



# RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Education Center  
49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
AGENDA

March 18, 2024

## Regular 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 (*following pandemic protocols*)**
- **Zoom** from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone Android device (meeting ID 870-1302 7741)
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### 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 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 (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. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **Ms. Brogan**
- III. OPENING STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER** **Ms. Brogan**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS** **Dr. Schwarz**
- A. Student Representative Performance**  
 ➤ Siena Choi, Ina-Kate Jeon, Minah Lee, Misha Thakur; Hawes Elementary School
- B. Retirement Recognition**  
 ➤ Wendy Padykula, George Washington Middle School/Ridgewood High School
- B. Student Representative Report**  
 ➤ Sarah Bronstein, Ridgewood High School
- V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** **Ms. Brogan**
- VI. PRESENTATIONS** **Dr. Schwarz**
- A. Tentative 2024-2025 Budget Review**  
 ➤ Dr. Mark Schwarz, Superintendent of Schools  
 ➤ Julie Kot, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** **Dr. Schwarz**
- VIII. 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: Receipt of Suspensions and Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Reports**  
 The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the recommendation of the findings of the suspensions and confidential HIB reports received since the last Board meeting.
- ii. Approval: Second Reading and Adoption of Revised/Abolished Policies and Regulations**  
 The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the second reading and adoption of new/revised/abolished policies as listed below:
- Revised:
- [Policy 8500 Food Services](#)
- Abolished:
- [Policy 8540 School Nutrition Program](#)

- [Policy 8550 Outstanding Food Service Charges](#)

**iii. Approval: 2025-2026 School Calendar**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2025-2026 school calendar as listed on [Attachment B](#).

**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 C](#).

**ii. Approval: Professional Development Agreement with Natalie Wexler**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a professional development agreement with Natalie Wexler for one 60-minute presentation and Q&A on “Comprehension and Writing: Where Do They Fit Into the Science of Reading?” for K-5 teachers on October 14, 2024, at a cost of \$2,250.

The Board has received background information.

**iii. Approval: Elimination of one Ridgewood Elementary Development (RED) Preschool Disability (PSD) Program at the Glen School**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the elimination of one RED Preschool Program at the Glen School, effective September 2024.

**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. 2023-2024 School Year - Field Placement**

Name	College/ University	Placement	Supervisor	Location	Effective Date
Howes, Kasandra	Brookdale College	Observation Elementary K-6/Special Education Elementary	Michelle Kiely (special education) Andi Parenta (elementary K-6)	Ridge	03/19/24
Wichard, Hannah	Ithaca College	Shadow Occupational Therapist II	Deirdre Azzopardi	Glen	04/2/24-06/21/24

**i-b. Infant/Toddler Development Center**

Name	Assignment	Location	Hours per day	Days per week	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Dubovis, Alisa	Aide (High School)	IDTC	3	5	\$15.13	03/18/24-06/30/24	62-990-100-106-00-62-060-001
McCarren, Keira	Aide (High School)	IDTC	3	5	\$15.13	03/18/24-06/30/24	62-990-100-106-00-62-060-001

**i-c. Additional: Home Instructors, on an as needed basis, for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Name	Assignment	Location	Hourly Rate	Account #
Ballas, Alexander	World Language Spanish	RHS	\$59.36	11-150-100-101-00-24-024-001

**i-d. Revision: 2024 Spring Coaching Assignments, as listed on [Attachment D](#).**

**i-e. Volunteer Coaches for Spring Sports - RHS**

**Lacrosse Coaches**

- Rinaldi, Ava
- Heydt, Elizabeth

**i-f. Substitutes for the 2023-2024 School Year Teachers**

Connelly, Molly

Romeo, Senia\*

Strafaci, Denise

\$160 Daily Rate

\*Related to staff member

**ii. Change of Assignments for the 2023-2024 School Year**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the change of assignments for the 2023-2024 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 #
<b>Teachers</b>						
Aday, Douglas	1.0 FTE Special Education RHS	\$108,373 (\$102,927 + \$300 CP + \$5,146 ratio) Cl. MA+45, St.15	1.20 FTE Special Education RHS	\$128,958 (\$123,512 + \$300 CP + \$5,146 ratio) Cl. MA+45, St.15 (non-pensionable)	03/18/24-04/26/24	11-213-100-101-00-10-019-000

Doyle, Christine	Pre-K Inclusion Paraprofessional Glen	\$21,852	LOA Spec Ed Glen (non-tenure)	\$64,817 Cl. BA, St. 1	03/21/24- 06/30/24  revision	11-000-217-106-00-01-024-001
Mauceri, Vanessa	1.0 FTE 8th Grade English GWMS	\$119,007 (\$117,207 + \$300 CP + \$1,500 longevity) Cl. MA+45, St. 18	1.20 8th Grade English GWMS	\$142,448 (\$140,648 + \$300 CP + \$1,500 longevity) Cl. MA+45, St. 18 (non-pensionable)	04/02/24- 06/20/24	11-130-100-101-03-09-019-000
McKinnon, Evelyn	1.0 FTE 6th Grade Social Studies GWMS	\$109,067 (\$108,767 + \$300 CP) Cl. MA+30, St. 17	1.20 FTE 6th Grade Social Studies GWMS	\$130,820 (\$130,520 + \$300 CP) Cl. MA+30, St. 17 (non-pensionable)	04/02/24- 06/20/24	11-130-100-101-03-09-019-000
Ozaydin, Meaghan,	1.0 FTE 8th Grade English GWMS	\$119,007 (\$117,207 + \$300 CP + \$1,500 longevity) Cl. MA+45, St. 18	1.20 8th Grade English GWMS	\$142,448 (\$140,648 + \$300 CP + \$1,500 longevity) Cl. MA+45, St. 18 (non-pensionable)	04/02/24- 06/20/24	11-130-100-101-03-09-019-000
Porod, Leigh	1.0 FTE 6th Grade English GWMS	\$115,687 (\$113,887 + \$300 CP + \$1,500 longevity) Cl. MA+30, St. 18	1.20 6th Grade English GWMS	\$138,464 (\$136,664 + \$300 CP + \$1,500 longevity) Cl. MA+30, St. 18 (non-pensionable)	04/02/24- 06/20/24	11-120-100-101-09-03-019-000
Primavera, Michelle	1.0 FTE 6-8 Grade English GWMS	\$94,797 (\$94,497 + \$300 CP) Cl. MA+30, St. 13	1.20 FTE 6-8 Grade English GWMS	\$113,696 (\$113,396 + \$300 CP) Cl. MA+30, St. 13 (non-pensionable)	04/02/24- 06/20/24	11-130-100-101-03-09-019-000
<b>Paraprofessional</b>						
VanDer Eeze, Anniek	STEPSS Job Coach Oak Street	\$27.81 per hour	STEPSS Job Coach Oak Street	\$30,649	03/18/24- 06/30/24	11-212-100-106-00-12-024-001
Walsh, Evan	ABA Certified RHS	\$28,257	ABA Certified RHS	\$25.64 per hour	03/01/24- 05/05/24	

**iii. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement**

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

Name	Assignment	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
<b>Teachers</b>				
Padykula, Wendy	Speech Language Specialist	GWMS/RHS	18	07/01/24
Syvret, Mark	Science	RHS	22	07/01/24

Secretary				
Bostler, Monica	Administrative Assistant to Principal	Willard	22	09/01/24

**iv. 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
Teachers			
Araneo, Angela	Speech Language Specialist	Glen	05/06/24
Auer, Stephanie	Grade 5	Orchard	07/01/24
Brady, Katherine	Speech Language Specialist	Glen/Orchard	04/27/24 revision
Paraprofessional			
Connelly, Heather	ABA Non-Certified	Glen	03/08/24

**v. 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
Eidschun, Maura	Paraprofessional	Somerville	Medical	Revision	01/02/24-06/21/24	N/A	N/A	08/28/24
Nolan, Amy	ESL	RHS	Family	Revision	02/06/24-03/01/24	N/A	N/A	04/01/24
Teel, Rebecca	School Counselor	RHS	Medical/ Family	New	06/10/24-06/21/24	08/28/24-11/30/24	12/01/24-06/60/25	09/01/25

**vi. 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.

**vi-a. Chaperones for the 2023-2024 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 #
Benjamin Franklin Middle School							
Spicer, Meltem	WSA 8th Grade Mixer	03/21/24	N/A	3	\$40.17	\$120.51	11-401-100-101-00-08-008-001

Ziobro, Christine <b>Nurse</b>	Music Festival at Great Adventure	06/07/24	N/A	1 day  6 hrs	\$200.00  \$26.66	\$200.00  \$159.96	11-401-100-101-00-08-008-001
<b>George Washington Middle School</b>							
Riley, Celeste	WSA 8th Grade Mixer	03/21/24	N/A	3	\$40.17	\$120.51	11-401-100-101-00-09-009-001
Gould, Alexandra Hamilton, Elizabeth Monahan, Timothy Neville, Ben Ozaydin, Meaghan Ponchak, James Porod, Jason Porod, Leigh Reinke, Michael Romano, Odalys Zilvetti, Suzanne	8th Grade Washington DC Trip	05/08/24-05/10/24	2	3	\$200	\$600	11-401-100-101-00-09-009-001
Szilva, Jennifer <b>Nurse</b>	8th Grade Washington DC Trip	05/08/24-05/10/24	2	3	\$200	\$400 (2 nights) and \$600 (3 days)	11-401-100-101-00-10-010-001
<b>Ridgewood High School</b>							
Ballas, Alexander Bernard-Mason, Amy Cuellar, Angelica Ojea, Christal Policelli, Amy Polk, Laura Yannone, Merredith	WSA 8th Grade Mixer	03/21/24	N/A	3	\$40.17	\$120.51	11-401-100-101-00-10-010-001

**vi-b. Additional Coverage for Special Education Vacancies**

Name	Assignment Location	Salary	Per Diem Increase Per Day	Effective Date	Account #
<b>Teacher</b>					
Gorman, Brandi	Spec Ed LLD Hawes	\$92,117 Cl. MA, St. 14	\$92.12	09/05/23-06/30/24 <b>revision</b>	11-204-100-101-00-02-019-000

**Additional Coverage for Special Education at GWMS, as needed**

Name	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Baron, Brittany	\$43.21	03/12/24-06/30/24	11-213-100-106-00-09-024-001
Funtsch, Kaitlyn	\$62.72	03/12/24-06/30/24	11-213-100-106-00-09-024-001
Romano, Odalys	\$79.34	03/12/24-06/30/24	11-213-100-106-00-09-024-001
Tozaj, Sasha	\$43.21	03/12/24-06/30/24	11-213-100-106-00-09-024-001
Courtney, Weiss-Chromeck	\$60.77	03/12/24-05/20/24	11-213-100-106-00-09-024-001

**vi-d. Additional Coverage for Instructional Support of Special Education Students at BFMS**

Name	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	Total	Account #
Kennedy, Jack	\$22.19	107	\$2,374.33	11-213-100-106-00-08-024-001
Miller, Danielle	\$26.41	107	\$2,825.87	11-213-100-106-00-08-024-001

**vi-e. AP Exam Administration/Administrative Duties**

Name	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	Total	Account #
Altomare, Jacquelyn	\$32.79	10	\$327.90	11-000-218-104-00-10-010-001
Salerno, Christine	\$67.61	10	\$676.10	11-000-218-104-00-10-010-001
Watson, Andrea	\$59.21	10	\$592.10	11-000-218-104-00-10-010-001

**vi-f. Evaluate Medication for Washington DC Trip for GWMS**

- Szilva, Jennifer, Nurse, not to exceed 1 hour, at an hourly rate of \$26.67.

Account #11-000-213-104-00-09-009-001

**vi-g. Fitness Center Supervisor - Spring Sports at RHS**

Name	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	Total	Account #
Lauro, Livia	\$40.17	60	\$2,410.20	11-402-100-101-00-10-036-001



**vi-h. Homeroom Coverage at GWMS**

Name	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Romano, Odalys	\$40.17	04/2/24-06/20/24	11-130-100-101-00-09-009-001

**vi-i. Site Manager - Spring Sports at RHS**

Name	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	Total	Account #
Currier, Robert	\$40.17	40	\$1,06.80	11-402-100-104-00-10-034-001

**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 **2023-2024** school year, to be used as indicated.

Donations			
Donor	Amount	Use	Account Number
Ridgewood High School Boys Lacrosse	\$3,088.50	To be used to purchase Varsity and Freshman Boys Lacrosse uniforms.	20-046-100-610-00-10-034-000
Ridgewood High School Boys Lacrosse	\$4,366.64	To be used to purchase Varsity and Freshman Boys Lacrosse uniforms.	20-046-100-610-00-10-034-000
Ridgewood High School Student Activity Account	\$3,900.96	To be used to pay for 2 chaperones for the trip to Barbate, Spain.	20-030-100-101-00-10-010-011 (Stipend - \$3,602.53) 20-030-200-220-00-10-010-011 (FICA \$298.43)
Learning Services Home and School Association	\$63	To be used to enhance the Ridgewood Unified Program.	20-039-100-890-00-24-024-001
Educational Leadership Foundation of NJ	\$2,500	To be used to enhance the Applied Engineering InvenTeams program at Ridgewood High School.	20-001-200-500-00-10-010-000
Ridgewood High School Lacrosse	\$1,623	To be used to pay for the extra costs of a charter bus for the Boy's Lacrosse Team.	20-046-270-512-00-10-034-002
Federated Home and School	\$2,750	To be used to pay a \$250 stipend to each of the	20-056-100-890-00-24-024-003 20-056-100-890-00-01-001-003

Association		2023-2024 Teacher Recognition Honorees to purchase classroom supplies.	20-056-100-890-00-02-002-003 20-056-100-890-00-03-003-003 20-056-100-890-00-04-004-003 20-056-100-890-00-05-005-003 20-056-100-890-00-06-006-003 20-056-100-890-00-07-007-003 20-056-100-890-00-08-008-003 20-056-100-890-00-09-009-003 20-056-100-890-00-10-010-003
Hawes Home and School Association	\$800	To be used to pay for field trips that support curriculum at Hawes Elementary School.	20-025-270-512-00-06-006-001
Somerville Home and School Association	\$6,395 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of furniture and supplies to enhance Somerville classrooms	N/A
Ridgewood High School Student Activity Account	\$5,102.68	To be used to pay for the ski club chaperones.	20-030-100-101-00-10-010-006 20-030-200-220-00-10-010-006 (FICA)

**ii. Approval: Budget Appropriation Transfers**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves transfers for **January 2024** as shown in the Journal Entry listing pursuant to Policy 6422.

The Board has received background information.

**iii. 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 **January 2024**,

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.

**iv. 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 **January 2024**; 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

**v. Approval: Additional Contracted Vendors to Provide Special Education Services for the 2023-2024 School Year**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the additional contracted vendors to provide special education services for the 2023-2024 school year as listed below:

Contractor	Service	Rate
Marlene Whittemore	School Based Music Services @ Glen School	\$90/hour (3.5 hours per week)
Jeanette Nast	LDTC Evaluation Services	\$750 per evaluation, \$95/hr addtl' testing

**vi. Acceptance: Sustainable New Jersey Grant Award**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the Sustainable New Jersey Grant award in the amount of \$2,000 for Hawes Elementary School to be used to aid the Hawes Environmental Club’s initiatives by purchasing compost materials and seed.

**IX. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA**

**Dr. Schwarz**

**A. Approval: Adoption of the 2024-2025 Proposed Tentative Budget for Submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools**

RESOLVED, that the Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the submission of the 2024-2025 Tentative School Budget to the Bergen County Executive Superintendent of Schools with the following Fund Allocations:

2024-2025 Budget	Budget	Local Tax Levy
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$132,906,704</b>	<b>\$105,286,462</b>
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$2,454,048</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>\$3,145,650</b>	<b>\$2,550,753</b>
<b><i>Grand Total Budget</i></b>	<b>\$138,506,402</b>	<b>\$107,837,215</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ridgewood Board of Education authorizes the use of, and includes in the proposed budget, a withdrawal from Emergency Reserves in the amount of \$500,000, which will be used to pay for the increases in health benefit premiums; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ridgewood Board of Education authorizes the use of, and includes in the proposed budget, a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserves in the amount of \$1,500,000, for use on required maintenance activities for school facilities as reported in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ridgewood Board of Education authorizes as included in budget line 600, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share, a transfer in the amount of \$6,840,662 from Capital Reserve for the local share of capital project costs for:

- 1) Ridgewood High School HVAC System Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-050-23-G5QZ; DOE Project #: 4390-050-23-R501.
- 2) Glen School HVAC System Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-080-23-G5RA; DOE Project #4390-080-23-R502.
- 3) Ridge Elementary School HVAC Systems Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-090-23-G5RB; DOE Project #4390-090-23-R502.

The total cost of these projects represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

**B. Approval: Adoption of 2024-2025 School District Travel Maximum**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, the Ridgewood Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgewood Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$195,000 for the 2024-2025 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2023-2024 school year was \$220,000, of which \$49,269.83 has been spent and \$51,364.47 has been encumbered as of February 29, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator will track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**C. Approval: Adoption of 2024-2025 Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement**

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

WHEREAS, the Ridgewood Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$195,000 for all staff and board members for the 2024-2025 school year. The School Business Administrator will track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**D. Approval: Adoption of 2024-2025 Maximum Expenditures for Professional Services**

RESOLVED that the Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an annual maximum expenditure for professional services for the 2024-2025 school year. As defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)1, upon notification if it becomes necessary to exceed the maximum amount, the Board of Education may adopt an increase in the dollar amount through formal Board action:

- Accounting/Auditing Services \$96,000
- Architectural Services \$525,000 (*inclusive of capital projects*)
- Legal Services \$340,000
- School Physician \$38,000

**E. Approval: SDA Grant Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement/Ridgewood High School HVAC Systems Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-050-23-G5QZ**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the execution and delivery of the SDA Grant Agreement for the Ridgewood High School HVAC system upgrades project, NJ SDA Project No. 4390-050-23-G5QZ; DOE Project #: 4390-050-23-R501.

- F. Approval: SDA Grant Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement/Ridgewood High School HVAC Systems Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-050-23-G5QZ**  
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the execution and delivery of the SDA Grant Agreement for the Ridgewood High School HVAC system upgrades project, NJ SDA Project No. 4390-050-23-G5QZ; DOE Project #: 4390-050-23-R501.
- G. Approval: Use of Capital Reserve for Local Share of SDA Projects/Ridgewood High School HVAC System Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-050-23-G5QZ**  
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the use of Capital Reserve funds to fund the Local Share of SDA ROD Grants facilities project in the amount of \$142,201.80, for NJ SDA Project No. 4390-050-23-G5QZ; DOE Project #: 4390-050-23-R501.
- H. Approval: SDA Grant Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement/Ridgewood Glen School HVAC Systems Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No.4390-080-23-G5RA**  
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the execution and delivery of the SDA Grant Agreement for the Glen School HVAC system upgrades project, NJ SDA Project No.4390-080-23-G5RA; DOE Project #4390-080-23-R502.
- I. Approval: SDA Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for Glen School HVAC System Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-080-23-G5RA**  
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the delegation of authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project under SDA Rod Grants, NJ SDA Project No.4390-080-23-G5RA; DOE Project #4390-080-23-R502.
- J. Approval: Use of Capital Reserve for Local Share of SDA Projects/Glen School HVAC System Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-080-23-G5RA**  
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the use of Capital Reserve funds to fund the Local Share of SDA ROD Grants facilities project in the amount of \$2,816,081.40, for NJ SDA Project No.4390-080-23-G5RA; DOE Project #4390-080-23-R502.
- K. Approval: SDA Grant Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement/Ridgewood Ridge Elementary School HVAC Systems Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-090-23-G5RB**  
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes execution and delivery of the SDA Grant Agreement for the Ridge Elementary School HVAC system upgrades project, NJ SDA Project No. 4390-090-23-G5RB, DOE Project #4390-090-23-R502.
- L. Approval: SDA Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for Ridge Elementary School HVAC System Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-090-23-G5RB**  
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the delegation of authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project under SDA Rod Grants, NJ SDA Project No. 4390-090-23-G5RB, DOE Project #4390-090-23-R502.

**M. Approval: Use of Capital Reserve for Local Share of SDA Projects/Ridge Elementary School HVAC System Upgrades - NJ SDA Project No. 4390-090-23-G5RB**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the use of Capital Reserve funds to fund the Local Share of SDA ROD Grants facilities project in the amount of \$3,882,378.60, for NJ SDA Project No. 4390-090-23-G5RB, DOE Project #4390-090-23-R502.

**N. Approval: Acceptance of FY2024 SDA Grant for Emergent Projects and Capital Maintenance Needs**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts New Jersey School Development Authority (SDA) FY2024 funding in the amount of \$132,896 for emergent projects and capital maintenance needs, and further authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit a Certification to the New Jersey Department of Education regarding the proposed usage for said funds.

**X. 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 Mr. Dani.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNTS</b>
Mar 11	Columbia Bank On-Line	113101	2,747.04
Mar 18	Columbia Bank On-Line	113102-113359	2,061,290.06
Mar 5	Electronic Transfer	L47817	3,682.68
Mar 15	Electronic Transfer	B47818	2,322,225.00
Mar 15	Electronic Transfer	H47819	1,358,685.09
Mar 18	Food Service	620456-620459	117,065.24
TOTAL			5,865,695.11

**XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS****Ms. Brogan****XII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS****Ms. Brogan**

- Curriculum
- Finance
- Facilities
- Communication

**XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS****Ms. Brogan****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**

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Brogan**

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, April 8, 2024  
Regular Public Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Education Center

Monday, April 29, 2024  
Regular Public Meeting/Final Budget Adoption  
7:00 p.m. Education Center