

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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, April 20, 2026. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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 7:02 PM.

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

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

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member DiPiero, to approve the agenda for April 20, 2026 meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 5</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>
--------------------	---------------	-------------	-------------------	------------------

The President Draniczarek declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
------------------	-----------------

**II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

**\*A. Approved Minutes of:**

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 16, 2026
- (2) Executive Session of Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 16, 2026
- (3) Code of Conduct Meeting of March 20, 2026

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of April 20, 2026
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of March 13 & 31, 2026
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for May 15 & 29, 2026

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

**A. Principal's Report**

High School Credit at Middle School

**\*1. Approved 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook**

The Board approved the 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook per Appendix III-A-1.

**\*2. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**

The Board approved the Requests for Outside Fundraising per Appendix III-A-2.

**\*3. Approved Requests for Out of State Travel to Spain for Spanish Club**

The Board approved the Requests for Out of State Travel to Spain for Spanish Club per Appendix III-A-3.

**IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

**\*A. Approved Personnel Report**

The Board approved the Personnel Report as amended, per Appendix IV-A.

**O B. Approved Collective Bargaining Agreement with Ridgewood Teachers' Union**

Member Nealon moved, seconded by Member Straughn, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Ridgewood Teachers Union per Appendix V-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 declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

**VI. 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 VI-A.
- \*B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**  
The Board accepted the monthly investment analysis, per Appendix VI-B.
- \*C. Approved Audit Engagement Letters for FY2027**  
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 letters from Baker Tilly were included in Appendix VI-C.
- \*D. Approved Date and Agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 14, 2026**  
The Board approved the date and agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 14, 2026 per Appendix VI-D.
- \*E. Approved Renewal of Organic Life Service Agreement**  
The Board approved Renewal of Organic Life Service Agreement per Appendix VI-E.
- \*F. Accepted Presentation of Bids for Asphalt Summer Paving Project**  
The Board accepted Presentation of Bids for Asphalt Summer Paving Project per Appendix VI-F.
- \*G. Accepted Presentation of Bids for Fire Suppression – STEM area Project**  
The Board accepted Presentation of Bids for Fire Suppression – STEM Area Project per Appendix VI-G.

**VII. 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. Memorial Day Wreath
    - b. Statement of Economic Interest
    - c. Board Retreat
  2. Proposed Agenda for May 19, 2026 Board of Education Meeting

- \*B. Retroactively Approved Agenda for Code of Conduct Meeting of March 20, 2026**  
The Board approved Agenda for Code of Conduct Meeting of March 20, 2026 per Appendix VII-B.
- \*C. Approved Date and Agenda for Education Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2026**  
The Board approved the date and agenda for Education Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2026 per Appendix VII-C.
- \*D. Approved Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting**  
The Board approved the date and agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 4, 2026 per Appendix VII-D.
- \*E. Accepted Revisions to Ridgewood Foundation Fundraiser Dates**  
The Board accepted Revisions to Ridgewood Foundation Fundraiser dates per Appendix VII-E.
- \*F. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests**  
The Board reviewed the current Freedom of Information Requests per Enclosure VII-F.

**VIII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR APRIL 20 THROUGH MAY 18, 2026**

<b>April 22</b>	<b>Red Carpet "Dirty Hands" Auditorium</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>Bring Your Child To Work Day</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Variety Show</b>
<b>April 29</b>	<b>Activities Banquet</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Policy Subcommittee Meeting</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>PROM</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Foundation Bingo 6 PM Old Gym</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Academic Awards Building &amp; Grounds Subcommittee Meeting</b>

May 18

Graduation

May 19

Regular Board Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room

**IX. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2026**

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member Nealon, to approve the Consent Agenda amended.

<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 March 16, 2026;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved Minutes of Executive Session of Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 16, 2026;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved Minutes of Code of Conduct Meeting of March 20, 2026;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of April 20, 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 March 13 & 31, 2026;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for May 15 & 29, 2026;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved Parent/Student 2026-27 Handbook;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
III-D	4	Appendix III-D	Approved Out of State Travel for Spanish Club to Spain;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;
VI-A	7	Appendix VI-A	Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis;
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved Audit Engagement Letters for FY2026;

VI-D	7	Appendix VI-D	Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 14, 2026;
VI-E	7	Appendix VI-E	Approved Renewal of Organic Life Service Agreement;
VI-F	7	Appendix VI-F	Accepted presentation of bids for asphalt summer paving project;
VI-G	7	Appendix VI-G	Accepted presentation of bids for fire suppression – STEM area;
VII-B	8	Appendix VII-B	Retroactively Approved Agenda for Code of Conduct Meeting of March 20, 2026;
VII-C	8	Appendix VII-C	Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee Meeting of May 13, 2026;
VII-D	8	Appendix VII-D	Approved Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 4, 2026;
VII-E	8	Appendix VII-E	Accepted Revisions to Ridgewood Foundation Fundraiser Dates.

**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: 

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
------------------	-----------------

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

Two members of the Norridge United Soccer Club spoke about their limited space and wanting to use our fields and facilities.

**XI. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM**

The National Honor Society Induction was very nice. The Veterans Memorial has been restored in the courtyard. The American Legion is going to help organize a dedication sometime in November.

The recent band concert was very nice and well attended.

The Italian National Honor Society recently visited the Cultural Center in Stone Park for a field trip. The students were very well behaved and it was a great experience for them.

**XII. 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.

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member DiPiero, to convene to the Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 5</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>
--------------------	---------------	-------------	-------------------	------------------

The President declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>

**XIII. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member DiPiero, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 8:31 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 5</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>
--------------------	---------------	-------------	-------------------	------------------

The President declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
------------------	-----------------

**XIV. ADJOURNED**

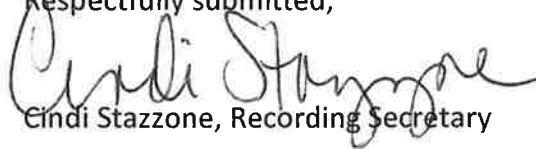
Motion by Member DiPiero, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: 5</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 5</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>
--------------------	---------------	-------------	-------------------	------------------


The President declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
------------------	-----------------

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Draniczarek, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Nealon, Secretary