

Minutes of the Ridgewood Board of Education Committee of the Whole Executive Session held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:32 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. Michael Lembo, President; Ms. Hyunju Kwak, Vice President; Ms. Sheila Brogan, Mr. Saurabh Dani, Mr. Christopher Kaufman (arrived at 5:51 p.m.)

**Also Present:** Ojetta Townes, Manager of Human Resources; Mr. Scott Bisig, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**Absent:** Mr. Christopher Kaufman (Mr. Kaufman arrived at 5:51 p.m.)

**I. Motion to go Into Executive Session**

Mr. Lembo moved that the Board go into Executive Session at 5:34 p.m., for the purpose of conducting Personal concerns, Legal Cases & Negotiations. Mr. Lembo 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. Dani, Ms. Kwak, Mr. Lembo  
Absent: Mr. Kaufman  
NAYS: None

**II. Board Discussed Residency Cases that are ongoing**

Case #1: The family is no longer residing in Ridgewood and confirmed on February 17, 2021, however the family has two (2) students who are is still attending the district at this time.

Case #2: The family has not shown sufficient proof that they legally reside within the Ridgewood Village with one (1) student still attending the district at this time.

Case #3: The family has not shown sufficient proof that they legally reside within the Ridgewood Village with one (1) student still attending the district at this time. The district will continue to make contact in an attempt to acquire the necessary documents to prove residency.

Case #4: The family has not shown sufficient proof that they legally reside within the Ridgewood Village with one (1) student still attending the district at this time. The district will continue to make contact in an attempt to acquire the necessary documents to prove residency.

### **III. Board Discussed Personal, ITDC & Ongoing REA Contract Negotiations**

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The RFP will be going forward as directed by the Board of Education as soon as possible. The ITDC revised spreadsheet that examines the projected revenues and expenditures for SY 20-21 with a projected loss of \$256,923.00. The Business Office and Superintendents office will have the ITDC present their proposal before a decision is made to actual release the RFP.

Ms. Kwak has concerns about the ITDC P.T.O. inflammatory emails towards the Board. The Board requests that the technology department looks into who is sending the inflammatory emails from in-house employees through the I.P.E. address.

The ongoing REA contract negotiations are progressing forward, the REA wishes to maintain the County averages for the respective pay raises at 3.1%. This will continue to be reviewed by the Board moving forward.

The Board held a conversation with Dr. Yankus to review the current COVID 19 concerns; the testing and social distances to a three (3) foot radius. The C.D.C. still recommends a six (6) foot social distancing requirement if the color is still in the orange zone. A travel Quinten is still in affect during the Spring Break. As of today the State of New Jersey is in the Red zone because numbers of COVID19 are rising. The district has to follow the New Jersey Department of Health.

### **IV. Adjournment**

At 7:10 p.m., on a motion made by Ms. Kwak, seconded by Mr. Kaufman and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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