

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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, March 16, 2026. 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 of District 234 was present at 7:02 PM.

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

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

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member Nealon and seconded by Member DiPiero, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the March 16, 2026, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

o II. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Purpose: Residency To discuss Student Residency Case Number 2026.4JG.

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member Tanny, to convene to the Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

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

o III. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

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

o IV. APPROVED RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT RESIDENCY CASE 2026.4JG

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member Nealon, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby approves the recommendation of Action A (A or B below) for residency for student #2026.4JG as presented.

Motions A if Board Determines Students to be Non-Residents -- RECOMMENDED

I move, based upon and after the Board’s consideration of the written evidence and testimony presented at the residency hearing held on February 24, 2026, the Board of Education find that Student Numbers 2026.4JG is not a legal resident of Ridgewood High School District No. 234 and not, therefore, entitled to attend District 234 schools on a tuition free basis.

I move, pursuant to the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a and 10-20.12b, that the Board of Education charge the parents the student’s tuition for the student’s attendance in the District schools during the 2025-2026 school year at the annual per capita tuition charge of \$16,074 prorated for 120 days of attendance, from the first day of the 2025-2026 school year though today’s date, and charge the family the daily tuition rate of \$133.95 for each additional day the student attends District 234 until the student establishes residency in the District or is dis-enrolled or withdrawn from District 234.

Motion B if Board Determines Students to be Residents – NOT RECOMMENDED

I move, based upon and after the Board’s consideration of the written evidence and testimony presented at the residency hearing held on February 24, 2026, the Board of Education find that Student Number 2026.4JG is a legal resident of school on a tuition free basis.

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**

oV. APPROVED RECOMMENDATION FOR ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF REMEDIAL WARNING TO A TENURED TEACHER

The Board Approved the Recommendation for Issuance of Notice of Remedial Warning to a Tenured Teacher.

Member Straughn and seconded by Member Nealon to Approve Recommendation for Issuance of Notice of Remedial Warning to a Tenured Teacher.

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

VI. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

- *A. Approved Minutes of:**
 - (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 23, 2026
 - (2) Executive Session of Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 23, 2026
 - (3) Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of February 18, 2026
 - (4) Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 4, 2026
 - (5) Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of March 11, 2026

- *B. Approved Current Bills, Payrolls & Financial Documents**
 - (1) Approved Accounts Payable of March 16, 2026
 - (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements.
 - (3) Ratified Payrolls of February 13 & 27, 2026
 - (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for April 15 & 30, 2026

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

- A. Principal’s Report**
 - a. AP Seminar – Students gave presentations on their recent project.

- *B. Approved IHSA Membership for the 2026-27 School Year**

The Board approved the membership renewal in the Illinois High School Association Membership for the 2026-27 School Year per Appendix VII-B.

- *C. **Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**
The Board approved the requests for outside fundraising per Appendix VII-C.
- *D. **Approved Consolidated District Plan**
The Board approved the Consolidated District Plan per Appendix VII-D.
- *E. **Approved Out of State Travel for America’s Youth AI Festival**
The Board approved the Out of State Travel Request for America’s Youth AI Festival per Appendix VII-E.
- *F. **Approved Out of State Travel DECA**
The Board approved the Out of State Travel Request for DECA per Appendix VII-F.

VIII. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

- *A. **Approved Amended Personnel Report**
The Board approved the Amended Personnel Report as presented, per Appendix VIII-A.
- *B. **Approved Re-Employment of Non-Tenured Certified Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year**
The Non-Tenured Certified Personnel currently employed by District 234 were Recommended for re-employment for the 2026-27 School year listed below as Appendix VIII-B.

Name	Year	Name	Year
Fanellis, Christina	1	Williams, Michael	2
Ferrante, Michael	1		
Morawiec, Michael	2		
Parada, Michelle	2		
Pizzo, Martina	2		

- *C. **Approved the Roster of Certified Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year**
The Board Approved the Roster of Certified Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year per Appendix VIII-C.
- *D. **Approved the Roster of Educational Support Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year**
The Board Approved the Roster of Educational Support Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year per Appendix VIII-D.

***E. Approved Extra Per Diem Assignments for Professional Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year**

The Board Approved the Extra Per Diem Assignments for Professional Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year per Appendix VIII-E.

IX. 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 IX-A.

***B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**

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

***C. Accepted Presentation of Bids for Fire Suppression**

The Board accepted the presentation of bids for fire suppression, per Appendix IX-C.

***D. Accepted Presentation of Bids for Asphalt Repairs/Replacement**

The Board accepted the Presentation of Bids for Asphalt Repairs/Replacement per Appendix IX-D.

X. 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

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Staffing 26-27
 - b. End of Year Update
 - c. Retirements
2. Proposed Agenda for the April 20, 2026 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure X-A-2.

***B. Approved Request for Ridgewood Foundation Fundraisers for the 2026-27 School Year**

The Board approved the annual Request from the Ridgewood Foundation for 2026-27 School Year Fundraisers per Appendix X-B.

***C. Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2026**

The Board of Education Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2026 per Appendix X-C.

XI. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR MARCH 16 THROUGH APRIL 20, 2026

March 18	Spring Concert
March 30 through April 6	Spring Break
April 7	Classes Resume
	NHS Induction
April 11	Foundation Bingo 6 PM Fieldhouse
April 20	Regular Board of Education Meeting,

XII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2026

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
VI-A-1	5	Appendix VI-A-1	Approved minutes for Regular Board of Education meeting held on February 23, 2026;
VI-A-2	5	Appendix VI-A-2	Approved minutes for Executive Session of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on February 23, 2026;
VI-A-3	5	Appendix VI-A-3	Approved minutes for Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting held on February 18, 2026;
VI-A-4	5	Appendix VI-A-4	Approved Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting held on March 4, 2026;
VI-A-5	3	Appendix VI-A-5	Approved Building & Ground Subcommittee Meeting held on March 11, 2026;
VI-B-1	5	Appendix VI-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of March 16, 2026;
VI-B-2	5	Appendix VI-B-2	Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements;
VI-B-3	5	Appendix VI-B-3	Ratified Payrolls of February 13 and 27, 2026;
VI-B-4	5	Narration for VI-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for April 15 & 30, 2026;
VII-B	6	Appendix VII-B	Approved IHSA Membership for the 2026-27 School Year;
VII-C	6	Appendix VII-C	Approved Request for Outside Fundraising;

VII-D	6	Appendix VII-D	Approved Consolidated District Plan;
VII-E	6	Appendix VII-E	Approved Out of State Travel for America's Youth AI Festival;
VII-F	6	Appendix VII-F	Approved Out of State Travel for DECA;
VIII-A	7	Appendix VIII-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;
VIII-B	7	Appendix VIII-B	Approved Re-Employment of Non-Tenured, Certified Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year;
VIII-C	7	Appendix VIII-C	Approved Re-Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year;
VIII-D	7	Appendix VIII-D	Approved Re-Employment of Educational Support Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year;
VIII-E	7	Appendix VIII-E	Approved Extra Per Diem Assignments for Professional Personnel for the 2026-27 School Year;
IX-A	8	Appendix IX-A	Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
IX-B	8	Appendix IX-B	Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis;
IX-C	8	Appendix IX-C	Accepted Presentation of Bids for Fire Suppression;
IX-D	8	Appendix IX-D	Accepted Presentation of Bids for Asphalt Repairs/Replacement;
X-B	9	Appendix X-B	Approved Request for Ridgewood Foundation Fundraisers for the 2026-27 School Year;
X-C	9	Appendix X-C	Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2026.

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	

XIII. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no visitors at this time.

XIV. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

The 125th anniversary of Union Ridge was recently held. They had discussion panels with prior board members and gave tours of the school. It was very nice.

The Future Educators of American were recently at Union Ridge for Read across America. It was very nice.

XVII. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member DiPiero, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: X	Absent:
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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