

**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, January 13, 2014 at 7:28 p.m. in the Education Center, 49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

The following members of the Ridgewood Board of Education were present:

Ms. Christina Krauss; Ms. Michele Lenhard; Mr. James Morgan; Mr. Vincent Loncto, Vice-President; Ms. Sheila Brogan, Board President

The following members were absent: None

**Resolution to Delay Use of the NJASK and PARCC Testing Data to Evaluate Teachers**

WHEREAS, the NJASK tests were not developed to measure student growth year to year; and

WHEREAS, even though "PARCC like" questions were embedded into the NJASK spring 2013 and 2014 tests, it does not make NJASK tests similar to the PARCC tests that require students to take them online and that are aligned with the Common Core State Standards; and

WHEREAS, using data from 2014 NJASK and 2015 PARCC testing to measure student growth inappropriately combines different tests and their scores and misuses the student testing data to define their academic growth; and

WHEREAS, teachers in tested grades would be unfairly evaluated using the NJASK and PARCC assessment data from 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS; NJEA, NJASA, and NJSBA members are questioning the reliability of the data and the implementation schedule for NJ Achieve and PARCC testing noting that the schedule for implementation is ambitious and unwieldy; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, D-Essex, and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, D- Middlesex, both of whom were sponsors of the NJ Teach Act, have called for a delay in implementing principal and teacher evaluations and PARCC testing; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2013 the U.S. Department of Education offered states the opportunity to seek a waiver under NCLB to delay the use of state test data to evaluate teachers; and

WHEREAS, there may be unanticipated problems with administering the tests in all schools in all NJ school districts that may not be evident after the first year of piloting PARCC tests in a subset of schools within certain districts that volunteered to participate in the pilot.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgewood Board of Education, asks the New Jersey Assembly and Senate, Commissioner Cerf, and the NJ Department of Education to authorize a delay in using state testing data to evaluate principals and teachers until there are two years of PARCC data to measure student growth and instead use the Student Growth Objectives developed by teachers in collaboration with their principals and/or supervisors in the evaluation process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delay allows for any unanticipated problems with implementation of the PARCC tests to be worked out and corrections to PARCC test administration modified if needed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Commissioner Cerf, Senator Steven Sweeney, Assemblyman Vincent Prieto, State Senator Kevin O'Toole, Assemblyman David Russo, Assemblyman Scott Rumana, the New Jersey School Boards Association, New Jersey Education Association, New Jersey Association of School Administrators, New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, and Garden State Coalition of Schools.

Mr. Morgan moved approval of the Resolution to Delay Use of the NJASK and PARCC Testing Data to Evaluate Teachers.

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

AYES: Ms. Krauss, Ms. Lenhard, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Loncto, Ms. Brogan

NAYS: None

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

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Jennifer Ulman  
Assistant Board Secretary