

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 17, 2025. President Pro Tempore Nealon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT

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

Present: Pro Tempore President Jamie Nealon, Frank DiPiero, Lisa Malicki, Chris O'Leary and Fiona Tanny

Absent: Paul Draniczarek, Mike Straughn

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

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member DiPiero and seconded by Member Tanny to approve the Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda for the November 17, 2025 meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as presented.

On voice vote, Pro Tempore President Jamie Nealon declared the motion carried.

The Girl's Volleyball Team was honored for their accomplishments.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

***A. Approved Minutes of**

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 20, 2025 per Appendix II-A-1.
2. Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of October 20, 2025 per Appendix II-A-2.
3. Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 12, 2025 per Appendix II-A-3.

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

1. Approved Accounts Payable of November 17, 2025 per Appendix II-B-1.
2. Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
3. Ratified Payrolls of October 15 & 31, 2025 per Appendix II-B-3.
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. Dr. Lasky presented the latest School Report Card.

***B. Approved Course Recommendations for the 2026–27 School Year**

The Board approved the course recommendations for the 2026–27 school year per Appendix III-B.

***C. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**

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

***D. Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for Mathletes**

The Board approved the requests for Out of State Travel for Mathletes per Appendix III-D.

***E. Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for Cheerleading**

The Board approved the requests for Out of State Travel for Cheerleading per Appendix III-E.

***F. Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for Boys Basketball Team**

The Board approved the requests for Out of State Travel for Boys Basketball Team per Appendix III-F.

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

***A. Approved Personnel Report**

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

B. Approved Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Employment Contract

Member O'Leary moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby approves the Personnel Report presented in Appendix IV-A and approves the employment contract for Patricia Alvarez as presented in Appendix IV-B.

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 Pro Tempore Jamie Nealon declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

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. Received Donation from Costello Family for Field Improvements**

The Board received the donation from Costello Family for Field Improvements.

***D. Received Donation from Junior Rebels Cheerleading for Ridgewood High School Cheerleading Team**

The Board received the donation from Junior Rebels Cheerleading for Ridgewood High School Cheerleading Team.

***E. Accepted Annual Statement of Affairs**

The Board accepted the Annual Statement of Affairs per Appendix V-E.

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
 - Board Member Appreciation
2. Proposed Agenda for December 15, 2025 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

*** B. Approved First Reading of the Proposed 2026-27 School Calendar**

The Board approved the First Reading of the Proposed 2026-27 School Calendar per Appendix VI-B.

*** C. Approved Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting of December 10, 2025**

The Board approved Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting pf December 10, 2025 per Appendix VI-C.

* **D. Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC)**

The Board approved Intergovernmental Agreement with O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) per Appendix VI-D.

E. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests

The Board reviewed the current Freedom of Information Requests per Enclosure VI-E.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 17 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2025

November 26, 27 and 28	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 3	Winter Concert 7 PM Auditorium
December 10	Policy Subcommittee Meeting 4:30 PM
December 13	Ridgewood Foundation Bingo 6 PM
December 15	Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
II-A-1	3	Appendix II-A-1	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 20, 2025;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of October 20, 2025;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 12, 2025;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of November 17, 2025;
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 October 15 & 31, 2025;
IV-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 Course Recommendations for the 2026-27 School Year;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
III-D	4	Appendix III-D	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Mathletes;
III-E	4	Appendix III-E	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Cheerleading Team;
III-F	4	Appendix III-F	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Boys Basketball Team;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Approve Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations;
V-A	7	Appendix V-A	Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
V-B	7	Appendix V-B	Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis;
V-E	7	Appendix V-E	Received Annual Statement of Affairs;
VI-B	8	Appendix VI-B	Approved First Reading of Proposed 2026-27 School Calendar;
VI-C	8	Appendix VI-C	Approved Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of December 10, 2025 ;
VI-D	8	Appendix VI-D	Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission;

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 Pro Tempore Jamie Nealon declared the Motion:		Carried X		Defeated

IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Patricia Alvarez the new Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to join the Ridgewood Team.

X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

Volleyball semi-finals were very nice and there was a good crowd.

The recent assembly with Alliant was amazing. The military memorial for Veteran's Day was very much appreciated by the local veterans.

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 7:57 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 5	Nay: 0	Present: 5	Absent: 2
The Pro Tempore President Jamie Nealon declared the Motion:			Carried x	Defeated

XII. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Member O'Leary moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes to Open Session at 8:08 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 5	Nay: 0	Present: 5	Absent: 2
The Pro Tempore President Jamie Nealon declared the Motion:			Carried x	Defeated

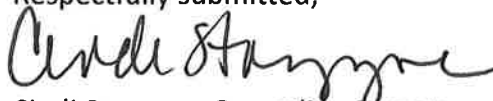
XIII. ADJOURNED

d Motion by Member DiPiero, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

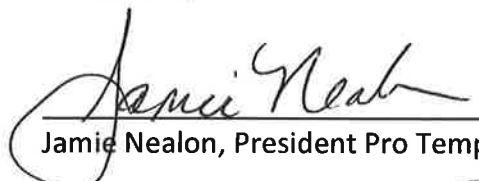
Voice Vote:	Aye: 5	Nay: 0	Present: 5	Absent: 2
The Pro Tempore President Jamie Nealon declared the Motion:			Carried x	Defeated


On voice vote, the President Pro Tempore Jamie Nealon declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


Jamie Nealon, President Pro Tempore


Frank DiPiero, Secretary