Minutes of the Ridgewood Board of Education Committee of the Whole Executive Session held on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 4:47p.m., via teleconference.

Present: Ms. Jennie Smith Wilson, President; Mr. James Morgan, Vice President; Ms. Sheila Brogan, Mr. Cristopher Kaufman, Mr. Muhammad Mahmoud.

Also Present: Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Stacie Poelstra, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment; Ojetta Townes, Manager of Human Resources; Ms. Antoinette Kelly, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mr. Jeff Merlino, Board Attorney; Anthony Orsini, Principal of Benjamin Franklin Middle School.

Absent: None

I. Motion to go Into Executive Session

Ms. Smith Wilson moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter and a HIB appeal. Ms. Smith Wilson stated the minutes of the Executive Session would be released when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Ms. Brogan seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ms. Brogan, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Mahmoud, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Smith Wilson

NAYS: None

II. **HIB Appeal**

[redacted] Ms. Wilson made a motion [redacted] and Ms. Brogan seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:
AYES: Ms. Brogan, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Mahmoud, Ms. Smith Wilson

NAYES: none

III. **Legal Matter**

Mr. Merlino reviewed and discussed with the Board the litigation pending between Mr. Dani and the BOE. The judge is to provide a final order on May 14th, 2020. If the judge finds any part of the case in favor of Mr. Dani the Board of Education will be order to pay Mr. Dani's attorney's fees. The board has the option of appealing the judge's decision.

III. Adjournment

At 6:03 p.m., on a motion made by Ms. Smith Wilson, seconded by Ms. Brogan and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly
Board Secretary