

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Oakland, New Jersey 07436

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

November 22, 2021

Ramapo High School, Auditorium.  
Public Meeting

Roll Call-

Upon roll call at 7:00 P.M., the Board members responded as follows: Mmes. King, Koulikourdis, and Sullivan. Messrs. Carolan, Fortunato, Kinney, and Setteducato. Dr. Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Thomas Lambe, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; were also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice President at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Kinney announced that adequate notice of the meeting has been posted and published as required by law.

A motion was made by Mr. Carolan and seconded by Ms. King and unanimously carried into the Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and HIB investigations. Information from the Closed Executive Session will be made public at the discretion of the Board, as per Board Bylaw 0166, Executive Sessions, or as otherwise authorized by law. The closed Executive Session was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Roll Call- Regular Public Meeting

Upon roll call at 8:05 P.M., the Board members responded as follows: Mmes. King, Koulikourdis, and Sullivan. Messrs. Butto, Carolan, Fortunato, Kinney, and Setteducato. Student representatives, Renee Callari and Elizabeth Ferro, were also present. Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Thomas Lambe, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mr. Daniel Sutherland, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Articulation; were also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice President at 8:05 P.M. Mr. Kinney announced that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. He also announced that in accordance with the provisions of this act, the business administrator/ board secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. She read a public statement advising the public to be aware that employees of the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District retain the

right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. Mr. Kinney further stated that the Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

Mr. Kinney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Mr. Kinney invited Ms. Callari, IHHS, Student Board Representative, and Ms. Ferro, RHS, Student Board Representative, to present their reports as follows: Ms. Ferro reported that she and Renee and I were told that they are the highlight of each BOE meeting. They decided to wear fashionable turkey hats. They wanted to give everyone a lighthearted reminder to be thankful for our outstanding student body and staff in the Ramapo Indian Hills Community. She also reported that the Student Government had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Dionisio already but we would still like to welcome him to the RIH family. Ms. Ferro also noted that most importantly, Ramapo would like to thank everyone who reached out to our community to help support and honor Coach Gibbs' memory. We got so many messages on our POPride Instagram, received a huge banner from Indian Hills, and felt the love from all over the FLOW community. We are all truly sad and will do our best to carry on all the lessons we learned from Coach Gibbs. She reported that the school community has joined together to do so many things, among them: a) Guidance offered counseling, wellness activities, and therapy dogs to help students and staff. Shout out to Happy who was my favorite dog. b) Today, the Student Government handed out green bracelets in honor of Coach Gibbs to every student and staff member. I have some here if anyone from the audience would like one. c) The Student Government is also having a pep rally on Wednesday to get the football team hyped and ready to play on Friday night. 1) Sports: Football: Football is playing in the State Sectional game against Highlands on Friday at 6:15 at Highlands. It is going to be a whiteout. Cheerleading: Got first place in their competition yesterday and noted the number one jumper Julia Pesce. Band: The Marching Band is looking forward to cheering on the Raider Football team this Friday. Ms. Ferro reported that winter sports started today. 2) Student Life/Extracurricular Clubs: Paddle Club is hosting an interest meeting. Chess Club is scrimmaging Indian Hills Chess Club. Last week our school celebrated Transgender Awareness week. Congratulations to the drama for a great play. PO Puck shirts are being sold until Wednesday. 3) Guidance: We have a career speaker this week from a New York City agency to discuss careers in advertising. Ramapo Alum Roya Aliha was here today to talk about her experience at the US Naval Academy. Ms. Callari reported that she and Lizzy made some questionable fashion statements today. She stated that their turkey hats are in celebration of the holiday to come, but also to remember what it represents. She stated that she is incredibly thankful for her supportive family, amazing friends, and inspiring educators. She suggested that we

should tell the people we love that we love them and hold them all extra close this holiday season.

Ms. Callari stated that Indian Hills sends its sincerest condolences to their sister school for the loss of Coach Gibbs. They will always be here to lend a helping hand in these times of need and remind the world we are in this together as one big RIH family. Ms. Callari stated that Indian Hills would also like to welcome Mr. Dionisio to the board of ed and wish you a smooth transition into our schools.

1) Indian Hills Interact - November Happenings: Indian Hills Interact service meetings are held every Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 pm. This week, we will be meeting on Tuesday because of our Thanksgiving break. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Collection: Interact and Student Council hosted our annual Thanksgiving Meal Collection meals were donated to the Moms Club of Oakland. Student volunteers worked with the Mom's club this past weekend to get the meals ready for delivery. Holiday Planning: Interact is working closely with the Indian Hills Holiday Festival team to bring Jingle Boxes to our friends at the Paterson Boys and Girls Club. We are also working on holiday caroling events for both Oakland Care Center and Ridgecrest Senior Housing. Volunteers are currently making ornaments and holiday cards for distribution. They are also working on holiday pinatas that will be delivered to the Boys and Girls club along with the Jingle Boxes. Jingle Boxes include: Warm hat and gloves, socks, gender-neutral toy arts and crafts and other goodies. Coat Drive: The Interact Coat drive is winding down. Anyone that has a new or gently used coat is asked to drop it off to room 704 in a bag clearly marked with the student's name and grade. Coats will be delivered to Ridgewood as part of the Annual Kelly Creegan Coat Drive. Coats collected will be distributed to the homeless and others in need. The last day of the coat drive will be Wednesday, November 24th. Thank you for everyone that donated. Luminaria Assembly: Interact members have been volunteering to help make luminary kits for the Wyckoff-Franklin Lakes Rotary. Student volunteers sign up for shifts online and at Interact meetings.

2) Sports: Cross Country: A huge Congratulations to ALLISON LOUNSBURY on finishing 20th at the NJ XC State Meet of Champions. She's received the title of 20th in the state, and is the first RIH student to accomplish this. Softball: The girls softball team is having a bakesale tomorrow after school in front of the main office. They'll have brownies sugar cookies, and chocolate chip cookies so make sure to get your cravings and support the softball team. Girls volleyball: Congratulations to the following Girls Volleyball players on their postseason recognition: ABIGAIL FRANKS - 1st Team All League, Honorable Mention All County KATELYN KULHAWY - 2nd Team All League, REBEKAH ENG - 2nd Team All League, GRACE BRUGNA - Honorable Mention All League, and KATHLEEN DiFALCO - Honorable Mention All League.

3) Student Life/Extracurricular Clubs: Love Letters Club made teacher

appreciation cards the past two weeks. These cards were handwritten by students to thank teachers who have changed them for the better, and remind faculty that we're grateful for them. TNT club created a support banner with messages of love and encouragement to Coach Gibbs and all of Ramapo. From Indian Hills to Ramapo, we love you and will always be here when you need a helping hand. Congratulations to Indian Hills theater club for an amazing opening week of Just Another High School Play. All your hard work has clearly paid off. 4) Guidance - Our guidance department has hosted many fall events and deserve a round of applause for all they've been doing. She noted the following: The Work It Braves Initiative has been quite successful with local businesses coming into school to speak to students about part-time opportunities. Guidance has already hosted GoldFish Swim Academy and Campgaw for our job application fair and are booking additional businesses in the coming months. Indian Hills hosted the Military and Service Academy Fair last Wednesday where we had West Point Academy, US Air Force Academy, US Naval Academy, US Coast Guard Academy, US Merchant Marine Academy, US Army, US Navy, US Marine Corps, Army National Guard, and the Air Force National Guard all attend. The Indian Hills Band and Choir performed for the military representatives as well. A huge thank you to our PTSO who sponsored lunch! Also, thank you to Mrs. Sherry for working with our Military Representatives for arranging the day! Our Instant Decision Days at Indian Hills have been quite successful for our students...we have welcomed Sacred Heart, Montclair State, William Paterson, and Ramapo College. A huge thank you to Ms. Fezza and Ms. Wiener for assisting with the Instant Decision Days! Mrs. Robinson and members of the Guidance Department hosted the Class of 2023 College Night Webinar on November 17th. This webinar kicks off individual meetings with junior students and their parents. All parents and students received emails with links to the school counselors' calendars to click and schedule their individual meetings with their school counselors. A well attended Financial Aid Lunch and Learn for parents was held on November 10th by the Guidance Departments and the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority...the recording and materials were posted online. To assist parents even a step further, The Guidance Departments have partnered again with the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to do a FAFSA hands-on workshop on December 13th to assist parents with the submission of their FAFSA. The Guidance Department has been hosting Wellness Wednesdays during lunch periods since the start of the school year which has been well attended by all students! Wellness Wednesdays have been a great opportunity for students to destress from the academically challenging school day, hangout with friends, and practice their arts and crafts skills.

Mr. Kinney thanked the student representative and noted the difficult time the district was having with the untimely passing of Coach Gibbs. Mr. Kinney also welcome Dr.

Dionisio. Mr. Kinney addressed the open Franklin Lakes Board seat and allowed the opportunity for the Board to discuss.

Board discussion followed.

Ms. King made a motion Seconded by Mr. Carolan to hold the interviews in the closed executive session. 5 nays, 2 ayes.

Board discussion followed.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dionisio noted that this was his first meeting in the Ramapo Indian Hills School District. He noted the following updates regarding his firsts in the district: 1) Staff, Students, leadership, Team, and Community. 2) District Communication- Dr. Dionisio will provide updates regarding the district with a strong focus on celebrating the students and staff. 3) Dr. Dionisio spoke to the tragic loss of Drew Gibbs and the impact it had on the district. He noted many of the wonderful qualities that Coach Gibbs possessed. Dr. Dionisio shared his condolences with his family, friends and the RHS community. Dr. Dionisio thanked the following: Personnel, Board of Education, Leadership Team, Counselors, Faculty, Support Staff and the Community. Dr. Dionisio recognized that there was a petition to rename the football field after Coach Gibbs.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lambe provided an update regarding the busing issue and thanked everyone for their patience during this matter.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS** **PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Moved by CAROLAN Seconded by KING to open the meeting to public discussion.

Members of the public thanked Dr. Riscica.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding surveys.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding the Drama production.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding quartelys.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding public board seat interviews.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding the district website.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding video recordings of board meetings.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding AP scores.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding the district website.

Dr. Riscica and Mr. Lambe responded to questions.

Board discussion followed.

B. Moved by CAROLAN Seconded by KING to close the public discussion and re-enter the Public Meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS- \*=Yes**

Motion was made by Mr. Carolan, Seconded by Ms. Sullivan to table the minutes for September 13 & 27, 2021 until the December 13, 2021 meeting.

RC): Carolan \*      Fortunato \*      Kinney \*      King NO      Koulikourdis \*  
Setteducato \*      Sullivan \*      Laforgia ABSENT

**PERSONNEL**

P1. To approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Kevin Weydig, IHHS, SAT/ELS Testing Building Coordinator, effective for the period on or about March 4, 2021 - June 28, 2022, leave replacement for Samantha Janiszak, at the approved contracted rate as per the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the Ramapo Indian Hills Board of Education and the Ramapo Indian Hills Education Association.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan      Fortunato      Kinney      King      Koulikourdis  
Setteducato      Sullivan      Laforgia

P2. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Scott Dempster, to serve as a One-to-One Instructional Aide for the for the Ramapo Indian Hills Band Field trip, Stars Program at Universal Studios, Orlando FL, March 16 - March 20, 2022, at the daily rate of \$282.00, and further move to approve applicant's attestation that he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 et seq., as applicable.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan      Fortunato      Kinney      King      Koulikourdis  
Setteducato      Sullivan      Laforgia

P3. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Michael Levy, to serve as a One-to-One Instructional Aide for after school sponsored clubs, at the hourly rate of \$23.40, not to exceed thirty (30) hours, effective from October 21, 2021 - June 17, 2022.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

P4. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Ruta Ayres, to serve as a School Nurse for the Ramapo Indian Hills Band Field trip, Stars Program at Universal Studios, Orlando FL, March 16 - March 20, 2022, at the daily rate of \$175 and the chaperone rate of \$118.60/diem, and further move to approve applicant’s attestation that she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 et seq., as applicable. Approval pending the completion of Safe Schools Training.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

P5. Move to Rescind, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the sixth period teaching assignment for Andrew Wenzel, RHS, Conceptual Physics, Period 9, at the contractual stipend of \$9,530, effective November 30, 2021.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Butto Laforgia

P6. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, District Volunteer Clubs and Advisors effective for the 2021-22 School Year as follows:

Indian Hills High School

Club

Advisor

a.) Asian Appreciation Club \*

Marisa Frissora & Shannon  
Luke

\* New Club

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
 Setteducato Sullivan Butto Laforgia

P7. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the request for an unpaid Leave of Absence for Christine Kamper, District, Social Studies, effective January 19, 2022- June 30, 2022.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
 Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

P8. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the following person be appointed to fill the position for the length of time and with the compensation noted, subject to all federal, state, county, and local regulations, governing said employment; and further that the president and secretary, as proper officers of the Board of Education, be authorized and directed to issue the proper contract for the 2021-22 School Year; and move to approve applicant’s attestation that he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 et seq.*, as applicable. Further move to approve the assignment of the appropriate Unique Position Code as required by State Statute, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Basis of Employment</u>	<u>Employment Date</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Aaron Kalman	Math Teacher	MA, Step 8	10 months	On or about 01/24/22 - 6/30/22	\$63,305 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Replacing Linea Van Dyke

**EDUCATION**

E1. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, District student field trips and transportation costs for the 2021-22 School Year as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cipher Seeker, Waldwick, NJ	CPE Forensics	12/15/21	0
Bergen Community	Wellness	12/16/21	0



College			
Hilton Meadowlands	DECA	01/11/22	0
Segovia Tavern	Spanish Club	01/12/22	0
Grounds for Sculpture	Art	03/10/22	0
Pascack Valley High School	Debate	03/22/22	\$330.94
KSA Events Spring Training Universal Studios, Orlando, FL.	RHS Softball Team	03/18-22/22	0

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King  
Koulikourdis Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

E2. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Agreement between Thera-Pede LLC, and the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education to provide Speech/Language Therapy Services effective for the 2021-22 School Year.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

E3. Move to approve in accordance with Chapter 46, Title 18A, New Jersey Statutes, and on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, District Director of Student Personnel Services, and District Child Study Team that tuition and/or related services be paid for the students listed below to attend the schools indicated and at the tuition costs indicated for the 2021-22 School Year as follows:

<u>Student No.</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
423639	Holmstead School	\$44,472.00 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Prorated beginning November 4, 2021

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

E4. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, home instruction for District students, at the approved hourly rate, be approved as follows, effective for the 2021-22 School Year:

<u>Student No.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
422571	IHHS	12
423559	IHHS	11
424300	IHHS	10
422377	RHS	12

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

E5. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Indian Hills High School and the Ramapo High School 2020-21 School Self-Assessments for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

E6. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Curriculum Evaluation Hours for the 2021-22 School Year as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Hours Per Staff Member</u>
Health and Physical Education	Health Gr 9-12	4 Participants	12
		1 Instructor	12
	Physical Education Gr 9-12	4 Participants	12

		1 Instructor	12
Social Studies	World Civilizations	4 Participants	8
		2 Instructors	8
	US History 1	4 Participants	8
		2 Instructors	8
	US History 2	4 Participants	8
		2 Instructors	8

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
 Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

E7. Move to amend, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the District’s IDEA 2022 application to include a carryover amount of \$5,408.00; and furthermore move to accept, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Grant Award of funds in the amount of \$443,898.00

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
 Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

E8. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying student remediation including disciplinary consequences, educational intervention, and counseling supports imposed during The 2021-22 School Year as a result of HIB Investigation for the following HIB investigations: RHS HIB # 003 & IHHS HIB # 002.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
 Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

**OPERATIONS**

OP1. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, The Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education (the "Board") has determined a need to undertake the following Project: Boiler Room Upgrades at Ramapo High School (the "Project"), and;

WHEREAS, the District is desirous of moving forward with a Proposal for Architectural and Engineering Services for this Project, and;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to retain LAN Associates ("Architect") to provide Architectural and Engineering Services in connection with the Project, and authorizes the Architect to submit a project application and schematic plans to the State for this Project, and;

WHEREAS, the school administration and such other officers and agents of the board have received a proposal for this Project from LAN Associates in the amount of \$107, 700.00 for Architectural and Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the proposal from LAN Associates best meets the needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with LAN Associates may be awarded without public bidding as a contract for professional services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), and;

WHEREAS, the Board intends to finance the total cost of the Projects through the use of capital funds as part of the District's Long-Range Facilities Plan ("LRFP"), and;

WHEREAS, the school administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this Resolution, including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education that the Board President and Board Secretary/ Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement with LAN Associates and to execute any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is contingent upon the District entering into a satisfactory master agreement and that the terms and conditions of the master agreement will govern the work outlined in this proposal, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a brief notice of this action shall be printed once in the Board's official newspaper stating its nature, service, and amount, and that the resolution and contract shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Board Office in the following form:

LEGAL NOTICE  
RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
NOTICE OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education took action at its November 22, 2021 Regular Public Meeting to appoint LAN Associates with offices at 445 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park, New Jersey, to provide Architectural and Engineering Services for the following project: Boiler Room Upgrades at Ramapo High School. This contract in the amount of \$107, 700.00, is being entered into and approved as a professional service. This resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection at the Board of Education Office located at 131 Yawpo Avenue, Oakland, New Jersey.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_  
RC): Carolan            Fortunato            Kinney            King            Koulikourdis  
      Setteducato            Sullivan            Laforgia

OP2.Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") is authorized to purchase energy supply through an online reverse auction approved by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services (hereinafter referred to as the "Division") pursuant to P.L. 2001, c.30; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that purchasing energy supply through an online reverse auction will result in energy cost savings to the Ramapo Indian Hills High School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has contracted with Premier Energy Group (hereinafter referred to as "PEG") to serve as a consultant to the Board for the online reverse auction process, to develop specifications for the purchase of energy supply and to conduct the online auction; and

WHEREAS, PEG is approved by the Division as a provider of online reverse auctions; and

WHEREAS, PEG has advised that Board that due to the nature of the energy market it is necessary for the Board to enter into a contract with the lowest bidder as soon as possible in order to secure the rate offered by the bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is not feasible for the Board to immediately approve the contract awarded after the online reverse auction; and

WHEREAS, the Division recommends that governing bodies authorize their purchasing agent to award the contract shortly after bidding if the price is below a set amount.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the purchase of energy supply at a rate not to exceed an average per kilowatt hour supply cost of \$0.104, consistent with the terms and guidelines of an online auction for energy supply conducted by PEG on December 1, 2021.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

### **FINANCE**

F1. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the financial report of the Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of September 2021, including a cash report for that period, be approved and ordered filed.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F2. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the *Committed Purchase Order Report* for the month of October 2021, having been duly audited by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F3. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the additional bills paid in October 2021 and drawn on the current account in the total amount of \$4,005.60 for materials received and/or services rendered, having been audited by the Business Administrator, be ratified by the Board.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F4. Move to ratify, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the October 31, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$1,505,147.25 having been duly audited and previously paid. (Amount was not available for the October 25, 2021 Regular Public Meeting.)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F5. Move to authorize, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approval of bills drawn on the current account in the total amount of \$3,457,851.95 for materials received and/or services rendered, to include the November 15, 2021 Payroll, having been duly audited by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F6. Move that, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, bills in the District Cafeteria Fund in the total amount of \$319,392.20 having been duly audited and approved by the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary be approved by the Board as follows:

ARAMARK	\$139,276.67	September Operations
RIH District Cafeteria Fund	\$832.00	September Student Lunches
ARAMARK	\$178,081.03	October Operations
RIH District Cafeteria Fund	\$1,202.50	October Student Lunches

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F7. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, transfers and to authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator/ Board Secretary to make additional transfers that would be ratified at the next Board Meeting as necessary to comply with State requirements in accordance with Policy 6422 as per the attached *Expense Account Adjustment Analysis* for the month of October 2021.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan            Fortunato            Kinney            King            Koulikourdis  
Setteducato            Sullivan            Laforgia

F8. Move that pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6:23A-16.10(c)4*, we certify that as of September 30, 2021 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan            Fortunato            Kinney            King            Koulikourdis  
Setteducato            Sullivan            Laforgia

F9. Move to approve the resolution as follows:

Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6:23A-16.10(c)4*, I, Thomas Lambe, certify that as of September 30, 2021, no budgetary line item account has obligations or payments (contractual orders) which in total exceeds the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1*.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan            Fortunato            Kinney            King            Koulikourdis  
Setteducato            Sullivan            Laforgia

F10. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of District taxes needed to meet the obligations of this Board from January – June 2022 is \$26,728,978 divided as follows:

\$9,666,914	Borough of Franklin Lakes
\$6,373,995	Borough of Oakland



\$10,688,069 Township of Wyckoff

and that the governing bodies are hereby requested to place in the hands of the custodian of school monies that amount in accordance with the statutes relating thereto.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F11. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the 2022-23 Budget Development Schedule.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan Fortunato Kinney King Koulikourdis  
Setteducato Sullivan Laforgia

F12. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, a District employee has submitted a request for reimbursement for work-related travel that is directly related to and within the scope of the employee’s current work responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously authorized such work-related travel, and the District’s school business administrator or designee has reviewed the documentation submitted by the employee and found same to be in compliance with the Board’s policy provisions and approval requirements; and

WHEREAS, the travel request listed below specifies for each item of reimbursement the specific promotion of delivery of instruction or furtherance of the efficient operation of the school district, and the amount of each listed reimbursement does not exceed State travel reimbursement guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of Board Policy and *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.*, that the Board of Education hereby approves work-related travel reimbursement to its employee as set forth below:

<u>Req. No.</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
IH21-23	Jennifer Levine	The 40th Annual Bilingual / ESL Conference:	12/03/21	\$49

Leveraging Emergent  
Technologies to  
Support Multilingual  
Learners

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan          Fortunato          Kinney          King          Koulikourdis  
Setteducato          Sullivan          Laforgia

F13. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the acceptance of a donation from Worldwide IP Solutions as a match to the Indian Hills High School PTSO Wellness Wednesday Program in the amount of \$500 to be used for program supplies at Indian Hills High School.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

RC): Carolan          Fortunato          Kinney          King          Koulikourdis  
Setteducato          Sullivan          Laforgia

**POLICY**

PO1. Move to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the second and final reading of District Policies as follows:

<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>Policy No.</u>
Evaluation of Teachers (M)	3221
Surrogate Parents and Resource Family Parents (M)	2467
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls- Allowability of Costs (M)	6115.01
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls- Mandatory Disclosures (M)	6115.02
Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls- Conflict of Interest (M)	6115.03
Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M)	6311
Non-renewal of Nontenured teaching Staff Member	3142
Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)	3221
Education of Homeless Children	5116

## **P1-P8, E1-E8, OP1-OP2, F1-F13, PO1**

Moved By CAROLAN, Seconded by SETTEDUCATO

RC): Carolan \* Fortunato\* Kinney \* King \*

Koulikourdis\* Setteducato \* Sullivan \*, E8-NO Laforgia ABSENT

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Judith Sullivan- reported that the Policy/Litigation/Legislation committee did not meet and will meet after the Thanksgiving holiday. Ms. Sullivan noted the second readings on the agenda. Ms. Sullivan welcomed Dr. Dionisio and provided condolences for all members of the community and staff for the passing of Coach Gibbs. Ms. Sullivan requested that Mr. Butto be acknowledged formally. Ms. Sullivan also requested the google forms that were submitted to the curriculum department.

James Setteducato- reported that the Personnel/Evaluation/Goals committee did not meet.

Ms. Koulikourdis reported that the Communications/Public Engagement/Student Experience Committee will meet next month and also read a statement regarding Coach Gibbs. Ms. Loulikourdis thanked the Administration, Teachers, Staff, and Guidance.

Robert Fortunato- reported that the Negotiations Committee has nothing to report at this time. Mr. Fortunato recognized Mr. Gibbs not only as a coach but a teacher.

Vivian King- reported that the Facilities/Safety Management committee will meet in December. Ms. King also noted that the IHHS PTSO is meeting on November 23, 2021 and is a great way to be involved. Ms. King shared her condolences with the Gibbs family and commented on how the administration and school handled this tragedy. Ms. King thanked Dr. Dionisio.

John Carolan- reported that the Education/Special Educ./Vocational/Extra-Curricular committee met on 11/18 and came up with a draft program of studies. Mr. Carolan thanked the board for their support of the curriculum. Mr. Carolan thanked Mr. Sutherland for posting all of the curriculum to the district website. Mr. Carolan welcomed Dr. Dionisio to the district and thanked him for his leadership. Mr. Carolan also recognized the staff and the community for their support during this difficult time.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A. Moved by CAROLAN Seconded by SETTEDUCATO to open the meeting to public discussion.

Members of the public welcomed Dr. Dionisio and commented on policy.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding the surveys.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding video recordings of board meetings.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding curriculum.

Members of the public expressed condolences to the Gibbs family.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding moms for liberty.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding a statement made by Mr. Fortunato.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding FLOW forward meeting with curriculum.

Board discussion followed.

### **ANTICIPATED FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Ms. Laforgia announced the anticipated future meeting date as follows:

Monday, December 13, 2021 Regular Public Meeting, 8 P.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by CAROLAN Seconded by SETTEDUCATO to adjourn at 10:22 P.M.