevision LightPath Inc.                      | Internet & Phone Contract   | \$135,805.13   |
| CDW Government Inc.                             | Technology Upgrades & IT Supplies   | \$155,519.29   |
| Direct Energy                                   | Gas Utilities   | \$66,058.37    |
| Gallagher, Arthur J.                            | Bond Insurance Renewal  | \$129,908.31   |
| General Plumbing Supply                         | District Faucet Sinks, & Water Fountain Replacements                                  | \$47,286.62    |
| Jill A. Pantaleo, LCSW & Associates, LLC        | SEL District Wide Program   | \$69,000.00    |
| Leckie, John                                    | Transportation Services   | \$137,933.13   |
| Lerch, Vinci & Higgins                          | Auditor Fees  | \$50,521.00    |
| Mathusek Inc.                                   | High School Gym Floor Replacement   | \$131,746.00   |
| Mobilease Modular Space                         | Slocum Skewes Modular Unit Replacement  | \$1,565,795.00 |
| MRC/Game Time                                   | Shaler Playground Toy   | \$44,778.75    |
| Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance  | Worker's Compensation & Insured Assessment  | \$491,183.00   |
| Northeastern Interior                           | Slocum Skewes Bathroom Remodel, High School Retaining Wall & Board Office Roof Repair | \$212,150.00   |
| Pomptonian Food Service                         | District Food Service   | \$691,094.09   |
| Premier Business Solutions                      | High School Lockers Repainting  | \$51,875.00    |
| Public Service Elec. & Gas                      | Gas & Electric Utilities  | \$343,414.44   |
| Region V Council for Special Education Services | Transportation, Sub-Nurse, Direct Services, & OT/PT/SLP Evaluations                   | \$437,681.30   |
| Savvas Learning Company                         | District Envision Math Program & Subscriptions  | \$115,976.92   |
| School Specialty                                | Classroom Supplies  | \$60,419.79    |
| The CTC Academy                                 | Student Tuition   | \$54,260.40    |
| Windsor Bergen Academy                          | Student Tuition   | \$92,883.30    |

**9. SUBMISSION OF 2022-2023 TAX SCHEDULE – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the 2022-2023 Tax Schedule to the Borough of Ridgefield in accordance with the monthly schedule, as prepared by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

| <u>Month of Request</u> | <u>Month of Receipt</u> | Operating Budget | Debt Service  | Tax Payment     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                         |                         | <u>Amount</u>    | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u>   |
| June, 2022              | July                    | \$ 1,956,526.62  | -             | \$ 1,956,526.62 |
| July, 2022              | August                  | \$ 1,956,526.58  | \$ 45,260.00  | \$ 2,001,786.58 |
| August, 2022            | September               | \$ 1,956,526.58  | \$ -          | \$ 1,956,526.58 |
| September, 2022         | October                 | \$ 1,956,526.58  | \$ -          | \$ 1,956,526.58 |
| October, 2022           | November                | \$ 1,956,526.58  | \$ -          | \$ 1,956,526.58 |
| November, 2022          | December                | \$ 1,956,526.58  | \$ -          | \$ 1,956,526.58 |
| December, 2022          | January                 | \$ 1,956,526.58  | \$ 552,360.00 | \$ 2,508,886.58 |
| January, 2023           | February                | \$ 1,956,526.58  | \$ -          | \$ 1,956,526.58 |

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| February, 2023                     | March | \$ | 1,956,526.58         | \$ | -                 | \$ | 1,956,526.58         |
| March, 2023                        | April | \$ | 1,956,526.58         | \$ | -                 | \$ | 1,956,526.58         |
| April, 2023                        | May   | \$ | 1,956,526.58         | \$ | -                 | \$ | 1,956,526.58         |
| May, 2023                          | June  | \$ | 1,956,526.58         | \$ | -                 | \$ | 1,956,526.58         |
| <b>Total July 2020 - June 2022</b> |       | \$ | <b>23,478,319.00</b> | \$ | <b>597,620.00</b> | \$ | <b>24,075,939.00</b> |

**10. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE NECESSARY TRANSFERS TO CLOSE THE BOOKS 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 authorizes the Business Administrator to make necessary transfers to close the books for the 2021-2022 school year and to report those transfers to the Board at the next scheduled meeting:

**11. APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL DATA SERVICES – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves purchasing through Educational Data Services for the 2021-2022 school year from the vendors list as attached:

**12. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION FOR TUITION RESERVE 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 appropriation for Tuition Reserve 2021-2022 school year in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.4 (3):

**13. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL RESERVE –Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an increase to the Capital Reserve in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:21-2 and 3, and 18A:7G-31:

**14. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTENANCE RESERVE-Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves establishment of a Maintenance Reserve account to be used to implement required maintenance of Ridgefield’s school facilities in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2:

**15. 2022-2023 DISTRICT PURCHASING AGENT– Consent**

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-2 provides that a Board of Education shall assign authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Board of Education to a person or persons who

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shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 provides that contract, awarded by the purchasing agent that do not need exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold, may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37, c. provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Board of Education pursuant to the statutes cited above hereby appoints Julyana Ortiz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, until June 30, 2023 as its duly authorized purchasing agent(s) and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Ridgefield Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Julyana Ortiz is hereby authorized, until June 30, 2023 to award contracts on behalf of the Ridgefield Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Julyana Ortiz is hereby authorized, until June 30, 2023 to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable, when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold but less than the bid threshold of \$44,000.00.

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Ridgefield Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey hereby sets its bid threshold to \$44,000.00:

**16. APPROVAL OF DR. THOMAS BOTTIGLIERI AS SCHOOL PHYSICIAN /MEDICAL INSPECTOR-Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves Dr. Thomas Bottiglieri/Columbia Orthopedics as School Physician/Medical Inspector for the 2022-2023 school year at an annual cost of \$18,025.00:

**17. APPROVAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM – Consent**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services:

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2022 the governing body of the Ridgefield Board of Education County of Bergen State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

**TITLE**

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Ridgefield Board of Education

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, Mrs. Julyana Ortiz, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**18. APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the Bergen County Technical School District Shared Services Agreement for Technology Support Services for the 2022-2023 school year:

**19. APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT (AS NEEDED) WITH BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the Bergen County Technical School District Shared Services Agreement for Technology Support Services, as needed, for the 2022-2023 school year:

**20. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT PURCHASES ABOVE THE QUOTE THRESHOLD OF \$10,000.00 – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves district purchases above the quote threshold of \$10,000.00 using federal grants as of July 1, 2021 - June 13, 2022 as listed below:

- **A & J Drain & Plumbing** (Plumbing Repairs) - \$26,256.00
- **Academy Furniture & Supplies** (District Air Purifiers) - \$118,147.11
- **Amazon** (Macbook Air Adapters, Face Masks, Beautification Project, etc.) - \$13,409.30
- **Apple Computer** (Faulty MacBook Airs) - \$232,680.00

- **CDW Government** (Chromebook Chargers) - \$29,584.50
- **General Plumbing Supply** (District Faucet Sinks & Water Fountain Replacements) - \$45,239.92
- **Hertz Furniture** (Beautification Project & Lunch Furniture) - \$24,261.30
- **Jill A. Pantaleo, LCSW & Associates** (SEL District Program) - \$69,000.00
- **Keyboard Consultants** (Promethian Replacements) - \$14,335.77
- **Mackenzie Door Company** (Door Replacements) - \$32,980.00
- **Northeastern Interior** (Bathroom Remodel) - \$20,715.00
- **Shaw's Complete Security** (Door Replacement) - \$36,051.40
- **Teach 4 Results** (Professional Development) - \$26,100.00
- **Tobii Dynavox** (Visually Impaired Equipment) - \$14,970.00

**21. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT PURCHASES USING STATE CONTRACTS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the district purchases using state contracts above the bid threshold of \$44,000 as of July 1, 2021 - June 13, 2022:

- **Academy Construction** - \$129,000.00
  - Contract – Hunterdon Co-Op #HESC-SER-20-14
- **Academy Furniture & Supplies** - \$335,970.05
  - Contract – NJ Ed-Data Co-Op Services Contract/Bid #10430
- **Apple Computer** - \$246,141.88
  - Contract – Apple #1062153, Technology & Supplies ESCNJ18/19-67
- **Beyer Ford** - \$44,880.50
  - Contract – Trucks #65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ 17/18-21
- **CDW Government** - \$155,519.29
  - Contract – Technology Supplies & Service #ESCNJ18/19-03 (18/19-03)
- **Mathusek, Inc.** - \$128,301.00
  - Contract – Hunterdon Co-Op Bid #208 Commercial Floor Covering & Related Services
- **Mobilease Modular Space** - \$1,565,795.00
  - Contract – Modular Unit Replacement #ESCNJ20/21-43
- **MRC/Game Time** - \$44,778.75
  - Contract – Playground Equipment #65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ 20/21-06
- **Northeastern Interior** - \$212,150.00
  - Contract – Hunterdon Co-Op General Construction #HCESC-SER-20F
- **Premier Business Solutions** - \$51,875.00
  - Contract – Educational Data Services Bid #9369

**22. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPOINTING A THIRD PARTY VERIFIER -Consent**



**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 territorial boundaries governed thereby) has, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6, (the “ESP Law”), determined to undertake an energy savings plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has appointed DCO Energy (“DCO”) to develop an Energy Savings Plan (the “ESP”) pursuant to the ESP Law; and

**WHEREAS**, DCO is in the process of developing the ESP consisting of individual energy conservation measures (“ECM’s”) and including annual energy and operational savings and a proposed cash flow pro forma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has received a proposal from DLB Associates to act as the third party verifier; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to continue to move the energy savings plan forward, the Board seeks to (i) appoint DLB Associates as third party verifier, and (ii) directs DLB Associates to verify the savings of the ESP, once developed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Education of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Board hereby appoints DLB Associates as third party verifier in accordance with its proposal submitted on June 13, 2022, and authorizes DLB Associates to conduct a verification of the energy savings set forth in the ESP, upon completion of the same.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**23. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE SUMMER - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, and the School Business Administrator, the Board hereby approves the authorization for payment of bills, the district in an effort to improve business practices and procedures, take advantage of cash discounts offered, and establish a good credit rating for the Board of Education by paying bills and obligations of the Board promptly, in accordance with New Jersey Statue 18A:19-1, the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to pay necessary bills to be ratified at the next scheduled meeting of the Board:

**STUDENT SERVICES – (Item 24)**

**24. APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIP - Consent**

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



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| Teacher Name   | Location   | Purpose   | Date    | School | Learning Center | General Ed. | # of Students Attending |
|--|--|---|---------|--------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Peter Hickey<br>Todd Mahoney<br>Joan Quaregna<br>Frank Saramiento<br>Linda Kowatch<br>Connie Grasso<br>Phyllis Greco*<br>Jerry Russo*<br>Steve Lacatena* | Prime Time Gaming Mobile Trailer<br>(in park next to RMHS) | Provide students with hands-on social skills activity | 6/23/22 | RMHS   | X               |             | 25                      |

\*Approved under the Superintendent Report to add chaperones.

**CURRICULUM – (Item 25)**

**25. 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:

| Name           | Workshop               | Location | Date        | Fee      |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Rebecca Zuniga | Manhattan College APSI | Virtual  | 8/8-8/12/22 | \$900.00 |

**OPERATIONS – (Items 26-30)**

**26. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED SAFE RETURN PLAN – JUNE 2022 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the updated Safe Return Plan – June 2022:

**27. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATION TO BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR MODULAR UNITS AT BERGEN BOULEVARD SCHOOL – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the application to the Bergen County Department of Education for the use of the Substandard Instructional Space for Special Education at Bergen Boulevard School for the 2022-2023 academic year:

**28. APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN NJSIAA FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education to hereby approves enrollment of Ridgefield Memorial High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) to participate in the approved interschool athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA in 2022-2023; furthermore, that the

Board of Education agrees to be governed by the Constitution Bylaws and rules and regulations of the NJSIAA in conjunction with athletic events:

**29. APPROVAL SECRETARIAL AND CUSTODIAL CALENDERS FOR THE 2022-2023 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 secretarial and custodial calendars for the 2022-2023 school year:

**Secretarial Calendar 2022-2023**

- (1) July 4, 2022 (Independence Day)
- (2) September 5, 2022 (Labor Day)
- (3) October 5, 2022 (Yom Kippur)
- (4) October 10, 2022 (Columbus Day)
- (5) & (6) November 10 & 11, 2022 (NJEA Convention)
- (7) & (8) November 24 & 25, 2022 (Thanksgiving Recess)
- (9) January 16, 2023 (Martin Luther King Day)
- (10) & (11) February 20 & 21, 2023 (Presidents Day Recess)
- (12) April 7, 2023 (Spring Recess)
- (13) April 10, 2023 (Spring Recess)
- (14) May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day)

**Custodial Calendar 2022-2023**

- (1) July 4, 2022 (Independence Day)
- (2) September 5, 2022 (Labor Day)
- (3) & (4) November 24 & 25, 2022 (Thanksgiving Recess)
- (5) & (6) December 26 & 27, 2022 (Christmas Recess)
- (7) January 2, 2023 (New Year's Day)
- (8) January 16, 2023 (Martin Luther King Day)
- (9) & (10) February 20 & 21, 2023 (Presidents Day Recess)
- (11) April 7, 2023 (Spring Recess)
- (12) & (13) April 10 - 11, 2023 (Spring Recess)
- (14) May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day)

**30. APPROVAL OF REQUEST COUNTY APPROVAL FOR ALTERNATE METHOD OF COMPLIANCE FOR TOILET ROOM FACILITIES-Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of form for Shaler Academy (Room 3, Room 5, Room 6, Kindergarten Classes and Room 7, Pre-Kindergarten Class) for 2022/2023 for alternate method of compliance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 (h)4ii and (h)4iii by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside the classrooms in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom, and to note the method of supervision for children using the facilities, for county approval:

**PERSONNEL – (Items 31-50)**

31. **AUTHORIZATION OF SUMMER EMERGENT HIRING**– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to effect emergency hiring on existing terms and conditions which currently are in place in the District during the period of time the Board is not in public meeting from July 1, 2022 through the first public meeting on September 8, 2022. Said authorization is subject to be the Business Administrator certifying to the Superintendent that the funds necessary for said hiring are in the budget. Any such hiring shall be ratified by the Board at the first available public meeting:

32. **ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION/JOB ABANDONMENT FOR EMPLOYEE ID#1558** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation/job abandonment for employee ID#1558 effective retroactive from October 20, 2021:

33. **APPOINTMENT OF SUMMER FULL TIME TEACHER SUBSTITUTES** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints the following staff members as full time summer teacher substitutes at a rate of \$125 per diem, to be used on an as needed basis during the extended summer program:

Erika Lynn  
Trista Lavino

34. **APPROVAL OF AN UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR SONDOS HAIMOR** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an unpaid leave of absence for Sondos Haimor retroactive beginning June 15, 2022 through June 27, 2022:

35. **ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF CHELSEA JONES** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Chelsea Jones, teacher, effective July 1, 2022:

36. **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF THE 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 revision of the summer 2022 project based learning enrichment program and the following staff beginning July 5, 2022 through July 29, 2022,

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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  
Karen Disciascio  
Gina D’Amore  
Laura Campo  
Jazie Holley  
Rachael Hurm  
Josephine Mendoza  
Rebecca Zuniga  
Lucia Abbatistta  
Marissa Kane  
Robert Francin  
Erika Lynn  
Arlene Garcia (pending background check)  
Michelle Molina (pending certification)

**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  
Nora DiBona

**37. APPROVAL OF MENTOR PAYMENTS 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 mentor payments (paid by the novice teacher) for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

| <b>Mentor</b>             | <b>Novice Teacher</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Christina Thorry-Santiago | Erika Lynn            | \$550.00      |
| Joel Werner               | Celine Sayanlar       | \$275.00      |
| Joseph Prenenski          | Jasmine Yoo           | \$550.00      |
| Leeann Papadoupalos       | Hi Young Kim          | \$500.00      |

**38. APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE MOLINA AS A MUSIC TEACHER AT SLOCUM SKEWES SCHOOL/RMHS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Michelle Molina as a music teacher (pending

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certification) at Slocum Skewes School and RMHS at a salary of BA step 2, beginning September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

**39. APPOINTMENT OF BRITTANY PORRINO AS GUIDANCE SECRETARY AT RMHS -**

Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Brittany Porrino as a guidance secretary at RMHS at a salary of step 2, beginning August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

**40. APPROVAL OF REVISION OF SUMMER MENTORING 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 revision of the summer mentoring program and the following staff beginning July 5, 2022 through August 12, 2022:

**Summer Mentor Coordinator to be paid a stipend of \$2,300**

Tamika DePass

**The following mentors to be paid a stipend of \$1,680.00**

Marilena Ferraiuolo

Kristin Capotorto

Jazie Vega

Amy Oliff

John Forte

Jennifer Sommers

Matilda Miano

Gina D'Amore

Andrew MacDonald

**41. ACCEPTANCE OF SEPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMPLOYEE ID#0634 AND THE RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the separation agreement between employee ID#0634 and the Ridgefield Board of Education, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a one week paid suspension for employee ID#0634:

**42. APPOINTMENT OF DR. VICKKI NADLER AS PRINCIPAL AT RMHS - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Vickki Nadler as Principal at RMHS at a salary of \$149,000, beginning on or about July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

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**43. APPROVAL OF EXTRA SERVICE APPOINTMENT 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 extra service appointment, retroactive from November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

| <u>Staff</u>    | <u>Position</u>         | <u>Step</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Michelle Collis | Class Advisor – Grade 8 | 3           |

**44. APPROVAL OF EXTRA SERVICE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2022-2023 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 extra service appointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

| <u>Staff</u>   | <u>Position</u>                               |
|----------------|---|
| Colleen Lofaro | Lead Teacher Assistant - RMHS                 |
| Delfina Luzba  | Lead Teacher Assistant – Shaler Academy       |
| Kelly McGovern | Lead Teacher Assistant – Slocum Skewes School |

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

**45. APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA BERMEO AS 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 Sandra Bermeo as a part time teacher assistant at RMHS, pending criminal history background check, with a start date TBD:

**46. APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFERS** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following staff transfers for the 2022-2023 school year:

| <u>Staff Member</u> | <u>School Transfer</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Fotini Rossi        | Bergen Blvd. School    |
| Danielle Crisafi    | Shaler Academy         |

**47. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION BUSSING STAFF & STIPEND**– Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints the following staff for the special education bussing stipend (\$2,100 prorated for actual days worked for Teaching Staff (\$11.67 per diem) - & \$1,200

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prorated for actual days worked for Teacher Assistant Staff (\$6.67 per diem)) effective retroactive beginning September 7, 2020 through June 30, 2023 as follows:

**Teachers**

Stephen Lacatena  
Debora Carlson  
Matilda Miano

**Teacher Assistants**

Colleen Lofaro  
Deborah Torres  
Angela Colasante  
Yulexis Freire-Cardoso  
Doris Paez  
Concetta Grasso  
Linda Kowatch

**48. APPOINTMENT OF BUS AIDES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following paraprofessionals as bus aides and/or bus aide substitutes effective retroactive from September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

**Bus Aides**

Debbie Becker  
Lori Garfalo  
Sandos Haimor  
Linda Kowatch  
Maria Pavalopoulos  
Natalie Scaglione

**Substitute Bus Aides**

Natividad Florez  
Julyta Goiricelaya  
Elisetta Governali  
Concetta Grasso  
Elizabeth Guardino  
Elizabeth Hildago  
Joan Quaregna

**49. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE STATUS CHANGE FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a status change for Lynn Shin from 12-month employee to 10-month employee (due to family emergency) for the 2022-2023 school year:



**50. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Consent**

WHEREAS, The Ridgefield Board of Education advertised for candidates for Superintendent of Schools on Education Job New Jersey, Facebook, Education Jobs NJ Job Board and NJ.com;

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education received, met and reviewed resumes of candidates;

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education conducted first and second round interviews;

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of all data, no qualified candidates emerged;

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education then petitioned the New Jersey Department of Education for an extension to Dr. Letizia Pantoliano’s contract and the petition was granted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgefield Board of Education and with the permission of the New Jersey Department of Education that, Dr. Letizia Pantoliano is appointed as Interim Superintendent of Schools commencing July 1, 2022 and ending February 15, 2023, five (5) days per week at a per diem rate of \$727.85, pending Executive County Superintendent contract approval:

**POLICY – (Items )**

**LEGAL – (Items 51-52)**

**51. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 118 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent’s decision and finding of no HIB offense in HIB Investigation No 118 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.

**52. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 119 - Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No 119 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:

**53. RESOLUTION WITHHOLDING THE SALARY AND ADJUSTMENT INCREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE NUMBER 0499 FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR – Consent**

WHEREAS, the Chief School Administrator hereby recommends withholding the employment and adjustment increments for Employee Number 0499; and

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WHEREAS, the Board finds that good cause exists to withhold the increments of Employee Number 0499 for the 2022-2023 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby affirms the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and withholds the employment and adjustment increments for Employee Number 0499 for the 2022-2023 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to provide Employee Number 0499 with written notice that Employee Number 0499's employment and adjustment increments for the 2022-2023 school year are being withheld, together with the reasons therefore, within ten (10) days of the date of this resolution, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14:

**54. APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL LIFEGUARDS FOR THE EXTENDED SUMMER SUMMER PROGRAM – Consent**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints the following as lifeguards for the extended year Summer program for 2022 at a rate of \$35 per diem on an as needed basis:

Gabriela Ramos  
Esther Moise  
Bryann Mejias  
Christopher Halter  
Joshua Bracero  
Julian Santiago  
Kayla Giro

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

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, seconded by Mrs. Inan  
Motion passed unanimously by all 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. 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. Grippa, seconded by Dr. Ryu  
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Inan recently heard about Bergen County Esports and would like to look into the program. Esports is a form of competition using video games.

Mrs. Inan recommended the Board look into solar panel installments on our school properties or buildings. Mrs. Ortiz informed that the ESIP Program includes adding solar panels. It is part of the Energy Savings Improvement Plan. If it is cost effective to do so in any of our buildings, then we will add them. Dr. Pantoliano said we will look at all options and if beneficial for us, we will get them. Mrs. Inan asked about community sharing, but Mrs. Ortiz stated we will use the savings to put back into our schools. Board members continued to discuss and noted there are many variables to consider. Dr. Pantoliano said that is why we have the company looking into the options that will help our district.

Mrs. Narvaez asked about upgrading the auditorium lighting and sound. Dr. Pantoliano replied we spoke of upgrading in the past, and we put the upgrade in the Art ESSA Grant which has not been formally approved yet. Mrs. Ortiz will check the grant to see if sound is included in the cost of the \$300,000.00 upgrade.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 8:44 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julyana Ortiz  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary