

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RIDGEWOOD  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J. AS RECORDED IN THE  
OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK**

The Board of Education of Ridgewood, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, convened in public session on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:28 p.m. in the Education Center, 49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

The following members of the Ridgewood Board of Education were present:

Ms. Christina Krauss; Ms. Michele Lenhard; Mr. James Morgan; Mr. Vincent Loncto, Vice-President; Ms. Sheila Brogan, Board President

The following members were absent: None

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING FULL COMPENSATION FOR NEW STATE STAFF AND ADMINISTRATOR  
EVALUATION MANDATES**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has issued unfunded mandates requiring greatly expanded teacher and administrator observations, training and related supplies; and

WHEREAS, according to the district's fiscal records Ridgewood has thus far spent approximately \$40,272 for training and materials, and \$553,452 for staff time to implement these mandates (two days for all certificated staff and six days for all administrators) and anticipates additional expenditures for future software purchases and training; and

WHEREAS, the two day training on the unfunded mandated evaluations caused a lost opportunity to train teachers and administrators on district and individual professional development needs; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned expense do not include the cost of administrative time dedicated to these new evaluation requirements thereby reducing time available to other administrative and educational tasks; and

WHEREAS, based on the history of high test scores achieved in Ridgewood Public Schools these new mandates are unnecessary for the district to provide a thorough and efficient educational system, a fact making these unfunded mandates particularly onerous to the Ridgewood Public Schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgewood Board of Education requests full reimbursement for costs associated with the implementation of future continued practice of these new staff and administration evaluation mandates from the State of New Jersey for all New Jersey School Districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Commissioner Cerf, Senator Steven Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto State Senator Kevin O'Toole, Assembly Representative David Russo, Assembly Representative Scott Rumana, the New Jersey School Boards Association, New Jersey Education Association, New Jersey Association of School Administrators, New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, and Garden State Coalition of Schools.

Ms. Brogan moved approval of the Resolution Requesting Full Compensation for New State Staff and Administrator Evaluation Mandates.

Ms. Krauss seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ms. Krauss, Ms. Lenhard, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Loncto, Ms. Brogan

NAYS: None

I certify that this is a true and correct excerpt from the Ridgewood Board of Education minutes.

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Date

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Jennifer Ulman  
Assistant Board Secretary