

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

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, April 17, 2023. President *Pro Tempore* Straughn called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM immediately following the Reorganization Board of Education meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was dispensed.

QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT

Board Secretary Nealon declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:11 PM.

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

Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Kelsall; Assistant Superintendent Tom Parrillo; Principal Gina Castellano; Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary and those on the attached list.

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion by Member Nealon, second motion by Member Tanny, to approve the agenda for April 17, 2023 meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 5	Absent: 2
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The President *Pro Tempore* declared the Motion:

Carried X

Defeated

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

***A. Approved Minutes of:**

- (1) Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 8, 2023 per Appendix II-A-1.
- (2) Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of March 16, 2023 per Appendix II-A-2.
- (3) Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 20, 2023 per Appendix II-A-3.
- (4) Executive Session of Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 20, 2023 per Appendix II-A-4.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of April 17, 2023 per Appendix II-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.

- (3) Ratified Payrolls of March 15 & 31, 2023 per Appendix II-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for May 15 & 31, 2023

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

A. Principal's Report

- 1. Approved 2023-24 Parent/Student Handbook per Appendix III-A-1.
- 2. Approved Student Travel to Italy during Spring Break 2024 per Appendix III-A-2.

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

A. Approved Personnel Report

The Board approved the Amended Personnel Report per Exhibit IV-A.

o B. Approved 2023-24 Salary Increases for Educational Support Personnel Exempt From Collective Bargaining Unit

Member Nealon moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approves the 2023-24 Salary Increases for Educational Support Staff exempt from the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented in Appendix IV-B.

Approve 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 <i>Pro Tempore</i> President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

o C. Approved Administrative Contracts for the 2023-24 School Year

Member Nealon moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approves the Administrative Contracts for the 2023-24 school year as presented in Appendix IV-C.

Approve 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 <i>Pro Tempore</i> President 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. Approved Audit Engagement Letters for FY2023**

By law, each school district must perform a financial audit annually by a firm licensed to conduct them in the state. Single audits are required for districts receiving in excess of \$750,000. The proposal from Baker Tilly was included in Appendix V-C.

***D. Approved Date and Agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 9, 2023**

The Board approved the date and agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 9, 2023 per Appendix V-D.

VI. MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF DISTRICT 234

A. Receive Correspondence, Announcements, Articles, Reports and Proposed Agendas for Board Meetings

For your information:

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. End of year calendar
 - b. Norridge 75th Anniversary Parade
 - c. Memorial Day Wreath
 - d. Statement of Economic Interest
2. Proposed Agenda for May 15, 2023 Board of Education Meeting

***B. Retroactively Approve Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of April 14, 2023**

The Board retroactively approved Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of April 14, 2023 per Appendix VI-B.

***C. Approved First Reading of Board Policies**

The Board is asked to approve the First Reading of Board Policies: 2:110, 3:40, 4:60, 5:30, 5:90, 5:125, 5:150, 5:260, 6:135; and 6:230 and First Reading of Board Policies with no changes: 5:170 and 8:20 per Appendix VI-C.

D. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests

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

E. Reviewed Current Board of Education Committee Assignments

The Board is asked to review the current Board of Education Committee Assignments and advise of any changes to assignments per Enclosure VI-E.

F. Reviewed Current Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2023-24 School Year

The Board reviewed the current Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2023-24 School Year per Enclosure VI-F.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR APRIL 17 THROUGH MAY 15, 2023

Monday, April 17	Board of Education Reorganization Meeting Community Room 7 PM
Thursday, April 20	Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM Community Room
Friday, April 28	Spring Musical 7 PM Auditorium
Saturday, April 29	Spring Musical 7 PM Auditorium
Sunday, April 30	Spring Musical 2 PM Auditorium
Saturday, April 29	Community Kindness Day
Monday, May 8	Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM Community Room
Wednesday, May 10	Parent's Club Meeting 6 PM Fieldhouse
Thursday, May 11	Academic Awards Night 7 PM Auditorium
Saturday, May 13	Parent's Club Bingo 6 PM Old Gym
Monday, May 15	Festa Italiana/Festa Latina 10:50 AM Auditorium
Monday, May 15	Regular Board Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room

VIII. TAKE FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2023

Motion by Member Nealon, second motion by Member Tanny, 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 Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 8, 2023;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved Minutes of Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of March 16, 2023;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 20, 2023;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved Minutes of Executive Session of Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 20, 2023;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of April 17, 2023;
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 March 15 & 31, 2023;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for May 15 & 31, 2023;
III-A-1	4	Appendix III-A-1	Approved Parent/Student 2023-24 Handbook;
III-A-2	4	Appendix III-A-2	Approved Student Travel to Italy during Spring Break 2024;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Personnel Report as amended;
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	Approved Audit Engagement Letters for FY2023;

V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 9, 2023;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Retroactively Approved Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of April 14, 2023;
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved First Reading of Board Policies: 2:110, 3:40, 4:60, 5:30, 5:90, 5:125; 5:150; 5:260; 6:135; 6:230 and Board Policies 5:170 and 8:20 with no changes.

Approve 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 <i>Pro Tempore</i> President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Public Act 83-787 (eff. Sept. 24, 1983) requires at each regular and special meeting which is open to the public, members of the public and employees of the district shall be afforded time, subject to reasonable constraints, to comment to or ask questions of the board. The RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234 Board of Education will accept comments or questions from the public, and/or employees at this time. There were no visitors at this time.

X. CONDUCT BOARD FORUM

All Board Members will be attending the 75th Anniversary Parade in August.

There was discussion regarding the swatting calls.

There was discussion regarding the recent survey sent to staff.

A board member discussed the recent Handbook meeting that was attended. There was a lot of discussion regarding tardies and truancy with students.

Bingo was well attended but not the usual large crowd, possibly because it was Easter weekend.

Students from Union Ridge recently visited for Transition Day. They enjoyed their visit and were able to visit classrooms.

A board member attended the Fluid Power Challenge. It was very impressive and the students were able to go into the cafeteria to show their projects.

The recently re-elected Board Members were thanked for serving another 4 years.

XI. 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.

Member Malicki moved, seconded by Member DiPiero, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to the Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 5	Absent: 2
The <i>Pro Tempore</i> President declared the Motion:			Carried x	Defeated

ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member Malicki, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 5	Absent: 2
The <i>Pro Tempore</i> President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

XII. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member DiPiero, second motion by Member Malicki, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 5	Absent: 2
The <i>Pro Tempore</i> President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

Respectfully submitted,


Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


Mike Straughn, *Pro Tempore* President


Jamie Nealon, Secretary