

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING/ADOPTION MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026**

The Budget Hearing/Adoption Meeting of the Board of Education, Ridgewood Community High School District 234, Cook County, Illinois was held in the Community Room on Monday, August 17, 2026 at Ridgewood High School, 7500 West Montrose, Norridge, Illinois. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT

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

Present: Paul Draniczarek, Michael Straughn, Jamie Nealon, Frank DiPiero, Lisa Malicki, Chris O'Leary and Fiona Tanny
Absent: None

Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Kelsall; Assistant Superintendent of Finance Patricia Alvarez; Principal Eric Lasky; Recording Secretary Cindi Stazzone and those on the attached list.

IV. LEGAL NOTICE FOR BUDGET HEARING ENTERED INTO RECORD

The Superintendent read the notice into the record.

LEGAL NOTICE
BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given by the Board of Education of Community High School District #234, Cook County, Illinois, that Tentative Budget for said school district for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. weekdays, except for legal holidays, from July 1, 2026 through August 15, 2026 at Ridgewood High School Business Office, 7500 West Montrose, Norridge, Illinois, in said school district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER given that a Public Hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 P.M. on August 17, 2026 at the Ridgewood High School, 7500 West Montrose, Norridge, Illinois, in said school district.

Dated: December 15, 2025

Board of Education
School District #234
Jamie Nealon
Secretary

V. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET BY THE BOARD AND QUESTIONS BY THE AUDIENCE

The following items were included in this packet:

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| * | School District Budget Form ISBE 50-36 | <u>BUDGET APPENDIX V-A</u> |
| * | Transmittal Letter | <u>BUDGET APPENDIX V-B</u> |
| * | Board Secretary's Certification | <u>BUDGET APPENDIX V-C</u> |

Questions from the public: Assistant Superintendent Alvarez pointed out to the Board of Education that this is the same budget that was presented to them by Tom Parrillo at their June Board of Education meeting.

VI. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Assistant Superintendent read the Resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Ridgewood High School District #234, County of Cook, State of Illinois, has caused to be prepared in tentative form a Budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to the public for inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such budget on the 17th day of August 2026, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 234, COUNTY OF COOK, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to commence July 1, 2026 and to end June 30, 2027.

SECTION 2: That the following budget, attached hereto and made a part hereof, containing an estimate of amounts available in each fund, separately, and of expenditures from each fund be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget of this School District for said fiscal year.

Upon motion by Member Straughn to adopt the above resolution, seconded by Member Malicki.

Approved as presented by Roll Call Vote:

Name	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Draniczarek	X			
Straughn	X			
Nealon	X			
DiPiero	X			
O'Leary	X			
Malicki	X			
Tanny	X			
Board President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

VII. ADJOURNED PUBLIC HEARING

Member O'Leary moved, Second by Member Tanny, Be It Resolved the Board of Education hereby adjourns the Budget Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 7	Absent: 0
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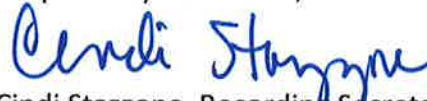
The President declared the Motion:

Carried X

Defeated

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the hearing adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary