

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**

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, June 23, 2025. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Lisa Malicki and Chris O'Leary  
Absent: Fiona Tanny

Also present were Assistant Superintendent Tom Parrillo; Dean of Students 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 June 23, 2025, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

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 24, 2025
- (2) Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 14, 2025
- (3) Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2025
- (4) Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 19, 2025
- (5) Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of June 11, 2025
- (6) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of June 17, 2025

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of June 23, 2025
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of May 15 and May 30, 2025
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for July 15 & 31 and August 15 & 29, 2025
- (5) Authorized Signing of Accounts Payable Voucher for July 15, 2025

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

**A. Principal's Report**

1. Dean's End of Year Report was presented by Dean of Students, Ryan Goldflies.

**\*B. Approved Revisions to Parent/Student Handbook**

The Board approved the Revisions to the Parent/Student Handbook per Appendix III-B.

**\*C. Accepted Ridgewood Band Booster Financial Update**

The Board approved the Ridgewood Band Booster Financial Update per Enclosure III-C.

**\*D. Approved Request for Outside Fundraising**

The Board approved the Request for Outside Fundraising per Appendix III-D.

**IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

**\*A. Approved Personnel Report**

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

**\*B. Authorized Letters of Re-employment for Substitute Teachers**

Letters to substitute teachers are sent annually as notification for re-employment under the same terms and conditions for the upcoming school year. This serves the purpose of thanking them, requesting their services for another year, and preventing unemployment compensation during the months when their service is not needed. Letters will be mailed to the substitutes listed below

Adzic, Semina	Misiarz, Radoslaw
Bagovska, Kina	Nardulli, Guy
Carbonaro, Maria	O'Connor, Larry
Dal Cerro, William	Pasterz, Ryan
Duric-Vladusic, Ivana	Petkovic, Nicolette
Feehan, Patrick	Pezzuto, Chritina
Ferraro, Henry	Ramirez, Benjamin
Krueger, Alex	Rutherford, James
Krueger, Alexis	Statter, Chris
McFall, Taylor	Velaquez, Efram

**\*C. Approved Support Staff Handbook Revisions for 2025-26 School Year**

The Board approved the revisions to the 2025-26 Support Staff Handbook, per Appendix IV-C.

**\*D Approved Co-Curricular Staff for the 2025-26 School Year**

The Board approved the Co-Curricular Staff for the 2025-26 School Year per Appendix IV-D.

**\*E Approved Faculty Handbook Revisions for 2025-26 School Year**

The Board approved the revisions to the 2025-26 Faculty Handbook, per Appendix IV-E.

**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 Annual List of Vendors**

The auditors require that the Board of Education review the list of approved vendors to be utilized by the District. That list, along with vendors in the Accounts Payable listing for tonight's board meeting, comprise the approved list of vendors for the District. The list is attached in Appendix V-C.

**O D. Approved Fund Balance Resolution**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Standard 54 requires that the Board classify fund balances, noting the order in which accumulated funds will be expended. The Resolution is provided in Appendix V-D.

Motion by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member Nealon to Approve Fund Balance Resolution as presented.

**Approved 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 Draniczarek declared the Motion:

**Carried X**

**Defeated**

**\*E Approved Tentative Budget for FY2026**

The Tentative Budget will be available for review by the public for thirty days prior to a Budget Hearing and adoption by the Board of Education at the August 18, 2025 meeting. The Tentative Budget is attached in Appendix V-E.

**O F. Approved Interest Transfer Resolution**

State law provides that interest earned during the year may be transferred to another fund and used for the purposes of the receiving fund. Mr. Parrillo recommended transferring interest earned from the Debt Services Fund to the Capital Projects fund. The resolution was provided as Appendix V-F.

Motion by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member Nealon to Approve Fund Balance Resolution as presented.

**Approved 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 Draniczarek declared the Motion:			<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>

**\*G Approved District Naming Depositories**

The Board approved the District naming depositories as provided per Appendix V-G.

**\*H. Approved Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 11, 2025**

The Board approved date and agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 11, 2025 per in Appendix V-H.

**\*I. Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 2, 2025**

The Board approved date and agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 2, 2025 per in Appendix V-I.

**\*J. Approved Contract with Interquest Detection Canines for Substance Awareness**

The Board approved the contract with Interquest Detection Canines for Substance Awareness per Appendix V-J.

**\*K Approved Community Input on Local Assessment Purchase**

The Board approved Community Input on Local Assessment Purchase per Appendix V-K.

**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**

AAA Conference

Succession Planning for Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

**2. Approved Proposed Agenda for August 18, 2025 Budget and Adoption Board of Education Meeting**

The Board approved the Proposed Agenda for August 18, 2025 Budget and Adoption Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

**3. Approved Proposed Agenda for August 18, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting**

The Board approved the Proposed Agenda for August 18, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-3.

**\*B. Approved Date and Agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of August 7, 2025**

The Board approved date and agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of August 7, 2025 per Appendix VI-B.

**\*C. Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**

The Board approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 2:40, 2:260, 2:265, 2:270, 4:165, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:100; 5:120, 5:300, 7:10., 7:20, 7:180, 7:185, and review the following policies 2:60, 2:140, 4:20, 6:60, 6:185 with no changes per Appendix VI-C.

**\*D. Approved Memorandum of Understanding for Teacher Overload**

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Teacher Overload per Appendix VI-D.

**E. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests**

The Board reviewed the Current Freedom of Information Requests per Enclosure VI-E.

**VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR JUNE 23, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

August 4	Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting
August 8	Foundation Bags Tournament @ Divine Savior
August 11	Institute Day
	Fall Sports Begin
	Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting
August 12 & August 13	Teacher Work Day
August 13	Policy Subcommittee Meeting
August 14	First Day of Classes
August 18	Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room
September 2	Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting

**VIII. TAKE FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2025**

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member Straughn, 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 24, 2025;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Building & Grounds Meeting of May 14, 2025;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 15, 2025;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 19, 2025;
II-A-5	3	Appendix II-A-5	Approved minutes of Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of June 11, 2025;
II-A-6	3	Appendix II-A-6	Approved minutes of Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of June 17, 2025;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of June 23, 2025;
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 May 15 and May 30, 2025;

II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for July 15 and July 31 and August 15 and August 29, 2025;
II-B-5	3	Narration for II-B-5	Authorized signing of Accounts Payable Voucher for July 15, 2025;
III-B	3	Appendix III-B	Approved Revisions to Parent/Student Handbook;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Accept Ridgewood Band Booster Financial Update;
III-D	4	Appendix III-D	Approved Request for Outside Fundraising;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Authorized Letters of Re-employment for Substitute Teachers;
IV-C	5	Appendix IV-C	Approved Support Staff Handbook Revisions for 2025-26 School Year;
IV-D	5	Appendix IV-D	Approved Co-Curricular Staff for the 2025-26 School Year;
IV-E	5	Appendix IV-E	Approved Faculty Handbook Revisions for 2025-26 School Year;
V-A	6	Appendix V-A	Accept Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
V-B	6	Appendix V-B	Accept Monthly Investment Analysis;
V-C	6	Appendix V-C	Approve Annual List of Vendors;
V-E	6	Appendix V-E	Approved Tentative Budget for FY 2026;
V-G	7	Appendix V-G	Approved District Naming Depositories;
V-H	7	Appendix V-H	Approved date and agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 11, 2025;
V-I	7	Appendix V-I	Approved date and agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 2, 2025;
V-J	7	Appendix V-J	Approved contract with Interquest Detection Canines for Substance Awareness and Detection;

V-K	8	Appendix V-K	Approved Community Input on Local Assessments Agreement;
VI-B	9	Appendix VI-B	Approved Date and Agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of August 7, 2025;
VI-C	9	Appendix VI-C	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 2.260, 2.265, 4.15, 4.80, 5.10, 5.20, 5.60, 5.100, 6.150, 6.235, 7.10, 7.20, 7.50, 7.60, 7.70, 7.180, 7.185, 7.190, 7.200, 7.210, 7.250, 7.255, 7.270, 7.315, 7.340, 8.30, and policies with no changes 4.120, 6.310;
VI-D	9D	Appendix VI-D	Approved Memorandum of Understanding for Teacher Overload.

**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 Draniczarek declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

**IX. RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

There were no visitors at this time.

**X. CONDUCT BOARD FORUM**

The graduation ceremony was very nice. There were a lot of positive comments about the ceremony and it being held outside.

Elementary School camps will be here in July. The students are looking forward to it.

**XI. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Purpose: To Discuss Student Residency Case Number 2025JM and 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 DiPiero moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to the Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss Student Residency Case Number 2025JM.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
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The President declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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**XII. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION**

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
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The President declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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**XIII. APPROVED RECOMMENDATION OF ACTION FOR STUDENT RESIDENCY CASE**

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby approved the recommendation of Action A for Student Residency Case Number 2025JM.

**Approve as presented by Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Draniczarek	X			
Straughn	X			
Nealon	X			
DiPiero	X			
Malicki	X			
O'Leary	X			
Tanny				X

Board President Draniczarek declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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**Motion A if Board Determines Student to be Non-Resident – RECOMMENDED**

I move, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the written evidence and testimony presented at the residency hearing held on June 2, 2025, the Board of Education find that Student No. 2025JM is not legal a resident of Ridgewood High School District No. 234 and not,

therefore, entitled to attend District 234 schools on a tuition free basis for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Motion B if Board Determines Student to be Resident – 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 April 15, 2025, the Board of Education find that Student No. 2025JM is a legal resident of Ridgewood High School District No. 234 and is, therefore, entitled to attend District 234 schools on a tuition free basis for the 2025-2026 school

**XIV. ADJOURNED**

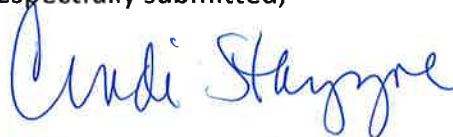
Motion by Member Malicki, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
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The President declared the Motion:


<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary