MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 29, 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, June 29, 2026. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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

Absent: Michael Straughn

Also present were Jennifer Kelsall, Superintendent; Thomas Parrillo, Assistant Superintendent of Finance; Ryan Goldflies, Assistant Principal; and Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary.

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 29, 2026 meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as presented.

On voice vote, there were 6 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present, and 1 absent. President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

A. APPROVED MINUTES OF:

(1) Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 4, 2026
(2) Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2026
(3) Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 14, 2026
(4) Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 19, 2026
(5) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of June 8, 2026
(6) Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of June 9, 2026

*B. APPROVED CURRENT BILLS, PAYROLLS & FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

(1) Approved Accounts Payable of June 29, 2026
(2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements
(3) Ratified Payrolls of May 15 and May 29, 2026
(4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for July 15 & 31 and August 14 & 31, 2026
(5) Authorized Signing of Accounts Payable Voucher for July 15, 2026

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

A. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

(1) Dean's End of Year Report was presented by Ryan Goldflies

*B. ACCEPTED RIDGEWOOD BAND BOOSTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Board accepted the Ridgewood Band Booster Financial Update for the 2026-27 School Year per Appendix III-B.

*C. APPROVED REQUESTS FOR OUTSIDE FUNDRAISING

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

*D. APPROVED REVISIONS TO ACTIVITY HANDBOOK FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board approved the Revisions to the Activity Handbook for the 2026-27 School Year 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 FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

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

***C. APPROVED SUPPORT STAFF HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**
The Board approved the revisions to the 2026-27 Support Staff Handbook, per Appendix IV-C.

***D. APPROVED CO-CURRICULAR STAFF FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**
The Board approved the Co-Curricular Staff for the 2026-27 School Year per Appendix IV-D.

***E. APPROVED FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**
The Board approved the revisions to the 2026-27 Faculty Handbook, per Appendix IV-E.

***F. APPROVED RESTATED CONTRACT FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS**
The Board approved the Restated Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations per Appendix IV-F.

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 the 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 Tanny and seconded by Member Malicki to approve the Fund Balance Resolution as presented.

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

o E. **APPROVED TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY2027**

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 17, 2026 meeting. The Tentative Budget is provided as Appendix V-E.
Motion by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member DiPiero to approve the Tentative Budget for FY2027 as presented.

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

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 is provided as Appendix V-F.
Motion by Member DiPiero and seconded by Member Nealon to approve the Interest Transfer Resolution as presented.

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**

***G. APPROVED DISTRICT NAMING DEPOSITORIES**
The Board approved the District naming depositories as provided in Appendix V-G.

***H. APPROVED DATE AND AGENDA FOR FINANCE-AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2026**
The Board approved the date and agenda for the Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 10, 2026 per Appendix V-H.

***I. APPROVED DATE AND AGENDA FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**
The Board approved the date and agenda for the Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 2, 2026 per Appendix V-I.

***J. APPROVED CONTRACT WITH INTERQUEST DETECTION CANINES FOR SUBSTANCE AWARENESS AND DETECTION**
The Board approved the Contract with Interquest Detection Canines for Substance Awareness and Detection per Appendix V-J.

***K. APPROVED COMMUNITY INPUT ON LOCAL ASSESSMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT**
The Board approved the Community Input on Local Assessments Agreement per Appendix V-K.

***L. APPROVED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE FOR POLICE LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM**
The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Norridge for the Police Liaison Officer Program per Appendix V-L.

o M. APPROVED NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND RESOLUTION (IMRF)
The Board approved the New Administrator for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Resolution (IMRF) as provided in Appendix V-M.

Motion by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member Nealon to approve the New Administrator for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Resolution as presented.

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**

*N. **APPROVED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE FOR USE OF PROPERTY FOR VILLAGE CELEBRATION**
The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Norridge for Use of Property for the Village Celebration as provided in Appendix V-N.

*O. **ACCEPTED GIFT OF $3,000 FROM NICK AND SOPHIA FERRANTE**
The Board accepted the gift of $3,000 from Nick and Sophia Ferrante per Enclosure V-O.

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**

2. **APPROVED PROPOSED AGENDA FOR AUGUST 17, 2026 BUDGET AND ADOPTION BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**
The Board approved the Proposed Agenda for the August 17, 2026 Budget and Adoption Hearing Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

3. **APPROVED PROPOSED AGENDA FOR AUGUST 17, 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**
The Board approved the Proposed Agenda for the August 17, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-3.

***B. APPROVED DATE AND AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2026**
The Board approved the date and agenda for the Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of August 6, 2026 per Appendix VI-B.

***C. APPROVED SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES**
The Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption 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, 8:90, and policies with no changes 2:265 and 4:40 per Appendix VI-C.

***D. APPROVED SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORGANIZATION CHART 3.20**
The Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption of Organization Chart 3.20 per Appendix VI-D.

E. REVIEWED CURRENT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS
The Board reviewed the Current Freedom of Information Requests per Enclosure VI-E.

F. REVIEWED SUBCOMMITTEE DATES FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR
The Board reviewed the Subcommittee Dates for the 2026-27 School Year per Enclosure VI-F.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR JUNE 29, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2026

August 6	Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting
August 10	Institute Day; Fall Sports Begin; Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting; Freshman Parent Night
August 11 & August 12	Teacher Work Day – No School
August 13	First Day of Classes
August 17	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 29, 2026

Motion by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member DiPiero to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item	Page	Reference	Action
II-A-1	3	Appendix II-A-1	Approved minutes of Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 4, 2026;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2026;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of May 14, 2026;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 19, 2026;
II-A-5	3	Appendix II-A-5	Approved minutes of Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of June 8, 2026;
II-A-6	3	Appendix II-A-6	Approved minutes of Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of June 9, 2026;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of July 15 and July 30, 2026 and Accounts Payable of August 14, 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 July 15 and July 30, 2026 and August 14, 2026;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for August 14, 2026;
III-B	3	Appendix III-B	Accepted Ridgewood Band Booster Financial Update for the 2026-27 School Year;
III-C	3	Appendix III-C	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
III-D	4	Appendix III-D	Approved Activity Handbook Revisions for the 2026-27 School Year;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Authorized Letters of Re-employment for Substitute Teachers for the 2026-27 School Year;
IV-C	5	Appendix IV-C	Approved Support Staff Handbook Revisions for the 2026-27 School Year;
IV-D	5	Appendix IV-D	Approved Co-Curricular Staff for the 2026-27 School Year;
IV-E	5	Appendix IV-E	Approved Faculty Handbook Revisions for the 2026-27 School Year;
IV-F	5	Appendix IV-F	Approved Restated Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations;
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 Annual List of Vendors;
V-G	8	Appendix V-G	Approved District Naming Depositories;
V-H	8	Appendix V-H	Approved date and agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 10, 2026;

Item	Page	Reference	Action
V-I	8	Appendix V-I	Approved date and agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 2, 2026;
V-J	8	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;
V-L	8	Appendix V-L	Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Norridge for Police Liaison Officer Program;
V-N	9	Appendix V-N	Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Norridge for Use of Property for Village Celebration;
V-O	9	Enclosure V-O	Accepted gift of $3,000 from Nick and Sophia Ferrante;
VI-B	10	Appendix VI-B	Approved Date and Agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of August 6, 2026;
VI-C	10	Appendix VI-C	Approved Second Reading and Adoption 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, 8:90, and policies with no changes 2:265 and 4:40;
VI-D	10	Appendix VI-D	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Organization Chart 3.20.

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 the meeting.

X. CONDUCT BOARD FORUM

A Board member attended the Pops Concert and indicated it was very nice. There was then discussion regarding the upcoming KIA Memorial meeting.

XI. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose: Personnel - for the purpose of the appointment, 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; security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, threatened, or reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; and student discipline.

Member DiPiero moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss personnel and safety.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 6	Nay: 0	Present: 6	Absent: 1
The President declared the Motion:	**Carried X**		**Defeated**	

XII. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Member O'Leary 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 9:12 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 6	Nay: 0	Present: 6	Absent: 1

The President declared the Motion:	Carried X	Defeated

XIII. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member Tanny to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 6	Nay: 0	Present: 6	Absent: 1

The President declared the Motion:	Carried X	Defeated

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Stazzone

Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Paul Draniczarek

Paul Draniczarek, President

Jamie Nealon

Jamie Nealon, Secretary