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Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq., notice is hereby given that the Ridgewood Board of Education will hold a Regular Public Meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on Monday, April 13th, 2020. Due to the Governor's Executive Order 104 citing the CDC's recommendation for cancellation or postponement of gatherings of fifty or more people, the Regular meeting will be held utilizing videoconferencing. Members of the public [click here](#) to view the webcast of the meeting. Members of the public can submit their public comments prior to and during the Board meeting by clicking [here](#). Action will be taken at this meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antoinette Kelly', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Antoinette Kelly
Board Secretary

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ridgewood, New Jersey**

**April 13, 2020
Education Center**

**Regular Public Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA
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You can submit your comments or questions for public comment prior to or during the meeting through the link below.**

**[Submit comments for the public comment period](#)
[View the live BOE Meeting Webcast](#)**

MEETING REGULATIONS

At all regular meetings, two opportunities are provided for citizens to make comments. The public comment period will be scheduled after presentations and approximately 8:30 p.m. or just prior to the end of the meeting, whichever occurs first. The first opportunity may be limited by the presiding officer to conclude at about 7:30 p.m. in order for the Board to continue with its scheduled agenda. The second opportunity will occur at about 8:30 p.m. at the discretion of the presiding officer taking into consideration a break in the agenda.

At every opportunity for public comment, citizens are invited to comment on subjects on the agenda or general topics. At the discretion of the presiding officer, public comments may be permitted at other times.

Please remember this is a public meeting. Anything you say will be a public record. As a result, pursuant to law, the Board of Education cannot respond to you publicly concerning certain matters, such as those regarding an individual student or personnel. If there is a matter that you wish to remain private concerning personnel or students, please contact the Superintendent's Office. Public comment periods shall also be governed by the following rules:

1. Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in, and state their names and addresses.
2. Each speaker shall be limited to four minutes. The Board Recorder will note the time. A speaker who has not finished in the allotted time will be directed by the presiding officer to summarize quickly and relinquish the floor within 30 seconds (Ref: Bylaw 0167)
3. Comments shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to stop.
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, no participant may address or question Board members individually.
5. No participants may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
6. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred by the Board to the Superintendent's Office for consideration and later response. A participant may be asked to submit such questions in written format.

Mission Statement

The Ridgewood Public Schools, committed to a tradition of excellence and innovation, in partnership with the community, provide a rich and challenging learning environment, enabling students to maximize their unique potentials to become life-long learners and productive, responsible citizens.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Ms. Smith Wilson
- II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Ms. Smith Wilson
- III. OPENING STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER Ms. Smith Wilson
- IV. PRESENTATIONS Ms. Smith Wilson

No agenda items.

- V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS Dr. Fishbein and Ms. Kelly
 - Finance
 - Food Service
 - Energy Contract
 - Facilities
 - Ridgewood High School Gym Floor

- VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC Ms. Smith Wilson

- VII. CONSENT ITEMS Ms. Smith Wilson
 - A. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES Dr. Fishbein

No agenda items

- B. ADMINISTRATION Dr. Fishbein
 - i. Receipt of Suspension and Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Reports Dr. Fishbein

The Board has received confidential information regarding suspensions and investigations of HIB that have occurred since the last Board meeting.

- C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION Dr. Fishbein

No agenda items

- D. HUMAN RESOURCES Dr. Fishbein

- i. 2019-2020 Teacher Recognition Nominees Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following nominees for the 2019-2020 Teacher Recognition Program

Educational Service Professional	Bonnie Lowicki
Hawes School	Lisa Sargenti
Orchard School	Christina Chicas
Ridge School	Elizabeth Macri
Somerville School	Shannon Pia
Travell School	Barbara Stipanov
Willard School	Kevin Blois
Benjamin Franklin Middle School	Courtney Pfeiffer
George Washington Middle School	Katherine Keppel
Ridgewood High School	Timothy Monahan

The members of the panel which reviewed and approved the nominations were Ms. Kelly Bushbaum, Ms. Lauren Glynn, Mr. Daniel Kilday, Ms. Amber Nizza, Mr. Michael Piacenza, Mr. Jerome Ong, Ms. Denise Ryan, Dr. Jean Scholenlank, Ms. Meredith Yannone, and Ms. Ojetta Townes, Facilitator. Each of the award recipients will receive a stipend of \$500 (\$250 awarded by the individual Home and School Association and \$250 by the Board) for use in their classrooms next year.

ii. **Appointments**

Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointments listed below, subject to receipt of appropriate documentation and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) certificate, if required.

New Players Summer

SCHAEFER, Margaret - Director of New Players Summer 2020 Program. Pending opening of school.
Account #11-401-100-101-00-10-010-001

Stipend
\$9,264

Ridgewood High School Summer School Principal

CASATELLI, Stacy - Ridgewood High School 2020 Summer School Principal. Pending opening and/or virtual school.
Account #11-000-240-103-00-65-050-001

Stipend
\$12,083

Special Needs Summer School/Summer Adventure Program Principal

ADAY, Douglas - Principal of the 2020 Special Needs Summer School/Summer Adventure Program 2020. Pending opening and/or virtual school.

Stipend
\$12,534

Account #11-000-240-103-66-04-024-001 (65%)

Account #13-422-200-103-00-60-060-001 (35%)

Field Placement

PRULELLO, Isabella - Fairleigh Dickinson University, Apprenticeship (Student) Teaching Placement with Jena Tell, Fourth Grade Teacher, Orchard School, effective September 2, 2020 through December 18, 2020 and January 25, 2021 through May 1, 2021.

iii. Change of Assignments

Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the change of assignments listed below.

BELISLE, Joel – **from** Long-term Substitute, Special Education (English) Teacher, Ridgewood High School, effective January 2, 2020 through April 3, 2020, **to** Leave of Absence Replacement Special Education (English) Teacher (non-tenure track), Ridgewood High School, effective January 2, 2020 through June 24, 2020.

From: \$125
daily rate per
day
To: \$59,688
Cl. BA, St. 1
prorated

Account #11-212-100-101-00-10-019-000

DODD, Rebecca – **from** 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher, Willard School, **to** 1.2 FTE Kindergarten Teacher, Willard School, effective March 26, 2020 through **TBD**.

From: \$65,185
Cl. BA, St. 6
To: \$78,222
Cl. BA, St. 6

Account #11-110-100-101-11-07-019-000

LEVY, Daniela – **from** Resource Room Special Education Classroom Aide, Hawes School, **to** Long-term Substitute, Second Grade Teacher, Hawes School, effective April 24, 2020 through June 24, 2020.

From: \$17.16
per hour
To: \$125 daily
rate per day

Account #11-120-100-101-00-02-019-000

THURLOW, Patrick – **from** Long-term Substitute, Social Studies Teacher, Ridgewood High School, effective December 2, 2019 through May 29, 2020, **to** Leave of Absence Replacement Social Studies Teacher (non-tenure track), Ridgewood High School, effective December 2, 2019 through June 24, 2020.

From: \$125
daily rate per
day
To: \$59,688,
Cl. BA, St. 1
prorated

Account #11-140-100-101-05-10-019-000

TOLVE, Laura – **from** Special Education (English) Teacher, Ridgewood High School, **to** Special Education (Mathematics) Teacher, Ridgewood High School, effective April 13, 2020 through June 24, 2020.

Salary will remain the same

Account #11-213-100-101-00-10-019-000

iv. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the resignations for the purpose of retirement, listed below.

Teachers

O'ROURKE, Kathleen – Fifth Grade Teacher, Somerville School, effective July 1, 2020, with thirty-six years of Ridgewood service.

ZACCARIA, Stephanie – First Grade Teacher, Willard School, effective July 1, 2020, with twenty-six years of Ridgewood service.

v. Resignations

Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the resignations listed below.

Teachers

CLARKE, Claire – Kindergarten Teacher, Travell School, effective July 1, 2020.

JOHNSON, Jesse – Special Education (Mathematics) Teacher, Ridgewood High School, effective April 24, 2020.

vi. Administrative Leave of Absence

Dr. Fishbein

It is recommended that the Board approve employee #4458 for an administrative leave of absence with pay, effective February 11, 2020 through **TBD**.

vii. Leave of Absences

Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the leave of absences listed below.

ELKINS, Janet – Educational Specialist, Travell School, effective June 1, 2020 through November 27, 2020, with a reinstatement date of November 30, 2020, using sick days in accordance with the

REA/Board Agreement and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

GIARDINA, Alyssa – Science Teacher, Ben Franklin Middle School, effective September 1, 2020 through November 27, 2020, with a reinstatement date of November 30, 2020, using sick days in accordance with the REA/Board Agreement and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

ROESEMANN, Megan – RISE K-1 Teacher, Ridge School, effective September 1, 2020 through December 4, 2020, with a reinstatement date of December 7, 2020, using sick days in accordance with the REA/Board Agreement and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

E. FINANCE

Dr. Fishbein

i. Acceptance of Restricted Donations:

Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following restricted gifts for the **2019-2020** school year, to be used as indicated.

Donor	Amount	Use	Account Number
RHS Student Activity Account	\$4,334.50	To be used to pay chaperone timecards for Spanish trip chaperones, Patricia Galasso and Barbara Barker.	20-030-100-101-00-10-010-011 (\$4,000) 20-030-200-220-00-010-010-011 (\$334.50)
RHS Student Activity Account	\$6,935.20	To be used for chaperone costs for the Greece trip.	20-030-100-101-00-10-010-027 (\$6,400) 20-030-200-220-00-010-010-027 (\$535.20)

ii. Approval: Proposal from LAN Associates for A/E Services for the Replacement of the Gym Floor at RHS

Dr. Fishbein

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a proposal from LAN Associates for architectural and engineering services for the replacement of the floor in Gym #3 at Ridgewood High

School as listed below.

The Board has received background information.

Item #	Description	Fee			
		Schematic Design/ Preparation of NJDOE Application	Construction Documents	Bidding & Contract Award	Construction Administration
1	Gym Floor Replacement at Gym #3 at Ridgewood HS	1,500	3,500	800	3,200

Approval: Emergency Procurement and Contract Modification of the Food Service Agreement due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Crisis.

Due to the Ridgewood district’s closure as a result of the Coronavirus it is necessary to establish an emergency agreement to facilitate the feeding of students during the school closure. This is a separate and distinct program compared to the traditional contract in place.

Pomptonian will:

- Aid the District in complying with the NJDOE directive
- Design compliant menu for Grab-and-Go Service
- Procure necessary components
- Retain documentation of extraordinary expense for possible reimbursement from the State
- Create separate billing for emergency feeding
- Adapt the program as guidance from the State evolves
- Maintain required records

The billing from Pomptonian will include; all payroll costs associated with the emergency feeding, all purchases of food and supplies and any other direct expenses. Also,

Prompton will include a fee for providing this service. The fee will be \$350 per day, which is less than half of what the fee was per day through February 2020.

This emergency feeding is separate and distinct from the normal feeding program.

This emergency agreement begins on March 16, 2020 and will extend until schools reopen, but should not extend past June 30, 2020. **Therefore be it Resolved**, that the Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve this emergency procurement and contract modification to the food service agreement.

Approval: Opposing Delay in Transmission of Quarterly Property Tax Revenue to School Districts

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and

home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgewood Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgewood Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate, Kristin Corrado; and General Assembly, Christopher DePhillips, and Kevin Rooney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Approval: Energy Contract with Hudson Energy for the Procurement of Electricity. The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a contract with Hudson Energy for the Procurement of Electricity at \$0.08000/KWH for

the period of May 8th, 2020 to 5/9/2022.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**Ms. Smith Wilson**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the payment of bills as listed below.

DATES	DESCRIPTION	CHECK NUMBER	AMOUNTS	REVIEWED BY
Apr 1	Columbia Bank On-Line	097435-097540	506,282.71	S. Brogan
Apr 1	Columbia Bank On-Line	097541-097543	61,335.12	S. Brogan
Apr 8	Columbia Bank On-Line	097544-097660	673,788.19	S. Brogan
Mar 25	Payroll	P30128	3,264,635.22	S. Brogan
Mar 31	Electronic Transfer	F30138	7,465.55	S. Brogan
Mar 31	Electronic Transfer	R30140	816.69	S. Brogan
Mar 31	Electronic Transfer	C30136; C30139	24,655.14	S. Brogan
Apr 1	Electronic Transfer	H30012	1,154,596.14	S. Brogan
Apr 1	Electronic Transfer	R30014	69,933.70	S. Brogan
Apr 1	Electronic Transfer	H30013	10,000.00	S. Brogan
Apr 1	Food Service	620188-620191	75,632.60	S. Brogan
Apr 8	Food Service	620192-620193	6,275.11	S. Brogan
Mar 19	Columbia Bank Void Check	097358	(693.00)	S. Brogan
Apr 1	Columbia Bank Void Check	097412	(28,000.00)	S. Brogan

TOTAL			5,826,723.17	
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VII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS	Ms. Smith Wilson
VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS	Ms. Smith Wilson
IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC	Ms. Smith Wilson
X. DISCUSSION ITEMS	Ms. Smith Wilson
XI. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES ➤ March 23, 2020 Regular Public Meeting	Ms. Smith Wilson
XII. OTHER BUSINESS	Ms. Smith Wilson
XIII. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION	Ms. Smith Wilson
XIV. RECONVENED PUBLIC MEETING	Ms. Smith Wilson
XV. ADJOURNMENT	Ms. Smith Wilson

Coming Meetings

Monday April 27, 2020
Regular Public Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Education Center

Monday May 4, 2020
Regular Public Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Education Center