

**BUSINESS MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2023
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
555 WALNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

A Work Session/Business Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education was held on February 9, 2023 in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Narvaez:

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:09 p.m. the meeting will be called to order.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

III. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Ridgefield Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Administration Building, and having notified The Record, The Star Ledger and the Ridgefield Borough Clerk”.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Qirjako may we have a roll call please.

We have a Quorum.

Also present were:

Dr. Letizia Pantoliano – Interim Superintendent of Schools

Altea Qirjako – Business Administrator/Board Secretary

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – BOARD MEMBER VACANCY INTERVIEWS SESSION

Mrs. Narvaez acknowledged the public, thanked them for being present, and invited Ms. Hoffman to begin the interview process for the Board Member Vacancy. Mrs. Narvaez asked the candidate questions, to which Ms. Hoffman answered. Mrs. Narvaez invited Ms. Vudragovic to begin her interview process for the Board Member Vacancy. Mrs. Narvaez asked the candidate questions, to which Ms. Vudragovic answered.

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Additional questions were asked to both candidates, and the Board addressed the candidates on the questions they had for the Board.

The interviews concluded at 7:23 p.m.

VI. Motion to Convene in EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION for School Board Training, Personnel, Legal, Negotiations, Attorney/Client Privilege and/or Student Matters items, at 7:24 p.m.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgefield Board of Education, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Board meet in closed session to discuss the following subject matter(s), which is (are) permitted to be discussed in closed session pursuant to the following designated sub-section(s) of Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act-

- () Sub-section 1 dealing with material rendered confidential by express provision of Federal or State law.
- () Sub-section 2 covering a matter in which release of information would impair a right to receive federal funds.
- () Sub-section 3 involving disclosure of material that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, including material related to an individual's personal and family circumstances, without the express written consent of the individual involved.
- () Sub-section 4 pertaining to collective bargaining agreements and the terms, conditions and negotiations thereof.
- () Sub-section 5 dealing with the acquisition of real property, the setting of bank rates, or the investment of public funds where discussion thereof would adversely affect the public interest.
- () Sub-section 6 dealing with tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public where disclosure could impair such protection or investigation of violation of the law.
- (X) Sub-section 7 dealing with pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiations, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- (X) Sub-section 8 concerning student matters and/or personnel matters dealing with employment, appointment, termination, or terms and conditions of employment of any person or persons, or the evaluation, promotion or disciplining of employees unless all employees involved consent to disclosure thereof.
- () Sub-section 9 involving deliberations after public hearing on a matter, which may result in the imposition of a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license.

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

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

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Motion was made by Mrs. Narvaez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to close Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

VII. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

A. Student Liaison – Abesera Tessema - Ms. Tessema presented her report to the Board regarding different fundraisers and following up on the request to implement a study hall period for the student next year. She was advised to write a letter to the Superintendent of school with the request.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS –

1. Dr. Pantoliano thanked the two candidates for being there and on the behalf of the Board she announced that the Board will nominate Melissa Vudragovic for the Board Member Vacancy.
2. Walk in Resolution #56 was added to the agenda and it was made available to the public for inspection.
3. Dr. Pantoliano thanked the student liaison for her report and for mentioning the prom fundraiser.
4. Dr. Pantoliano advised the public that we will have one public comments/questions for this meeting and a second one as optional if needed.

IX. BOARD REPORTS -

Mr. Pych reported that the wrestling it was back in Ridgefield after ten years.

X. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION -

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

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

(Resolutions and Discussion Items Only).

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.

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)

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A public member inquired about the status of the Collage and Trade Fair, and he was advised that the District has career day and takes students to the collage fair.

A public member from Cliffside Park thanked the Board and the Superintendent for their collaboration with Cliffside Park and the work done.

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

Motion made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Pych

Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

XII. BOARD COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY.

No comments.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

No Comments.

XIV. 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 and 21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53 54, 55, 56:

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

Ms. Qirjako may we have a roll call please.

Mr. Grippa	Absent
Mrs. Inan	Yes
Mr. Morilla	Yes
Mrs. Narvaez	Yes
Mr. Pych	Yes
Mr. Jacobs	Yes

2. APPOINTMENT OF RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEMBER – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Melissa Vudragovic to fill the vacancy as a Board Member on the Ridgefield Board of Education:

FINANCE – (Items 3-12)

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3. 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 December 8, 2022 Executive Session, January 6, 2023 Reorganization Meeting, January 6, 2023 Work Session/Business Meeting and Executive Session, January 19, 2023 Business Meeting and Executive Session, January 21, 2023 Special Meeting and Executive Session and the January 28, 2023 Special Meeting and Executive Session:

4. 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 February 2023:

February 7, 2023 – Vendor Batch A \$1,612,932.31

5. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Board Secretary Report for the period ending December 31, 2022:

6. CASH REPORT- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education approves the Cash Report for the period ending December 31, 2022:

7. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S CERTIFICATION – Consent

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(d), I, Altea Qirjako, School Business Administrator, certify that as of December 31, 2022 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(d), I, Altea Qirjako, School Business Administrator, certify that as of December 31, 2022 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(b).

Motion to certify, pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(e), that as of December 31, 2022, after review of the Board Secretary’s monthly report (appropriations sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-

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expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(e), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year:

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfers for month of December in the amount of \$125,148.67:

9. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS - Consent

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

- A.) **Winter Track** to hold a **Clothing Apparel Sale** beginning February 18, 2023 through February 28, 2023 with proceeds going towards raising funds for team equipment and apparel.
- B.) **Class of 2024** to hold a **Cookie & Cheesecake Sale** beginning February 2023 through March 2023 with proceeds going towards end of the year activities.
- C.) **Seventh Grade Activities** to hold a **Board Game Night** on March 2, 2023 with proceeds going towards the off-set cost of trip.
- D.) **National Honor Society** to hold a **School Spirit Sale** beginning February 2023 through April 2023 with proceeds graduation awards.
- E.) **Student Council** to hold a **Badminton Tournament** on March 10, 2023 with proceeds going toward student council funds.
- F.) **Winter Track** to hold a **Coin Toss** on March 18, 2023 with proceeds going towards raising funds for team equipment and apparel.
- G.) **Student Council** to hold a **Spring Dance** on March 30, 2023 with proceeds going towards raising funds for student council activities.
- H.) **Class of 2023** to hold a **Bucket Collection Drive** on April 22, 2023 with proceeds going towards end of the year activities.
- I.) **Class of 2024** to hold a **Bucket Collection Drive** on June 23, 2023 with proceeds going towards end of the year activities.

10. APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACTS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR BETWEEN THE RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE FOLLOWING SENDING

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DISTRICTS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following tuition contracts for the 2022-2023 school year between the Ridgefield Board of Education and the following sending districts:

District	SID	Amount
Bogota	6391125674	\$ 31,519.96
Fairview	8861400269	\$ 34,600.00
Lodi	7140583484	\$ 23,936.88
Paterson	9406391908	\$ 34,600.00
Ridgefield Park	4523808051	\$ 37,635.13
South Hackensack	9173209602	\$ 34,600.00
Wood Ridge	1037047086	\$ 28,202.91

11. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE ESEA 2022-2023 APPLICATION – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an amendment to the ESEA 2022-2023 application to budget carry over funds:

12. APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM CHRONICLE BOOKS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts a donation of forty (40) journals for Serendipity students at RMHS:

STUDENT SERVICES – (Item 13)

13. 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 2022-2023 school year:

Teacher Name	Location	Purpose	Date	School	Learning Center	General Ed.	Students Attending
Mati Miano Robert Robins	Lodi Lanes/Lodi Pizza	To behave appropriately in the natural setting of the community. Life	2/15/23	RMHS	X		20

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		skills using money to purchase lunch					
Donna Wietecha	CBI		2/7,2/24,3/3,3/10,3/31,4/21,4/28,5/5,5/12,5/19,5/26,6/2,6/9/23	RMHS	X		3
Jorge Reynoso John Forte Marilena Ferraiuolo Brian Sansanelli Darla Ferdinand Jennifer Sommers Luz Martin Robert Robins Rose Elenio Karen Johnson Gina D'Amore Andrew MacDonald Amy Oliff Dr. Tamika DePass	Eddie V's Restaurant	Mentor Valentines Dinner	2/23/23	BB, SS & RMHS		X	45
Matt Polifrone Ann Behrens	Atlantic City	DECA	2/27-3/1/23	RMHS		X	14
Pat Carozza	Atlantic City	FBLA State Competition	3/6-3/8/23	RMHS		X	4
Russ Thompson Irene Voight	NJ Convention and Expo Center	National College Fair	3/8/23	RMHS		X	45
Elizabeth Stambaugh Tiffany Kerr Terri DeLyon Lauretta Allen Victoria Romo Rachael Hurm Marissa Kane Jasmine Yoo Elizabeth Densen	Union County Performing Arts Center	Develop and apply specific criteria to evaluate media art works and production processes	3/23/12	SS		X	99
Amy Oliff Theresa Petrov	Bergen County Zoo	Study animal habits and family structures	4/19/23 (rain date - 4/21/23)	SS		X	46
Kara Peterson Suzanne Golden Mandie Stewart Maryann Anderson Jesse Gennarelli Margaret Caruso	Bergen Performing Arts Center	Students will attend a performance of "The Lightning Thief" for ELA and Social Studies Curriculum	5/5/23	SS		X	100

CURRICULUM – (Item 14)

14. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP EXPENDITURES - Consent

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

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Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves the following workshop participation and expenditures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Do Yeon Shim	Hair Discrimination and the NJ Law Against Discrimination	Virtual	2/1/22	NO COST
Sarah Pahlck	Strengthening Your Effectiveness as a Special Education Resource Teacher	Virtual	3/1/23	\$279.00
Elizabeth Stambaugh	Enhancing the Whole Child – NJCEC Spring 2023 Conference	Ramapo College	3/13/23	\$145.00
Kerry Chinigo	From Pre-School to High School – An Educational Timeline	Paramus	3/24/22	NO COST

OPERATIONS – (Item 15)

15. APPROVAL TO DISCARD ITEMS FROM RMHS – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of the Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves to discard the following items at RMHS that are either damaged, outdated or not being used:

- Industrial Fans (2)
- Stand Up Fan (1)
- TV’s & TV Stands (2)

PERSONNEL – (Items 16-38)

16. APPOINTMENTS OF HOURLY AND FULL TIME TEACHER ASSISTANTS - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints the following hourly and full time teacher assistants, pending criminal history background clearance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Alexia Maldonado*	Shaler Academy	FT-TA	TBD
Jason Castellanos*	Slocum Skewes School	FT-TA 1:1	TBD
Sokol Kadareja	RMHS	FT-TA 1:1	2/10/23

*pending criminal history background check

17. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF ROSE DEMAIO - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Rose DeMaio, teacher (for retirement purposes), effective July 1, 2023:

18. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF EMPLOYEE ID#0368 - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of employee ID#0368 (for retirement purposes), effective July 1, 2023:

19. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF RACHEL WILLIAMS- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Rachel Williams, teacher (for retirement purposes), effective July 1, 2023:

20. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF MAIDA WEISMAN- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Maida Weisman, teacher (for retirement purposes), effective July 1, 2023:

21. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF VERONICA CABALLERO- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Veronica Caballero, teacher assistant, effective February 15, 2023:

22. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF MARIA PUGA- Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Maria Puga, teacher assistant, effective March 16, 2023:

23. APPROVAL OF FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR DANIEL PRIEST - Consent

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an unpaid family leave of absence for Daniel Priest, beginning March 15, 2023 through April 14, 2023 with a return date of April 17,2023:

24. APPOINTMENT OF EVENT WORKERS 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 appoint the following staff as event workers, to be used on an as needed basis (as per the REA Agreement), for the 2022-2023 school year:

Katherine Neary
Laura Campo

25. APPROVAL OF EXTRA SERVICE APPOINTMENTS/REVISIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves appointment/revisions of the following staff to extra service positions/stipends for the 2022-2023 school year as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Andrew MacDonald	Tennis – Asst. #1	1	2022-2023 SY
David Crum	Band – (SS)	1	2022-2023 SY
Alex Mella	Baseball – Head Coach (SS)	1	2022-2023 SY
Matthew Polifrone*	DECA RMHS	3	2022-2023 SY
Julia Acosta*	Girls Who Code	3	2022-2023 SY
Teresa Becker*	Literary Magazine (SS)	3	2022-2023 SY
Courtney Goch*	Literary Magazine (SS)	3	2022-2023 SY
Matt Mulholland*	Literary Magazine (SS)	3	2022-2022 SY

***REVISION - stipend amount to reflect approval from 11/17/2022 Board approved rate.**

26. APPROVAL OF INCREASE OF RATE FOR WEIGHT ROOM STAFF - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves an increase of rate for weight room staff from \$13.00/hr. to \$20.00/hr. to reflect minimum wage guidelines retroactive beginning January 1, 2023:

27. APPROVAL OF CLASSROOM OBSERVATION FOR BRIANNA GAUDIO - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a classroom observation for Brianna Gaudio, Rutgers University student, for second grade during the 2022-2023 school year:

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28. APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION/INSTRUCTORS FOR STUDENT ID#282808 –

Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a home instruction/instructors for student ID# 282808 beginning retroactive from January 17, 2023 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours Per Week</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Michelle Mariani	5	\$29.46 hrly.

29. APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION/INSTRUCTORS FOR STUDENT ID#3056205474 –

Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a home instruction/instructors for student ID# 3056205474 beginning retroactive from January 24, 2023 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours Per Week</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Andrew MacDonald	1	\$29.46 hrly.
Brian Sansanelli	1	\$29.46 hrly.
Nancy Arcuri	1	\$29.46 hrly.

30. APPOINTMENT OF EVENT WORKER 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 appoint the following staff as an event worker, to be used on an as needed basis (as per the REA Agreement), for the 2022-2023 school year:

Ross Buffa

31. APPROVAL OF RMHS DECA OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP CHAPERONE – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves Ann Behrens as a RMHS DECA overnight chaperone for Atlantic City on February 27, 28, 2023 and March 1, 2023 to be paid the overnight stipend of \$95.87 for three (2) nights:

32. APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE SINCLAIR AS A LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER –

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Stephanie Sinclair as a leave replacement teacher (for Diane Kim) at a salary of BA15 step one pro-rated beginning March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

33. APPROVAL OF UNPAID DAYS FOR EMPLOYEE ID #0442 – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves three (3) unpaid days (for suspension) for employee ID#0442 on February 10, 13 & 14, 2023:

34. APPOINTMENT OF BELINDA CAMPOS AS A DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Belinda Campos as a district substitute teacher, to be used on an as needed basis, beginning February 13, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

35. APPOINTMENT OF ISLAM KARDHIQI AS A PART TIME CUSTODIAN AT SLOCUM SKEWES SCHOOL – Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby appoints Islam Kardhiqi as a part time custodian at Slocum Skewes School beginning February 13, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

36. APPROVAL OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves salary adjustments for the following teaching staff members retroactive to February 1, 2023:

Name	Current Column	New Column
Matilda Miano	BA-15	MA
Theodore Siegel	MA	MA-15

37. APPROVAL OF CLASSROOM OBSERVATION FOR KRISTINA HEARD - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves a classroom observation for Kristina Heard, Bergen Community College student, for Veronica Wilenta’s class, during the 2022-2023 school year.

38. **APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTIES – TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves Kelvin Hiciano, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary, additional duties of Transportation Coordinator on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$49.28/hrly, not to exceed ten (10) hours per week, retroactive from January 11, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

POLICY – (Items 39-54)

39. **APPROVAL OF ABOLISHMENT OF POLICY #1648.11 – THE ROAD FORWARD COVID-19 – HEALTH AND SAFETY** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves to abolish policy #1648.11 – The Road Forward Covid 19 – Health and Safety:

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____

Motion approved by a roll call vote of _____ yes, _____ no, _____ abstain

40. **APPROVAL OF ABOLISHMENT OF POLICY #1648.13 – SCHOOL EMPLOYEE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS** - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Ridgefield Board of Education hereby approves to abolish policy #1648.13 – School Employee Vaccination Requirements:

41. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #0152 – BOARD OFFICERS** - 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 #0152 – Board Officers:

42. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #0161 – CALL, ADJOURNMENT AND CANCELLATION** - 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 #0161 – Call, Adjournment and Cancellation:

43. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #0162 – NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS** - 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 #0162 – Notice of Board Meetings:

44. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY & REGULATION #2423 – BILINGUAL AND ESL EDUCATION** - 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& regulation #2423 – Bilingual and ESL Education:

45. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #2425 – EMERGENCY VIRTUAL AND REMOTE INSTRUCTION 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 policy #2425 – Emergency Virtual and Remote Instruction Program:

46. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW REGULATION #2425 – EMERGENCY VIRTUAL AND REMOTE INSTRUCTION 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 new regulation #2425 – Emergency Virtual and Remote Instruction Program:

47. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY & REGULATION #5200 – ATTENDANCE** - 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& regulation #5200 – Attendance:

48. **APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #5512 – HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION OR 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 or Bullying:

49. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #8140 – STUDENT ENROLLMENT - 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 #8140 – Student Enrollment:

50. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #8140 – STUDENT ACCOUNTING - 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 #8140 – Student Accounting:

51. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY & REGULATION #8330 – STUDENT RECORDS- 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& regulation #8330 – Student Records:

52. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #8420.2– BOMB THREATS- 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 #8420.2 – Bomb Threats:

53. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #8420.7– LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES - 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 #8420.7 – Lockdown Procedures:

54. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED REGULATION #8420.10– ACTIVE SHOOTER - 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 #8420.10 – Active Shooter:

LEGAL – (Item 55)

55. AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE 149 - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Interim Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No 149 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:

56. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - Consent

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Board of Education, extends the contract of Dr. Letizia Pantoliano as Interim Superintendent of Schools through June 30, 2023 pending approval from the Commissioner of Education:

XV. Motion to move into PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the meeting. (Optional)

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.

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

The second Public Comments/Questions was optional and it was not needed.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

No comments.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 8:39 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Altea Qirjako
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary