

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026**

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, January 26, 2026. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 of District 234 was present at 7:00 PM.

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

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 O'Leary and seconded by Member Straughn, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the January 26, 2026, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

A. Accepted Minutes of:

(1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 15, 2025 per Appendix II-A-1.

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

(1) Approved Accounts Payable of January 26, 2026 per Appendix II-B-1.

(2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.

(3) Ratified Payrolls of December 15 and 31, 2025 per Appendix II-B-3.

(4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for February 13 and 27, 2026

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

A. Principal's Report

1. Articulation Update given by Dr. Eric Lasky
2. Presentation of Students of the Semester

- B. **Approved Request for Outside Fundraisers**
The Board approved the request for outside fundraisers per Appendix III-B.

IV. **MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

- A. **Approved Amended Personnel Report**
The Board approved the Amended Personnel Report as amended.

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

- *A. **Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District**
The Board accepted the Analysis of 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. **Received Annual Debt Disclosure Ordinance Information**
The Board received the Annual Debt Disclosure Ordinance Information, per Appendix V-C.
- *D. **Approved Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting on February 5, 2026**
The Board approved the Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee meeting on February 5, 2026, per Appendix V-D.
- *E. **Accept Donation from Donna Marino for Helping Hands**
The Board accepted the donation from Donna Marino from the Class of 1970 for Helping Hands per Appendix V-E.
- *F. **Accept Donation from Village of Norridge**
The Board accepted the donation from Village of Norridge from their recent auction of the church property per Appendix V-F.
- *G. **Accept Donation from Kiwanis**
The Board accepted the donation from Kiwanis for Band instruments per Appendix V-G.

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
 - a. Student Fees

2. Proposed Agenda for February 23, 2026 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

***B. Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 18, 2026**

The Board approved the Meeting Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 18, 2026 per Appendix VI-B.

***C. Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting on February 4, 2026**

The Board approved the Meeting Date and Agenda for the Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting on February 4, 2026, per Appendix VI-C.

***D. Approved and Adopted Second Reading of Board Policies**

The Board approved and adopted the Reading of Board Policies 2:120, 2:150, 2:270, 4:10, 4:30, 4:80, 4:140, 4:190, 5:10, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:220, 5:280, 5:300, 6:20, 6:40, 6:60, 6:130, 6:160, 6:220, 6:260, 6:300, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 7:10, 7:70, 7:100, 7:140, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:290, 7:315, 7:340, 8:30, 8:100 and policies with no changes: 3:10, 3:50, 3:60, 4:110, 4:150, 4:160, 4:170, 5:20, 5:120, 5:185, 5:190, 6:135, 6:140, 6:210, 6:235, 6:240, 6:270, 6:280, 7:130, 7:250 per Appendix VI-D.

E. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests

The Board reviewed the current Freedom of Information requests per Appendix VI-E.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 26, 2026 UNTIL FEBRUARY 23, 2026

February 4	Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room
February 5	Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting Supt. Conference Room
February 16	President's Day, No School
February 18	Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting, Community Room
February 23	Regular Meeting, Community Room

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2026

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
II-A-1	3	Appendix II-A-1	Approved Minutes of Board of Education of December 15, 2025;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of January 26, 2026;
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 December 15 and December 31, 2025;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for February 13 and February 27, 2026;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved request for Outside Fundraising;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Amended 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	Accepted Annual Debt Disclosure Ordinance Information;
V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting on February 5, 2026;
V-E	6	Appendix V-E	Accepted Donation from Donna Marino from Class of 1970 for Helping Hands;
V-F	6	Appendix V-F	Accepted Donation from Village of Norridge;
V-G	6	Appendix V-G	Accepted Donation from Kiwanis for band instrument;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 18, 2026;

VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting on February 4, 2026
VI-D	7	Appendix VI-D	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies.

Approved as presented by Roll Call Vote:

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

Board President declared the Motion:

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

The recent Pack the Place was a great basketball game against Elmwood Park. We just concluded the second negotiation meeting with the Teachers Union. There were some questions regarding next year's calendar. There was discussion regarding students breaking policies.

XI. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose: Discussion pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8): security procedures, school safety plans, and matters relating to the safety and security of school property, personnel, and students.

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Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Malicki, to convene to Executive Session meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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

Carried X	Defeated
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XII. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the Executive Session meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Carried X	Defeated
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

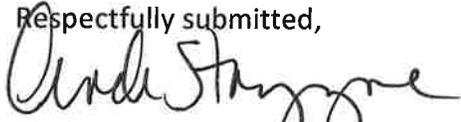
Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Carried X	Defeated
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Respectfully submitted,

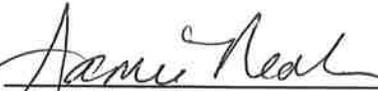


Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary