RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Education Center
49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
AGENDA

November 16, 2026

Regular Public Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Adjourn to Executive 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)**
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  - **Password: 062607450 *(press *9 to make a comment)***
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- **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 8:00 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 7:00 p.m. in order for the Board to continue with its scheduled agenda. The second opportunity will occur at about 8:00 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, in partnership with the community, is committed to the pursuit of excellence and innovation that enables all students to maximize their individual potential and become lifelong learners.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL **Ms. Brogan**

II. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 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. INFORMATION **Ms. Brogan**

VI. PRESENTATIONS **Ms. Brogan**

A. Student Representative Report
- ➢ Violet Batley and Anika Mukkatira, Ridgewood High School

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC **Ms. Brogan**

VII. PRESENTATIONS **Dr. Schwarz**

A. Testing Results: Spring 2026 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)
- ➢ Dr. Mark Schwarz, Superintendent of Schools
- ➢ Mr. Brian Ross, Director of Curriculum

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT **Dr. Schwarz**

IX. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS **Ms. Brogan**
- ➢ Finance
- ➢ Facilities
- ➢ Curriculum
- ➢ Policy

X. 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: Annual Review of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Ridgewood Public School District and the Ridgewood Police Department
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the annual review of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ridgewood Public School District and the Ridgewood Police Department.

The Board has received background information.

iii. 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 revised/abolished policies and regulations as listed below:

New:
- Policy 5461 High School Diplomas
- Policy 0162.01 Legal Notices

Revised:
- Policy 2200 Curriculum
  - Policy 2411 Career Education and Academic Counseling
  - Policy 5460 High School Graduation
  - Regulation 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Allowability of Costs
  - Policy 1643 Family Leave

Abolished:
- Regulation 2200 Curriculum
- Regulation 2411 Guidance Counseling

iv. Approval: First Reading of New/Revised/Abolished Policies and Regulations
The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the first reading of New/Revised/Abolished policies and regulations as listed below:

Revised:
- Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/NonResident Students
- Regulation 9210 Parent Organizations

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.**

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. 2026-2027 School Year - Certificated Appointments

Name	Assignment	Location	Effective Date	NJDOE Certificate	Salary	Account #
Teachers						
Carabetta, Samantha	LOA Physical Education (non-tenure track)	GWMS	12/01/26-01/27/27	CEAS Health and Physical Education	$70, 062 BA, 1	11-130-100-101-09-000
Nurses						
Lovato, Angela	Registered Nurse 1:1	BFMS	12/01/26-06/30/27	Board of Nursing Certificate	$64,000	11-000-213-100-08-000
Administrative Assistants						
Cermack, Lisa	Sec 12 Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principal	BFMS	12/01/26-06/30/27	N/A	$58,196 AA12, 6	11-000-240-105-08-000
D'Amico, Annunziata	Sec 12 Coordinator Special Programs	Ed Center	TBD-06/30/27	N/A	$59,096 DS12, 5	11-000-219-105-24-000
Mulcahy, London	Sec 10 CST/General (Glen and ITDC)	Glen	12/22/26-06/30/27	N/A	$47,407 AS10, 6	11-000-219-105-01-000/ 62-990-200-105-62-000
San Antonio, Johanna	Sec 12 Coordinator Curriculum & Instruction	Ed Center	12/01/26-06/30/27	N/A	$60,296 DS12, 6	11-000-221-105-22-000

i-b. 2026-2027 School Year - Paraprofessional Appointments

Name	Assignment	Location	Salary	Effective Date	Account #
Bradbury, Daniela	Pre-K Inclusion	Glen	$21,215	11/09/26-06/30/27	11-190-100-106-01-000
Carrera, Ethan	ABA Non-Certified	BFMS	$24,455	11/17/26-06/30/27	11-209-100-106-08-209
Gliatta, Christine	Pre-K Inclusion	Glen	$21,215	11/17/26-06/30/27	11-190-100-106-01-000
Saleh, Salma	ABA Non-Certified	Ridge	$24,455	11/17/26-06/30/27	11-212-100-106-04-213
Song, Randall	ABA Non-Certified	Glen	$24,455	12/15/26-06/30/27	11-212-100-106-01-213
Stilley, Toya	Resource	Somerville	$21,215	11/17/26-06/30/27	11-213-100-106-05-000

i-c. 2026-2027 School Year - Lunchroom Aide Appointments

Name	Location	Hours Per Day	Days Per Week	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Neunhoffer, Norine	Hawes	2	5	$19.00	11/17/26-06/30/27	11-000-262-107-23-000

i-d. 2026-2027 Before/After Care Appointments, not to exceed 29 hours per week.

Name	Location	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Group Leaders				
Baird, Kendra	Orchard	$19.00	11/02/26-06/30/27	11-421-100-101-40-100
Castro, Christopher	Travell	$19.00	11/09/26-06/30/27	11-421-100-101-40-100

i-e. 2026-2027 School Year Additional: Infant/Toddler Development Center Appointments

Name	Assignment	Location	Hours Per day	Days Per Week	Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Account #
Rosario, Dora	Teacher's Assistant	ITDC	5.5	5	$18.00	10/26/26-06/30/27	62-990-100-106-62-100

i-f. 2026-2027 School Year - Field Placement Appointments

Name	College/ University	Placement	Supervisor	Location	Effective Date
Dennehy, Sabrina	Seton Hall University	Clinical II Mathematics	Brittany Daidone	GWMS	01/04/27-05/20/27
Donohue, Jessica	Montclair State University	Athletic Training Program	Nikitas Nicholaides	RHS	01/04/27-05/03/27
O'Connor, Mary	William Paterson University	Librarianship	Michele Eng	Ridge	01/04/27- 05/20/27
Zumba Tenecela, Irma	Dominican University	Clinical Practicum	Jessica Mayer	Hawes/Orchard/ Ridge/ Somerville/ BFMS/GWMS	01/11/27-03/12/27

***Related to staff member**

i-g. Change of Assignments for the 2026-2027 School Year

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the change of assignments for the 2026-2027 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						
Powell, Renee	1.0 FTE Grade 7 Math BFMS	$96,672 ($96,372 + $300 CP) MA +45, 9	1.0 FET English and Math Elective BFMS **revision**	$96,672 ($96,372 + $300 CP) MA +45, 9	08/26/26-06/30/27	11-130-100-101-08-000
Fabish, Cassandra	1.0 FTE Spec Ed Resource Somerville	$114,302 ($112,802 + $1,500 longevity) MA, 18	1.2 FTE Spec Ed Resource Somerville	$136,862 ($135,362 + $1,500 longevity) MA, 18	10/05/26-11/20/26 **Revision**	11-213-100-101-05-000
Finnegan, Kathleen	1.0 FTE School Counselor Somerville	$90,087 ($84,162 + $5,625 Ratio + $300 CP) MA, 7	1.2 FTE School Counselor Somerville	$106,919 ($100,994 + $5,625 Ratio + $300 CP) MA, 7	10/05/26-11/20/26 **Revision**	11-000-218-104-05-000
Kiernan, Meredith	1.0 FTE Grade 5 Somerville	$122,752 ($122,452 + $300 CP) MA+45, 18	1.2 FTE Grade 5 Somerville	$147,242 ($146,942 + $300 CP) MA+45, 18	10/05/26-11/20/26 **Revision**	11-120-100-101-05-000
Mejia, Alexandra	1.0 FTE Grade 2 Somerville	$84,462 ($84,162 + $300 CP) MA, 7	1.2 FTE Grade 2 Somerville	$101,294 ($100,994 + 300 CP) MA, 7	10/05/26-11/20/26 **Revision**	11-120-100-101-05-000
Lynaugh, Sean	1.0 FTE Social Studies RHS	$109,482 BA+30, 18	1.2 FTE Social Studies RHS	$131,378 BA+30, 18	11/16/26-TBD	11-213-100-101-10-000
Yannone, Michael	1.0 FTE Social Studies RHS	$114,402 ($112,802 + $1,600 longevity) MA, 18	1.2 FTE Social Studies RHS	($136,962 $135,362 + $1,600 longevity) MA, 18	11/16/26-TBD	11-140-100-101-10-000
Support						
Pollick, Amy	Covering for Sec 12 Coordinator Curriculum & Instruction	$73,542	1.0 FTE Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Asst. Superintendent	Board approved salary plus $125 per week	09/14/26-11/30/26	11-000-230-100-26-000

Pollick, Amy	Covering for Sec 12 Coordinator Special Programs	$73,542	1.0 FTE Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Asst. Superintendent	Board approved salary plus $375 per week	09/14/26-TBD	11-000-230-100-26-000
Paraprofessionals						
Capazzi, Anne	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Ridge	$24,455	.77 FTE ABA Certified Glen **revised**	$28,257	09/10/26-06/30/26	11-212-100-106-04-213
Doherty, Erin	.77 FTE Pre-K Inclusion Glen	$21,215	.77 FTE ABA Non-Certified Glen	$24,455	11/09/26-06/30/202706/30/27	11-212-100-106-01-213

i-h. 2026-2027 School Year - Additional Substitute Staff

Teachers-$160 Per Diem 11-1X0-100-101-23-101

Bennett, Keely	Malki, Salwa	Weiss, Jeffrey
Bridges, Kristin	Rema, Nurjahan	Wittkamp, Samantha
Carroll, Emma	Shilad, Ehsan	
De Silva, Arosh	Principe, Michael	

***Related to staff member**

i-i. Fall 2026 Revised: Ridgewood Community School Employees

As listed on **Attachment H.**

Account Numbers: 13-423-100-101-13-000 ($155,650.00); 13-424-100-101-13-000 ($37,500.00) 13-602-100-101-13-000 ($129,565.00)

i-j. 2026-2027 School Year Change in Salary Classification effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, 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, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in accordance with the REA/Board Agreement,

as listed on **Attachment C.**

Cost Not To Exceed: $119,801.67

i-k. 2026-2027 Revised: Fall Coaching Assignments, Volunteers, Clock Operators, Hourly Crowd Control and Substitute Athletic Trainer Hourly Crowd Control and Substitute Athletic Trainer

As listed on **Attachment D.**

Account Number: 11-402-100-100-11-000-00

i-l. 2026-2027 Winter Coaching Assignments, Volunteers, Clock Operators, Hourly Crowd Control and Substitute Athletic Trainer Hourly Crowd Control and Substitute Athletic Trainer

As listed on **Attachment E**.
Account Number: 11-402-100-100-11-000-00

i-m. 2026-2027 Revised: Elementary Clubs and Activities

As listed on **Attachment F.**
Account # Various

i-n. 2026-2027 Revised: Secondary Co - Curricular, Clubs and Activities and Chaperones

As listed on **Attachment G.**
Account # Various

ii. 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
Administrators			
Matthews, Richard	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	Ed Center	01/01/27
Teachers			
Papamarkos, Clarissa	Behaviorist	Somerville/Travell/BFMS	12/01/26
Seavers, Kevin	Social Studies	RHS	11/12/26
Maintenance			
Morris, Durauin	Electrician	Ed Center	01/11/27
Permanent Substitutes			
Cermack, Lisa	Permanent Substitute	BFMS	11/30/26
Paraprofessionals			
Limon Martinez, Montserrat	LLD	RHS	01/18/27
Marino, Margaret	Resource	Ridge	11/23/26
Sweisberger, Sabrina	ABA	RHS	10/29/26
Group Leaders			
Rolle, Garrett	Before/After Care	Somerville	11/02/26

iii. Leaves 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
Campana-Crisafulli, Kayla	Psychologist	Glen/ Orchard/ Ridge	Medical/ Family	Revision	10/26/26-11/25/26	11/30/26-02/28/27	N/A	03/01/27
Cassetta, Sabrina	Grade 3	Somerville	Medical/ Family	Revision	02/08/27-03/17/27	03/18/27-06/23/27	N/A	08/25/27
Merhige-Petrick, Donna	Special Education Resource	Somerville	Medical	New	10/05/26-11/18/26	N/A	N/A	11/19/26
Parenta, Andie	Grade 3	Ridge	Medical/ Family	New	04/05/27-04/16/27	04/19/27-06/23/27 and 08/25/27-09/30/27	N/A	10/01/27
Stevens, Barbara	Head Teacher ITD-C	Glen	Medical	New	10/07/26-10/30/26	N/A	N/A	11/02/26

iv. 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.

iv-a. 2026-2027 School Year Additional: Before/After Care Employee Staffing Assistance, not to exceed 10,000 hours. Program begins and ends 10/01/26-06/30/27.

Name	Assignment	Hourly Rate	Account #
Brandsness, Ashley	Teacher	$42.83	11-421-100-101-40-100

iv-b. 1:1 Support Spirit Night P.E.A.R.L 10/29/26

Name	Location	# of Hours Per Person	Hourly Rate	Total Not to Exceed Per Person	Account #
Bombace, Samantha	BFMS	3	$42.83	$128.49	11-209-100-101-08-209
Carewicz, Damian	GWMS	3	$29.41	$88.23	11-209-100-101-09-209
Coniglia, Debra	GWMS	3	$27.59	$82.77	11-209-100-101-09-209

iv-c. 2026-2027 School Year Middle School Field Trips- Student Medical Form Evaluations

Name	Location	# of Hours Per Person	Hourly Rate	Total Not to Exceed Per Person	Total Not to Exceed	Account #
Reilly, Kerriann	BFMS	25	$81.83	$2,045.75	$2,045.75	11-000-213-100-08-100
Stadulis, Julie	GWMS	25	$81.83	$2,045.75	$2,045.75	11-000-213-100-09-100

iv-d. 2026-2027 School Year Revised Morning Cafeteria Supervision - on an as needed basis not to exceed 100 hours in total.

Name	Location	Total Hours Not to Exceed	Hourly Rate	Total Not to Exceed	Account #
Schoenberger, Gerald	GWMS	91.5 **revised**	$32.17	$2943.56	11-421-100-101-09-100

iv-e. 2026-2027 School Year Additional: Safety Care Certification Training 10/06/26

Name	Location	# of Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Not to Exceed	Account #
Singh, Pratyusha	STEPSS	3	$29.05	$87.15	11-000-216-100-24-100

iv-f. 2026-2027 School Year Additional: ESL Screening 08/25/26

Name	Location	# of Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Not to Exceed	Account #
Nagy, Zsuzsanna	Travell	4	$81.56	$326.24	11-000-219-104-24-100

iv-g. 2026-2027 School Year Additional: Home Instruction, on an as needed basis

Name	Location	Hourly Rate	Account #
Gayed, Crstina	RHS	$64.30	11-150-100-101-26-100 / 11-219-100-101-24-100

iv-h. 2026-2027 School Year Revised Ridgewood High School Targeted Academic Intervention and Support effective September 2, 2026, through June 23, 2027. Hours determined as needed, total not to exceed $20,000, inclusive of all staff.

Name	Hourly Rate	Account #
Ingoglia, Brenda	$82.83	11-140-100-101-10-100
Mirkovich, Jessica	$68.11	11-140-100-101-10-100

iv-i. **2026-2027 School Year Title I Grant - High-Impact Tutoring Program,** total not to exceed $9,651 inclusive of all participants.

Name	Hourly Rate	Account #
Ridgewood High School		
Contreras, Colleen	$68.61	20-231-100-101-10-100
Darragh, Nari	$57.57	20-231-100-101-10-100
Doris, Michelle	$82.83	20-231-100-101-10-100
Driscoll, Samantha **Addition**	$67.04	20-231-100-101-10-100
Farrar, Eva	$75.20	20-231-100-101-10-100
Felano, Derek	$60.94	20-231-100-101-10-100
Gyulay, Joseph	$73.93	20-231-100-101-10-100
Ingoglia, Brenda	$82.83	20-231-100-101-10-100
Pinches, Katharine	$76.20	20-231-100-101-10-100
Richardson, Monika	$87.79	20-231-100-101-10-100
Rosenfeld, Lauren	$82.83	20-231-100-101-10-100
Scevola, Adam **Rescind**	$74.61	20-231-100-101-10-100

E. FINANCE

i. **<u>Acceptance of Restricted Donations:</u>**

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following restricted gifts for the **2025-2026** and **2026-2027** school years, to be used as indicated.

2026-2027 Donations			
Donor	**Amount**	**Use**	**Account #**
Orchard Home and School Association	$1,784.75 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of books for Orchard Elementary School.	N/A
Orchard Home and School Association	$35,481.91 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of furniture for the library at Orchard Elementary School.	N/A
Orchard Home and School Association	$20,000	To be used to pay for field trips for Orchard Elementary School	N/A Student Activity
Ridgewood High School School Activity	$866.90	To be used to pay for the chaperones for the ALPS overnight trip.	20-000-100-101-10-000

Dad's Night	$2,628.45 (gift in kind)	A gift in kind of books for the One Book, One School Program at Hawes Elementary School.	N/A

ii. Approval: Budget Appropriation Transfers

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves transfers for **September 2026** 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

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 **September, 2026,**

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.

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 **September 2026;** 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.

v. Approval: Budgeted Additional Regular and Extended School Year Out-of-District Placements for the 2026-2027 School Year

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the budgeted additional regular and extended school year out-of-district placements for the 2026-2027 school year as listed in **Attachment G.**

vi. Approval: Agreement SE4/2026-20027

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Agreement SE4/2026-2027 between the parents and the Ridgewood Board of Education. The Board has received background information.

vii. Approval: Addition to the Tuition Rates for Out-of-District Students and Staff Members' Children, previously approved at the June 15, 2026 meeting

The Ridgewood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the tuition rates for additional services for the 2026-2027 school year for out-of-district students and staff members' children, as listed below:

Special Education Evaluation Rates	**26-27 Out-of-District and Staff Members' Children**
Social History	$500.00
Educational Evaluation	$500.00
Psychological Evaluation	$500.00
Speech and Language Evaluation	$500.00
Occupational Therapy Evaluation	$500.00
Physical Therapy Evaluation	$500.00
Functional Behavior Assessment	$500.00
Any independent evaluation that is conducted by someone not employed by Ridgewood Public Schools	parent responsible for full amount

XI. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA — Dr. Schwarz

A. None

XII. 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. Brogan.

DATES	DESCRIPTION	CHECK #	AMOUNTS
October 16, 2026	General	123070-123176	$1,198,526.11
October 16, 2026	Cafeteria	620051-620052	$14,804.91
October 23, 2026	General	123177-123262	$871,316.89
October 23, 2026	Cafeteria	620553-620554	$218,353.50
October 28, 2026	General	123623	void
October 30, 2026	General	123264-123268	$1,287.30
October 30, 2026	Cafeteria	620555	$72,845.23
October 30, 2026	General	123269-123358	$2,360,544.53

Doctrine of Necessity Resolution:
WHEREAS, the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 *et seq.* was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators, and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, questions have arisen regarding how a Board should invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of a Board of Education cannot be reached due to disqualifying conflicts of interest of Board Members on a matter required to be voted upon; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission ("Commission") provided guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-9 (April 1, 1998); and

WHEREAS, the opinion set forth that, when it is necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, the Board should state publicly that it is doing so, the reason that such action is necessary, and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, by resolution dated February 25, 2003, further clarified this standard and required a Board of Education invoking the Doctrine of Necessity to adopt a resolution setting forth that they are invoking the Doctrine, the reason for doing so, and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further directed Boards of Education that invoke the Doctrine to read the resolution at a regularly scheduled public meeting, post it where the Board posts regular public notices for a period of thirty (30) days after passage, and provide a copy of the executed resolution to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity for the purposes of voting on approval of bills for payments related to legal services rendered by the law firm Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC in relation to pending School Ethics Commission matters; and

WHEREAS, the Board Attorney has reviewed the State regulations and the advisory decisions of the Commission and determined that existing conflicts prohibit four (4) members of the Board from voting on these matters; and

WHEREAS, those Board member conflicts are as follows:

- Sheila Brogan – Ms. Brogan is a party to matters pending before the School Ethics Commission and, therefore, would be prohibited from participating in all issues related to those matters, including but not limited to approval of legal fees for services rendered related to those matters.

- Muhammad Mahmoud – Mr. Mahmoud is a party to matters pending before the School Ethics Commission, and, therefore, would be prohibited from participating in all issues related to those matters, including but not limited to approval of legal fees for services rendered related to those matters.

- Saurabh Dani – Mr. Dani is a party to matters pending before the School Ethics Commission, and, therefore, would be prohibited from participating in all issues

related to those matters, including but not limited to approval of legal fees for services rendered related to those matters.

- Mary Micale – Ms. Micale is a party to matters pending before the School Ethics Commission, and, therefore, would be prohibited from participating in all issues related to those matters, including but not limited to approval of legal fees for services rendered related to those matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ridgewood Board of Education, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the aforementioned members are prohibited from participating in any discussion and vote on matters related to currently pending School Ethics Commission matters, including but not limited to payment for legal services related to the defense of those claims because of the conflicts outlined above;
2. That the Board therefore invokes the Doctrine of Necessity in order to allow the full body of the Board to vote only on the approval of bills and claims related to the following:
   - Payment for legal services related to School Ethics Commission Docket No. C33-25
3. That this resolution shall be read at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and be posted on the Board's website; and
4. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the School Ethics Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action taken pursuant to this invocation shall be deemed valid notwithstanding the aforementioned conflicts, and the waiver of said conflicts shall not extend beyond the scope addressed within this Resolution.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS **Ms. Brogan**

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS **Ms. Brogan**

XV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES **Ms. Brogan**

- ➢ October 5, 2026 Special Public Meeting Minutes
- ➢ October 26, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS **Ms. Brogan**

XVII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC **Ms. Brogan**

XVIII. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION **Ms. Brogan**

XIX. RECONVENED PUBLIC MEETING **Ms. Brogan**

XX. ADJOURNMENT **Ms. Brogan**

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, December 14, 2026
Regular Public Meeting
7:00 p.m. Education Center

Monday, January 4, 2026
Reorganization Public Meeting
7:00 p.m. Education Center