

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 19, 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, May 19, 2026. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 7:00 PM.

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

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

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member Tanny, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the May 19, 2026, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as presented.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approved Minutes of:

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 20, 2026 per Appendix II-A-1
- (2) Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of April 20, 2026 per Appendix II-A-2
- (3) Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 4, 2026 per Appendix II-A-3

B. Approved Current Bills, Payrolls & Financial Documents

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of May 19, 2026 per Appendix II-B-1
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of April 15 & 30, 2026 per Appendix II-B-3
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for June 15 & 30, 2026

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

A. Principal's Report

***B. Approved Title I Schoolwide Plan**

The Board approved the Title I Schoolwide Plan per Appendix III-B.

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

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

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

***A. Approved Personnel Report**

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

***B. Approved Contract Stipend for Librarian for 2026-27 School Year**

The Board approved Contract Stipend for Librarian for the 2026-27 School Year per Appendix IV-B.

***C. Approved Contract Stipend for Division Heads for 2026-27 School Year**

The Board approved Contract Stipend for Division Heads for 2026-27 School Year per Appendix IV-C.

o D. Approved Administrative Contracts for the 2026-27 School Year

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member O'Leary, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approves the Administrative Contracts for the 2026-27 school year as presented in Appendix IV-D.

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

o E. Approved 2026-27 Salary Increases for Educational Support Personnel Exempt From Collective Bargaining Agreement

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member O’Leary, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approves the Salary Increases for Educational Support Personnel Exempt from Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented in Appendix IV-E.

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

o F. Approved One Year Extension of Administrative Contract for Superintendent through the 2027-28 School Year

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234, hereby Approves the Administrative Contract for Superintendent through the 2027-28 school year as presented in Appendix IV-F.

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

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 Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of June 8, 2026**

The Board approved date and agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of June 8, 2026 per Appendix V-C.

***D. Accepted Donation of \$9,000 from Ridgewood Foundation for Activity Funds**

The Board accepted the donation of \$9,000.00 from the Ridgewood Foundation for Ridgewood Activity Funds per Appendix V-D.

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

- a. End of Year Events
- b. Review Board goals

2. Approved Proposed Agenda for the June 29, 2026 Board of Education Meeting

The Board approved the Proposed Agenda for the June 29, 2026 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

***B. Approved First Reading of Board Policy 3.20 Organization Chart**

The Board approved First Reading of Board Policy 3.20 Organization Chart per Appendix VI-B.

***C. Approved Date and Agenda for the June 9, 2026 Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting**

The Board approved Date and Agenda for the June 9, 2026 Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting per Appendix VI-C.

- *D. Approved First Reading of Board Policies**
The Board approved the First Reading of Board Policies: 2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 2:260, 4:165, 5:30, 5:50, 5:250, 5:330, 6:50, 6:65, 6:100, 6:145, 6:170, 6:180 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:185, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:260, 7:280, 7:300, 890 and policies with no changes 2:265, 4:40 per Appendix VI-D.
- *E. Accepted Memorandum of Understanding for Loyalty Bonus Payment dates**
The Board accepted the Memorandum of Understanding for Loyalty Bonus Payment dates per Appendix VI-E.
- *F. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests**
The Board reviewed the Current Freedom of Information Requests per Enclosure VI-F.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR MAY 19 THROUGH JUNE 29, 2026

May 20	POPS Concert 7 PM
May 25	Memorial Day – No School
May 27	Last Day of Classes
May 28	Retirement Celebration
	Teacher Work Day
June 1	Union Ridge Graduation
June 2	Giles Graduation
June 3	Athletic Awards Ceremony 6 PM
June 8	Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting
June 9	Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting
June 29	Regular Board Meeting

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 19, 2025

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member Chris O’Leary, 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 Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 20, 2026;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Executive Session of Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 20, 2026;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 4, 2026;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of May 19, 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 April 15 and 30, 2026;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for June 15 & 30, 2026;
III-B	3	Appendix III-B	Approved Title I Schoolwide Plan;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Approved Contract Stipend for Librarian for 2026-27 School Year;
IV-C	5	Appendix IV-C	Approved Contract Stipend for Division Heads for 2026-27 School Year;
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 Agenda and Date for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of June 8, 2026;
V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Accepted \$9,000 Donation from Ridgewood Foundation for Activity Funds;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved First Reading of Board Policy 3.20 Organization Chart;
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved Agenda and Date for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of June 9, 2025;
VI-D	7	Appendix VI-D	Approved First Reading of Board Policies: 2.200, 2.220, 2.260, 4.165, 5.30, 5.50, 5.250, 5.330, 6.50, 6.65, 6:100, 6:145, 6:170, 6:180, 7.20, 7.50, 7.100, 7.185, 7.220, 7.230, 7.240, 7.260, 7.280, 7.300, 8.90, and policies with no changes 2:265, 4.40.
VI-E	7	Appendix VI-E	Accepted Memorandum of Understanding for Loyalty Payment dates.

Approved as presented by Roll Call Vote:

Name	Present	Absent
Draniczarek	X	
Straughn	X	
Nealon	X	
DiPiero	X	
O'Leary	X	
Malicki	X	
Tanny	X	

Board President declared the Motion:

Carried X	Defeated
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IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Joe Dellaria, paraprofessional, visited the meeting to see how the meetings are conducted.

X. CONDUCT BOARD FORUM

Graduation went very well. Everyone was happy with the ceremony. There was some discussion about how the students/teachers process out of the ceremony.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion by Member Chris O'Leary, second motion by Member Fiona Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay: 0	Present: 7	Absent: 0
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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