

**SPECIAL ACTION MEETING MARCH 27, 2023
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
555 WALNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

A Special Action Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education was held on March 27, 2023 in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grippa.

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:05 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

Mr. Grippa	Present
Mrs. Inan	Present
Mr. Morilla	Absent
Mrs. Narvaez	Present
Mr. Pych	Present
Mr. Jacobs	Present
Mrs. Vudragovic	Present

Ms. Qirjako may we have a roll call please.

We have a Quorum.

Also present were:

Altea Qirjako – 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.

There was no executive closed session.

VI. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

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

Motion made by Mr. Pych, seconded by Mrs. Narvaez
Motion unanimously approved by Board Members present.

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Optional – (until the second public comments/questions 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. Pych, seconded by Mrs. Narvaez
Motion unanimously approved by Board Members present.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY.

IX. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

1. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Roll Call

Motion to approve the following consent items 2,3 and 4:

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

Ms. Qirjako may we have a roll call please.

Mr. Grippa	Yes; Recused himself from Motion 2
Mrs. Inan	Yes
Mr. Morilla	Absent
Mrs. Narvaez	Yes
Mr. Pych	Yes
Mr. Jacobs	Yes
Mrs. Vudragovic	Yes

PERSONNEL – (Items 2-4)

2. **APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Ridgefield Board of Education, hereby appoints Dr. Alexander Anemone Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 pending County approval:

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

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

April 21, 2023 - Schools/District Closed

4. **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE USE OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools hereby approves the following resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting for Food Service Management Company:

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Board of Education requires a Food Service Management Company, and;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 allows the use of requests for proposal and/or bids contracting by boards of education in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services the price of which exceeds the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3 requires the board of education to pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting each time specialized goods or services are desired to be contracted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise for Food Service Management Company and to employ the competitive contracting method in selecting a vendor for work to be performed for the 2023-2024 school year, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3:

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

Motion made by Mr. Pych, seconded by Mr. Jacobs
Motion unanimously approved by Board Members present.

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The newly appointed Superintendent of Schools thanked the Board for their support and a collective thanks to staff and parents.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Inan, seconded by Mrs. Narvaez
Motion unanimously approved by Board Members present.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Grippa commented on the Grant opportunity for Pre-K expansion and to look into the ambulance building and to inquire with the Mayor in regards to the location.
Mr. Jacobs welcomed the newly appointed Superintended.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 7:16 p.m.

Motion made by Mrs. Inan, seconded by Mrs. Narvaez
Motion unanimously approved by Board Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Altea Qirjako
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary