

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Ridgewood Community High School District 234, was held at Ridgewood High School, 7500 West Montrose Avenue, Norridge, Illinois on Monday, October 20, 2025. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT

Secretary Nealon declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:01 PM.

Present: Paul Draniczarek, Jamie Nealon, Frank DiPiero, Lisa Malicki, Chris O'Leary and
Fiona Tanny
Absent: Mike Straughn

Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Kelsall; Assistant Superintendent Tom Parrillo; Principal Eric Lasky, Recording Secretary Cindi Stazzone; and those on the attached list.

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member Nealon and seconded by Member O'Leary, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the October 20, 2025, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as presented.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

The Congressional Honor Award was presented to Laura Krowiak.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

***A. Approved Minutes of:**

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 15, 2025 as Appendix II-A-1
- (2) Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of September 15, 2025 per Appendix II-A-2
- (3) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 7, 2025 per Appendix II-A-3
- (4) Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 8, 2025 per Appendix II-A-4
- (5) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 14, 2025 per Appendix II-A-5

***B. Approved Current Bills, Payrolls & Financial Documents**

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of October 20, 2025
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of September 15 & 30, 2025
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for November 14 & 28, 2025

III. MATTERS RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, INSTRUCTION, STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

A. Principal's Report

1. PACE Framework
2. AI Update

***B. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Track & Field Team**

The Board approved the request for Out of State Travel for Track and Field Team per Appendix III-B.

***C. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for DECA Team**

The Board approved the request for Out of State Travel for DECA Team per Appendix III-C.

***D. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**

The Board approved the requests for Outside Fundraising per Appendix III-D.

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

***A. Approved Personnel Report**

The Board approved the Personnel Report as presented, per Appendix IV-A.

V. MATTERS RELATING TO BUSINESS, FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

***A. Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District**

The Board accepted the monthly report on the financial condition of the District, per Appendix V-A.

***B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**

The Board accepted the monthly investment analysis, per Appendix V-B.

***C. Approved Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for 2025 and Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law**

The Board approved the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for 2025 and Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation law per Appendix V-C.

***D Authorized Application for School Library Grants Available to Illinois School Districts and Approved Matching District Funds**

The Board approved the Application for School Library Grants Available to Illinois School Districts and Approved Matching District Funds per Appendix V-D.

***E. Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of November 19, 2025**

The Board approved date and agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of November 19, 2025 per Appendix V-E.

***F. Approved School Maintenance Project Grant Application**

The Board approved the School Maintenance Project Grant Application per Appendix V-F.

VI. MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF DISTRICT 234

A. Received Correspondence, Announcements, Articles, Reports and Proposed Agendas for Board Meetings

For your information:

1. Superintendent's Report
 - Joint Annual Conference
 - Principal Appreciation
2. Proposed Agenda for November 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

***B Approved Date and Agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 12, 2025**

The Board approved the date and agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 12, 2025 per Appendix VI-B.

***C. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests**

The Board reviewed the current Freedom of Information requests per Enclosure VI-C.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 21 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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| October 23 | Fall Play "Fiction A True Love Story" 7:00 PM Auditorium |
| October 25 | Fall Play "Fiction A True Love Story" 7:00 PM Auditorium |

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| October 26 | Fall Play “Fiction A True Love Story” 2:00 PM Auditorium |
| November 2 | Holiday Market 10:00 – 4:00 |
| November 3 | Institute Day – No School |
| November 5 | Fall Sports Award Ceremony |
| November 8 | Foundation Bingo |
| November 12 | Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting |
| November 17 | Regular Board of Education Meeting |
| November 19 | Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting |

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2025

Motion by Member O’Leary second motion by Member Tanny, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Action</u> |
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| II-A-1 | 3 | Appendix II-A-1 | Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 15, 2025; |
| II-A-2 | 3 | Appendix II-A-2 | Approved minutes of Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of September 20, 2025; |
| II-A-3 | 3 | Appendix II-A-3 | Approved minutes of Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 7, 2025; |
| II-A-4 | 3 | Appendix II-A-4 | Approved minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 8, 2025; |
| II-A-5 | 3 | Appendix II-A-5 | Approved minutes of Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 14, 2025; |
| II-B-1 | 3 | Appendix II-B-1 | Approved Accounts Payable of October 20, 2025; |

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| II-B-2 | 3 | Appendix II-B-2 | Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements; |
| II-B-3 | 3 | Appendix II-B-3 | Ratified Payrolls of September 15 & 30, 2025; |
| II-B-4 | 3 | Narration for II-B-4 | Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for November 14 & 28, 2025; |
| III-B | 4 | Appendix III-B | Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Track and Field; |
| III-C | 4 | Appendix III-C | Approved Request for Out of State Travel for DECA Team; |
| III-D | 4 | Appendix III-D | Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising; |
| IV-A | 5 | Appendix IV-A | Approved the Personnel Report; |
| V-A | 6 | Appendix V-A | Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District; |
| V-B | 6 | Appendix V-B | Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis; |
| V-C | 6 | Appendix V-C | Approved Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2025 and Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law; |
| V-D | 6 | Appendix V-D | Authorized Application for School Library Grants Available to Illinois School Districts and Approved Matching District Funds; |
| V-E | 6 | Appendix V-E | Approved Date and Agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of November 19, 2025; |
| V-F | 6 | Appendix V-F | Approved School Maintenance Project Grant Application; |
| VI-B | 7 | Appendix VI-B | Approved the Date and Agenda for a Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 12, 2025; |

Approved as presented by Roll Call Vote:

| Name | Aye | Nay | Present | Absent |
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| Draniczarek | X | | | |
| Straughn | | | | X |
| Nealon | X | | | |
| DiPiero | X | | | |
| Malicki | X | | | |
| O'Leary | X | | | |
| Tanny | X | | | |

Board President declared the Motion:

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| Carried X | Defeated |
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IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no visitors at this time.

X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

Volleyball tournament was great – the Varsity team beat the school record.
The Golf outing was phenomenal. Lots of people – just a great day.
Night Rally was a success – not as many students attended as expected.

XI. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose: Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

Member Tanny moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to the Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Member Malicki moved, seconded by Member DiPiero, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes to Open Session at 8:32 p.m.

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| Voice Vote: | Aye: 6 | Nay: 0 | Present: 6 | Absent: 1 |
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The President declared the Motion:

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.


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| Voice Vote: | Aye: 6 | Nay: 0 | Present: 6 | Absent: 1 |
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The President declared the Motion:

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| Carried X | Defeated |
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On voice vote, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary