



RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Education Center
49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
AGENDA

September 15, 2025

**Regular Public Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Adjourn to Exec Session 6:00 p.m.
Reopen to Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The Public can view, listen and comment during the public comment period of the meeting via:

- **Physically attending at the Education Center**
- **Zoom from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone Android device (meeting ID 870-1302 7741)**
 - **Password: 062607450 (use "raise hand" button to make a comment)**
- **Phone at: 646-558-8656**
 - **Password: 062607450 (press *9 to make a comment)**
- **Streaming on the District website**
- **Watching on Fios Channel 33**

MEETING REGULATIONS

At all regular meetings, two opportunities are provided for citizens to make comments. The public comment period will be scheduled after student presentations. The second comment period will be at approximately 9:00 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 8:00 p.m. in order for the Board to continue with its scheduled agenda. The second opportunity will occur at about 9:00 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 municipality.
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 (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. Brogan
- II. **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** Ms. Brogan

Whereas the Ridgewood Board of Education seeks to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to discuss matters pertaining to student personnel and personnel. The minutes of this closed session will be released when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

- III. **FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Ms. Brogan
- IV. **OPENING STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER** Ms. Brogan
- V. **PRESENTATIONS** Ms. Brogan

A. Student Representative Report

- Grace Kim and Eli Della Torre, Ridgewood High School

- VI. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** Ms. Brogan
- VII. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** Dr. Schwarz
- District Goals
- VIII. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS** Ms. Brogan

- IX. **CONSENT ITEMS: REGULAR AND ROUTINE ISSUES** Dr. Schwarz

A. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Attendance at Conferences, as listed on [Attachment A](#).

B. ADMINISTRATION

i. Approval: District Services Nursing Plan

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the District Services Nursing Plan and Standing Orders for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board has received background information.

ii. Approval: First Reading of New/Revised Policies and Regulations

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the first reading of new/revised policies as listed below:

Revised:

- [Bylaw 0164 Conduct of Board Meetings](#)
- [Policy 0173 Duties of Public School Accountant](#)
- [Bylaw 0177 Professional Services](#)
- [Policy 1570 Internal Controls](#)

- [Regulation 1570 Internal Controls](#)
- [Policy 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts](#)
- [Policy 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative](#)
- [Regulation 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative](#)
- [Policy 6220 Budget Preparation](#)
- [Regulation 6220 Budget Preparation](#)
- [Bylaw 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment](#)
- [Regulation 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct](#)
- [Policy 1110 Organizational Chart](#)

New:

- [Policy 5339.01 Student Sun Protection](#)

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**i. Approval: Field Trips**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves field trips as listed on [Attachment B](#).

ii. Approval: Revision to the Fall Community School Brochure

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the [Addendum to the Fall 2025 Community School](#) brochure that was approved at the July 21, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

iii. Approval: 2025-2026 Community School After-School Programs

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Additional [2025-2026 After-School Programs](#) for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. HUMAN RESOURCES**i. Appointments**

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.

i-a. 2025-2026 School Year - Appointments

Name	Assignment	Location	Effective Date	NJDOE Certificate	Salary	Account #
Teachers						
Hren, Jenna	LOA Grade 7 English (non-tenure track)	GWMS	08/27/25-04/30/26	Standard Teacher of English	\$68,151 BA, St. 1 revision	11-130-100-101-09-000
Secretarial						
Gil, Tammi	Interim Benefits Coordinator	Ed Center	10/01/25-11/30/25	N/A	\$60.00 per hour (Not to exceed 200 hours)	11-000-240-105-04-000

i-b. 2025-2026 School Year - Paraprofessionals

Name	Assignment	Location	Salary	Effective Date	Account #
DiPerna, Krystina	.77 FTE Pre-K Inclusion	Glen	\$21,215	09/16/25- 06/30/26	11-190-100-106-01-216
Jeon, So Yeon	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified	Ridge revision	\$24,455	08/28/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Limon Martinez, Montserrat	.77 FTE Spec Ed LLD	RHS	\$21,215	09/16/25- 06/30/26	11-204-100-106-10-000
Orth, Rebecca*	.77 FTE ABA Certified	BFMS	\$25,945	09/08/25- 06/30/26	11-209-100-106-08-209
Perez, Nestor	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified	Ridge	\$24,455	09/30/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213

i-c. 2025-2026 School Year - Lunchroom Aides

Name	Assignment	Location	Hours per day	Days per week	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
DeSisto, Jennifer	Lunchroom Aide	Hawes	2	5	\$19.00	09/16/25- 06/23/26	11-000-262-107-23-000
Huang, Zhenhua	Lunchroom Aide	Ridge	2	5	\$19.00	09/03/25- 06/23/26	11-000-262-107-23-000
Reid, Robyn	Lunchroom Aide	Ridge	2	5	\$19.00	09/16/25- 06/23/26	11-000-262-107-23-000
Shareef, Amber	Lunchroom Aide	Hawes	2	5	\$19.00	09/16/25- 06/23/26	11-000-262-107-23-000
Wong, Lisa rescind	Lunchroom Aide	Hawes	2	5	\$19.00	09/03/25- 06/23/26	11-000-262-107-23-000

i-d. 2025-2026 School Year - Field Placements

Name	College/ University	Placement	Supervisor	Location	Effective Date
Lubas, Ashley	Rutgers Graduate School of Education	Clinical English	Eileen D'Elia revision	RHS	09/01/25- 12/23/25
Parkinson, Kristina	Kean University	Clinical School Nurse Certification	Jaime Caruso	Orchard	09/02/25- 05/07/26 revision

i-e. Permanent Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year, effective September 16, 2025

Name	Location	Hours per day	Days per week	Hourly Rate	Account #
Penola, James	GWMS	5.75	5	\$32.17	11-190-100-106-23-105

i-f. Infant/Toddler Development Center for the 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Assignment	Location	Hours per day	Days per week	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Flet, Stefanie	Teacher Assistant - Step 1	ITDC	8	5	\$17.00	09/16/25-06/30/26	62-990-100-106-62-100
Vasquez, Reina	Teacher Assistant - Step 1	ITDC	8	5	\$17.00	09/16/25-06/30/26	62-990-100-106-62-100

i-g. Equal Educational Officer for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Equal Education Officer for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed below.

- Ridgewood High School: Meredith Yannone, total stipend \$3,081.

Account # 11-140-100-101-10-100

i-h. Volunteer - Travell Elementary School - Classroom Assistance

- Anastas, Lisa

Volunteer - RHS - Guitar Club

- Brescia, Kenny

i-i. 2025-2026 School Year - Additional Substitute Staff**Teachers-\$160 Per Diem**

DiCuffa, Cara	Holmes, Wayne	Pierro, Melissa
Dwyer, Paul	Hopper, Carol	Singh, Pratyusha
Ferrara, Kristen	Males, Robert	Wright, Megan
Gusfa, Lu	Penola, James	

Secretaries-\$18.50 Per Hour

DeJesus, Angelie	Fluet, Melissa	
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*Related to staff member

ii. Change in Salary Classification, effective September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the REA/Board Agreement

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Changes in Salary Classification, effective September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the REA/Board Agreement, as listed on [Attachment C](#).

iii. Change of Assignments for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the change of assignments for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed below.

Name	From FTE Assignment Location	From Salary/ Hourly Rate	To FTE Assignment Location	To Salary/ Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Teachers						
Funtsch, Kaitlyn	1.0 FTE Spec Ed Res/Incl GWMS	\$103,361 (\$103,061 + \$300 CP) MA+45, St. 12 revision	1.20 FTE Spec Ed Res/Incl GWMS	\$123,973 (\$123,673 + \$300 CP) MA+45, St. 12 revision	09/02/25- 09/30/25	11-213-100-101-09-000
Gyulay, Joseph	1.0 FTE Math RHS	\$110,891 MA, St. 18	1.20 FTE Math RHS	\$133,069 MA, St. 18	09/08/25- 06/30/26	11-140-100-101-10-000
Kiely, Michelle	1.0 FTE Spec Ed Incl Ridge	\$107,571 BA+13, St. 18	1.20 FTE Spec Ed Incl Ridge	\$129,085 BA+13, St. 18	09/08/25- 10/08/25	11-213-100-101-04-000
Paraprofessionals						
Barzelatto, Daniel	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	\$25,189	.77 FTE ABA Certified Ridge	\$29,105	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Corcoran, Cassandra	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified BFMS	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified BFMS	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-209-100-106-08-209
Crabbe, Joseph	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$30,952	Permanent Substitute RHS	\$32.17 per hour	09/02/25- 06/23/26 revision	11-190-100-106-23-105
Hernandez, Eddis	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified RHS	\$25,189	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$29,105	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-10-213
Haug, Sheri	.77 FTE Spec Ed LLD Hawes	\$23,488 (\$23,238 + \$250 longevity)	Permanent Substitute Hawes	\$32.17 per hour	09/02/25- 06/23/26	11-190-100-106-23-105
Jeon, So Yeon	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified Ridge	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Leitman, Billy Jean	.77 FTE 1:1 RHS	\$21,215	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-10-213
Maphis, Keven	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified RHS	\$25,189	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$29,105	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-10-213
Myones, Libby	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	\$25,189	.77 FTE ABA Certified Ridge	\$29,105	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Orengo, Nazary	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified Ridge	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213

Orth, Zachary	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified RHS	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-10-213
Owitz, Kaela	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified BFMS	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified BFMS	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-209-100-106-08-209
Osorio De Gonzalez, Marleny	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified Ridge	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Pascual, Athena	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified Ridge	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Phillips, Sydney	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified Ridge	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Polanco, Wendy	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified RHS	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-10-213
Quinn, Thomas	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified BFMS	\$25,189	.77 FTE ABA Certified BFMS	\$29,105	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-209-100-106-08-209
Rivera, Shalita	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified RHS	\$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$28,257	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-10-213
Sweisberger, Sabria	.77 FTE Spec Ed LLD RHS	\$21,852	.77 FTE ABA Certified RHS	\$29,105	08/27/25- 06/30/26	11-212-100-106-10-213

IV. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

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

Name	Assignment	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
Secretary				
Moynihan, Maryjane	Benefit Coordinator	Ed Center	26	10/01/25

V. Resignations

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

Name	Assignment	Location	Effective Date
Paraprofessionals			
Eidschun, Maura	Resource	Somerville	07/01/25
Mojica, Jiana	ABA Certified	Ridge	07/01/25
Schwartz, Joel	ABA Non-Certified	Ridge	07/01/25

Lunchroom Aide			
Herrera, Cinthya	Lunchroom Aide	Hawes	07/01/25
Lee, Sunghoon	Lunchroom Aide	Ridge	09/08/25

vi. Leave of Absence

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

Name	Assignment	Location	Type of Leave	New/ Revision	Paid	Unpaid w/ Benefits	Unpaid w/out Benefits	Return to Work
Gray, Marisa	Grade 6 English	BF	Medical/ Family	New	10/21/25-12/12/25	15/15/25-03/31/25	04/01/26-06/30/26	08/26/26
Harney, Kevin	Paraprofessional	Orchard	Medical	New	N/A	N/A	09/03/25-11/30/25	12/01/25
Kimbell, Tracee	Grade 3	Ridge	Medical	New	10/01/25-10/21/25	N/A	N/A	10/22/25
Scrudato, Lisa	School Counselor	GWMS	Medical/ Family	New	01/02/26-02/09/26	02/10/26-05/28/26	N/A	05/29/26

vii. Supplemental Pay Beyond Contract

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the supplemental pay beyond contract, as listed below.

Vii-a. Additional: Back to School Picnic Supervision - September 12, 2025

Name	Location	# of hours	Hourly Rate	Total	Account #
Greene, Marin	Somerville	3	\$41.48	\$124.44	11-120-100-101-05-100

vii-b. Chaperones for the 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Trip/ Activity	Dates	# of Nights per person	# of hours/ Days per person	Hourly Daily Rate per person	Total not to exceed per person	Account #
Somerville Elementary School							
Greene, Marin	Lip Sync	01/30/26	N/A	3	\$41.48	\$124.44	11-401-100-101-05-000
Greene, Marin	Bingo Night	04/10/26	N/A	3	\$41.48	\$124.44	11-401-100-101-05-000
Greene, Marin	Art Show	05/28/26	N/A	3	\$41.48	\$124.44	11-401-100-101-05-000
Ridgewood High School							
Gigante, Stefanie	NJCL Convention	07/21/25-07/26/25	4	5	\$200	\$800.00	11-401-100-101-10-000

Bunzey, Craig Knott, Ronald Mahler, Craig Quirk, Brian Rehain, Kelsey	Ski Club	01/06/26 01/13/26 01/20/26 02/03/26 02/10/26	N/A	50	\$41.48	\$2,074	11-401-100-101-10-000
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vii-c. Elementary and Middle Schools Clubs/Activities and Advisor/Co-curricular Advisor Stipends for the 2025-2026 School Year

Elementary Schools and Middle Schools Clubs and Activities, as listed on [Attachment D](#).
Middle Schools, as listed on [Attachment E](#).

(Remuneration in accordance with negotiated Agreement; ratio is applied to the 2025-26 BA Maximum of \$99,501.

Account #11-401-100-101-XX-000

Vii-d. Additional: Home Instructors, on an as needed basis, for the 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Assignment	Location	Hourly Rate	Account #
Macri, Elizabeth	Spec Ed Elementary School Teacher	Ridge	\$62.28	11-219-100-101-24-100
Roesemann, Megan	Spec Ed Elementary School Teacher	Ridge	\$62.28	11-219-100-101-24-100
Donohue, Maria Cristina	Mathematics Teacher	GWMS	\$61.28	11-150-100-101-24-100

vii-e. Instructional Coaching and Training for Selective Course Assignments Fall 2025 - GWMS

Name	# of Hours	Hourly Rate	Total	Account #
Primavera, Michelle	10	\$69.18	\$691.80	11-000-223-110-09-100

vii-f. Additional: Lunch Time Supervision for the 2025-2026 School Year

Name	# Days per Week	Hourly Rate	Account #
Hawes Elementary			
Vehmas, Christopher	5	\$30.25	11-120-100-101-02-100
Ridge Elementary			
Boddy, Paul	5	19.00	11-120-100-101-04-100
Brandsness, Ashley	5	\$30.25	11-120-100-101-04-100
Dodd, Stephanie	5	\$30.25	11-120-100-101-04-100
Mitchell, Lindsay	5	\$30.25	11-120-100-101-04-100
Pecorelli, Annmarie	5	\$30.25	11-120-100-101-04-100

Ridgewood High School			
Crabbe, Joseph	5	\$30.25	11-140-100-101-10-100
Karoutsos, Christos	5	\$30.25	11-140-100-101-10-100
Murphy, Kristin	5	\$30.25	11-140-100-101-10-100
O'Brien, Cheryl	5	\$30.25	11-140-100-101-10-100

vii-g. Additional: Morning Cafeteria Supervision for the 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Total # of shared hours	Each at an Hourly Rate	Each Sharing Total not to exceed	Account #
Benjamin Franklin Middle School				
Strafaci, Denise Bussanich, Nicolette Cigolini, Lucille	92	\$32.17 \$41.48	\$3,816.16	11-130-100-101-08-100

Vii-h. Morning Supervision for the 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Location	# of hours	Hourly Rate	Total	Account #
Creegan, Robert	GWMS	20	\$41.48	\$829.60	11-130-100-101-09-100
King, Janelle	GWMS	25	\$41.48	\$1,037.00	11-130-100-101-09-100
Tucker, Erika	GWMS	25	\$41.48	\$1,037.00	11-130-100-101-09-100

vii-i. Additional: Business Office Overtime - Payroll Department - August 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025

Name	Location	# of Hours not to Exceed	Hourly Rate*	Total not to Exceed	Account #
Mulcahy, London	Ed Center	159	\$38.42	\$6,108.78	11-000-251-100-40-100
Pollock, Amy	Ed Center	159	\$40.48	\$9,108.00	11-000-251-100-40-100
Sanders, Latesha	Ed Center	159	\$30.59	\$6,882.75	11-000-251-100-40-100
Thomas, Bonnie	Ed Center	159	\$38.77	\$8,723.25	11-000-251-100-40-100

*If time and a half applies, payroll will adjust the hourly rate accordingly.

vii-j. Revision: Professional Development Days (Part-Time Staff) - August 28, 2025, October 13, 2025 and May 27, 2026

Name	# of hours per day	Hourly Rate	Total per day	Account #
Fink, Gary	6.0	\$54.74	\$328.44	11-000-223-110-22-100

vii-k. PSAT Administrative Duties - October 2025 Test Administration

Name	# of hours	Hourly Rate	Total	Account #
Castillo-Leon, Rosanna*	20	\$37.42	\$748.40	11-000-240-105-10-100

Walsh, Evan	15	\$54.39	\$815.85	11-000-218-104-10-100
Watson, Andrea	10	\$64.90	\$649.00	11-000-218-104-10-100

*If time and a half applies, payroll will adjust the hourly rate accordingly.

vii-l. Additional: Create the Professional Development AI Presentation for Faculty on 8-28-25

Name	Location	# of hours	Hourly Rate	Total	Account #
Moss-Keller, Corrina	RHS	4	\$73.03	\$292.12	11-000-223-110-10-100

vii-m State Mandated Restraint Reporting Training - New BCBA Transition

Name	# of hours	Hourly Rate	Total	Account #
Bray, Arianna	2	\$60.55	\$121.10	11-000-216-100-24-100
Papamarkos, Clarissa	2	\$53.87	\$107.74	11-000-216-100-24-100

vii-n. Unified Sports - 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Location	Position	Hourly Rate	Total Stipend Not to Exceed	Account #
Baker, Brianne	Orchard	Advisor	N/A	\$2,600	11-421-100-101-24-000
Biddiscombe, Peter	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
D'Elia, Eileen	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Dembin, Ross	Somerville	Co-Advisor	N/A	\$1,300	11-421-100-101-24-000
Driscoll, Kerry	Somerville	Co-Advisor	N/A	\$1,300	11-421-100-101-24-000
Felano, Derek	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Fisse, Laura	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Ghobrial, Marian	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Giardino, Stacy	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Hernandez, Eddis	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Karoutsos, Christos	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Kromka, Sarah	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Lauro, Livia	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Martell, Marisa	Glen	Advisor	N/A	\$2,600	11-421-100-101-24-000
Mayer, Jessica	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Minichini, Gina	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
O'Brien, Cheryl	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Pandit, Jalpa	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000

Polanco, Wendy	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Ramos, Robert	Ridge	Advisor	N/A	\$2,600	11-421-100-101-24-000
Sweisberg, Sabrina	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Urena, Anthony	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000
Wehmeyer, Nicole	District	Event Support Staff	\$41.48	\$1,250	11-421-100-101-24-000

vii-o. Additional: 2025-2026 School Year - Moving Classrooms

Name	# of hours per person	Hourly rate per person	Total not to exceed per person	Account #
Ridge Elementary School				
Ardito, Jessica	2	\$41.48	\$82.96	11-120-100-101-04-100
Jarosz, Kathy	2	\$41.48	\$82.96	11-120-100-101-04-100

vii-p. Facilities Department - Maintenance Overtime for emergencies and special projects, not to exceed \$6,000 in total, effective October 1, 2025, through December 1, 2025, (if time and a half applies, payroll will adjust the hourly rate accordingly). Prior authorization is required from the Director of Facilities.

- **Beqiri, Mustaf**, Maintenance - HVAC, at an hourly rate of \$44.64.
- **Castillo-Leon, Rosanna**, Administrative Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$37.42.
- **Gonzalez, Julio**, Maintenance - Plumber, at an hourly rate of \$47.92.
- **Griffith, Roger**, District General Maintenance Skilled, at an hourly rate of \$38.69.
- **Kenton, Dave**, District General Maintenance, at an hourly rate of \$38.69.
- **Morris, Durauin**, Maintenance - Electrician, at an hourly rate of \$49.11.
- **Ortez, Jose**, Maintenance - Electrician, at an hourly rate of \$46.73.
- **Schram, James**, Maintenance - HVAC, at an hourly rate of \$41.67.
- **Wedderburn, Ryan**, Maintenance - Field, at an hourly rate of \$35.71.

Account # 11-000-261-100-42-100

E. FINANCE**i. Acceptance of Restricted Donations:**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following restricted gifts for the **2025-2026** school year, to be used as indicated.

Donations			
Donor	Amount	Use	Account Number
Somerville Dad's Night	\$27,615 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of enhancements to the	N/A

		Library at Somerville Elementary School.	
Somerville Dad's Night	\$5,257.16 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of a Lego Build Assembly at Somerville Elementary School.	N/A
Travell Home and School Association	\$484.50 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of staff t-shirts for Travell Elementary School.	N/A
Orchard Home and School Association	\$18,000	To be used to fully fund field trips at Orchard Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year.	N/A-Student Activity Account
Travell Home and School Association	\$885 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of the Team Makers assembly.	N/A
Travell Home and School Association	\$624.71 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind for student school planners.	N/A
Travell Home and School Association	\$558.45 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of floor chairs, rug, pillows and other library furniture.	N/A

ii. Approval: 2025-2026 Additional Received Tuition Student Paid by Parents

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves one additional received tuition student attending Ridgewood High School for the 2025-2026 school year, for a total of 6 tuition students at Ridgewood High School. Tuition will be paid by the parents.

iii. Approval: Additional Child of Non-Resident Employee Attending Ridgewood Public Schools

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves one additional child of a non-resident employee to attend Ridgewood Public Schools for the 2025-2026 for a total of 50 students.

iv. Approval: Agreement with Bob McCloskey Insurance – Student Accident Insurance for the 2025-2026 School Year – EUS 02-26

Recommends, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(10) and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Ridgewood Board of Education approve the contract with Bob McCloskey Insurance for Student Accident Insurance.

The term of the contract will be from August 1, 2025, through August 1, 2026.

Cost Not to Exceed: \$100,236.00
Account Number: 11-000-262-520-40-0000

v. Approval: Submission of the Renewal Application Subchapter 8. Temporary School Facilities

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the submission of the renewal application for one temporary instruction space for the STEPPS program during the 2025-2026 school year pursuant to 6A:26-8.1.

The Board has received background information.

vi. Approval: Contracts that Exceed the Bid Threshold

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a), approves the purchase of the following contracts that exceed the bid threshold and are exempt from bidding.

Vendor	Description of Purchase	Amount Not to Exceed (Estimated)
Allco Verterra California Ridgewood LLC	Solar Energy	\$61,000.00
Delta Dental of New Jersey	Dental Coverage	\$695,000.00
Direct Energy	Electricity	\$115,000.00
NRG Business Marketing	Natural Gas	\$226,000.00
PSE&G	Gas/Electric	\$1,085,000.00
Ridgewood Water	Water for District Facilities	\$120,000.00
Verterra Solar Fund	Solar Energy	\$119,000.00

vii. Approval: Depository of School Funds

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the opening of the following account and the required signatures:

Depository	Required Signatures
TD Bank Discover Jiangsu Program Reimbursement Account	School Business Administrator Assistant School Business Administrator

viii. Approval: Authorization to Withdraw from the Capital Reserve for STEM Lab Ventilation at RHS, Bid No. 01-25

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the capital reserve to fully fund the STEM Lab Ventilation at RHS project, Bid No. 01-25, as of June 30, 2025.

The amount to be withdrawn is \$39,942.00.

ix. Approval: Agreement for Deductible Buy Down Insurance Coverage

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the acceptance of the Deductible Buy Down Insurance Coverage through the NESBIG fund to provide additional protection by reducing the deductible exposure on its existing overlying property insurance policy for the period of September 15, 2025 through July

1, 2026, in the amount of \$52,500 (100%) pro-rata for the policy period, with 100% minimum earned premium at inception.

x. Approval: Disposal of Assets

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the disposal of textbooks as listed on [Attachment F](#) that are no longer used in the Ridgewood Board of Education curriculum.

xi. Approval of Grant Submission: 2026 ESEA Consolidated

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the following grant funds and approves the submission of the grant application:

Program #	Grant Name	Award Amount	Transfer from Title IV	Total Available	Grant Period
20-231	Title I	\$113,452		\$113,452	July 1, 2025-Sept. 30, 2026
20-241	Title III	\$23,922	\$3,733	\$27,655	July 1, 2025-Sept. 30, 2026
20-244	Title III Immigrant	\$9,420	\$6,267	\$15,687	July 1, 2025-Sept. 30, 2026
20-270	Title IIA	\$63,433		\$63,433	July 1, 2025-Sept. 30, 2026

xii. Approval: Contracted Vendors to Provide Special Education Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the contracted vendors as listed in [Attachment G](#) to provide special education services for the 2025-2026 school year.

xiii. Approval: Budget Appropriation Transfers

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves transfers for **July 2025** as shown in the Journal Entry listing pursuant to Policy 6422.

The Board has received background information and this has been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

xiv. Approval: Secretary's Line Item Certification

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the Report of the Secretary for the month of **July 2025**,

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(d), the secretary has certified that, as of the date of the report(s), no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the above-referenced reports and certifications and orders that they be attached to and made part of the record of this meeting, and Be it Further Resolved, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-A10(e), the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriate section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(a)(1), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

The Board has received background information and this has been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

xv. Approval: Acceptance of the Board Secretary and Treasurer Report

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of **July 2025**; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the above-referenced reports and orders that it be attached to and made part of the official record of this meeting.

The Board has received background information and this has been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

xvi. Approval: Memorandum of Agreement with the Ridgewood Education Association

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the resolution to the Ridgewood Association's June 18, 2025 grievance, for a total reimbursement amount of \$19,265.20.

The Board has received background information.

X. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Schwarz

A. N/A

XI. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Brogan

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the payment of bills as listed below and reviewed by Ms. Handy.

DATES	DESCRIPTION	CHECK NUMBER	AMOUNTS
August 15, 2025	General	18177-118235	\$1,004,044.49
August 25, 2025	General	118236-118328	\$531,909.29

August 25, 2025	Unemployment	821141	\$25,889.87
August 25, 2025	Cafeteria	620497	\$2,023.72
August 28, 2025	General	118329-118360	\$376,971.89

XII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**Ms. Brogan****XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS****Ms. Brogan**

- **New/Revised Policies and Regulation**

Revised:

- [Bylaw 0174 Legal Services](#)
- [Policy 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements](#)
- [Policy 5710 Student Grievance](#)

New:

- [Policy 1636.01 Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities](#)

- **Board Goals**

XIV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**Ms. Brogan**

N/A

XV. OTHER BUSINESS**Ms. Brogan****XVI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC****Ms. Brogan****XVII. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION****Ms. Brogan****XVIII. RECONVENED PUBLIC MEETING****Ms. Brogan****XIX. ADJOURNMENT****Ms. Brogan**

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, October 6, 2025
 Regular Public Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Education Center

Monday, October 27, 2025
 Regular Public Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Education Center