

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RIDGEWOOD
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J. AS RECORDED IN THE
OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK**

The Board of Education of Ridgewood, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, convened in public session on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center, 49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

The following members of the Ridgewood Board of Education were present: Ms. Sheila Brogan; Mr. Cristopher Kaufman; Ms. Christina Krauss; Mr. James Morgan, Vice-President; Ms. Jennie Smith Wilson, Board President

The following members were absent: None

RESOLUTION
Opposing A-3395 / S-296
(Undermining a School Board's Ability to Subcontract Services)

WHEREAS, New Jersey's boards of education represent the community's interests in the governance and budget oversight of school districts that collectively serve the health and educational needs of nearly 1.4 million children; and

WHEREAS, school boards continually strive to provide cost-effective ways to deliver services, which will free up additional funds to be used in the classroom or for property-tax relief; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey school boards have found subcontracting of services such as transportation, cafeteria and maintenance is an option that has saved millions of tax dollars every year; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of school districts responded to a 2009 survey conducted by the New Jersey School Boards Association, which found the responding districts saved more than \$34 million annually through subcontracting services; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296 of the 2018-2019 Legislative Session is a union-backed bill that would place severe obstacles in the way of a school board's ability to subcontract services and save tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296 is to undermine a board's ability to subcontract services, thereby increasing school employees and increasing the rolls of union membership, which generates more dues for union coffers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296 would remove a school board's option to subcontract services, thereby diverting funds from the classroom and burdening property taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Ridgewood Board of Education, in its continued effort to provide cost-effective school operations to the community, opposes Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Ridgewood Board of Education calls on the New Jersey Legislature to reject any such measures that will have the effect of depleting limited resources from our classroom; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the members of the 40th legislative district delegation, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Ms. Brogan moved approval of the Resolution Opposing A-3395/S-296 (Undermining a School Board's Ability to Subcontract Services).

Ms. Krauss seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:


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

NAYS: None

I certify that this is a true and correct excerpt from the Ridgewood Board of Education minutes.

6/4/19

Date



Jennifer Ulman
Assistant Board Secretary