

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OF RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Special Board of Education Meeting, Ridgewood Community High School District 234, was held at Ridgewood High School, 7500 West Montrose Avenue, Norridge, Illinois on February 21, 2023. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 of District 234 was present at 6:01 PM.

Present: Members Draniczarek, Jamie Nealon, Frank DiPiero, Chris O'Leary and
Fiona Tanny

Absent: Lisa Malicki , Mike Straughn

Also present was Superintendent Jennifer Kelsall, Principal Gina Castellano and Dean David Hawk.

Approved Agenda for the "SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 23
RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, FEBRUARY 21, 2023" as presented.

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member DiPiero, to approve the agenda for the February 21, 2023 Special Meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as presented.

On voice vote President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

II. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose: To Discuss Student Disciplinary Case Number 20231.

Member O'Leary moved, seconded by Member Tanny, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to the Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss Student Disciplinary Case 20231.

On voice vote President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Member Nealon moved, seconded by Member Tanny, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes to Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

On voice vote President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

III. APPROVED RECOMMENDATION OF ACTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CASE

I move that, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing held, on February 21, 2023, the Board of Education finds that Student Number 20231 has committed acts of gross misconduct as described by the District's Administration, in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior.

I move that the Board of Education expel the student from Ridgewood High School, for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year, but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and the student be administratively transferred to an alternative school, or another alternative school as determined by the District's Administration, pursuant to Article 13A of the Illinois School Code.

I move that the expulsion be held in abeyance, contingent upon the student's full participation, during the remainder of the expulsion period, in the alternative school program. I move that, should the student fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and/or the alternative school refers the student back to the District, the student shall be immediately expelled from the District, for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration, without further action of the Board.

I move that the Superintendent (or Superintendent's Designee) issue the Board's written decision on the student's expulsion, consistent with the Board's discussions in closed session.

Member Nealon seconded by Member Tanny, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby approves the Recommendation of action for Student Disciplinary Case 20231 as presented.

Approve as presented by Roll Call Vote:

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

IV. **RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

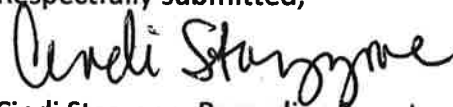
There were no visitors at this time.

V. **ADJOURNED**

Member O'Leary , Seconded by Member Tanny, Be It Resolved the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 8:02 p.m.

On voice vote President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary