

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 2025. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited at the Budget Hearing/Adoption Meeting prior to this meeting.

**QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT**

Board Secretary declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:07 PM.

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

Absent: None

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

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

Motion was made by Member Straughn and seconded by Member O'Leary, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the August 18, 2025, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended. Appendix IV-A was removed from the Consent Agenda for further consideration.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

**F. Introduction of New Staff**

Michael Ferrante, Social Worker and Christina Fanellis, Science teacher attended the meeting and introduced themselves to the Board of Education.

**G. Celebrate Hometown Heros**

The Board of Education recognized Jerome Adaya, R.J. Guzman and Frank Horak as Hometown Heroes for their courageous actions in assisting a fellow student during a medical emergency. Their quick response contributed to saving the student's life, and each was presented with a certificate of recognition and a medal by the Board. Kate Connelly, a Ridgewood Health teacher, whose CPR instruction provided the students with the skills that contributed to saving a life was also recognized.

**II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 23, 2025 per Appendix II-A-1.
- (2) Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of June 23, 2025 per Appendix II-A-2.
- (3) E-Learning Hearing of June 23, 2025 per Appendix II-A-3.
- (4) Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of August 4, 2025 per per Appendix II-A-4.
- (5) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 11, 2025 per Appendix II-A-5.
- (6) Policy Subcommittee Meeting of August 13, 2025 per Appendix II-B-6.

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

- (1) Ratified Accounts Payable for July 15, 2025 and approved Accounts Payable of August 15, 2025 per Appendix II-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of June 13 & 30 and July 15 & 31, 2025 per Appendix II-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for September 15 & 30, 2025

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

**A. Principal's Report**

1. Summer School Update
2. Review of AP Scores
3. Beginning of Year Update

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

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

**IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

**\*A. Approved Personnel Report**

The Board approved the Personnel Report as presented per Appendix IV-A. The Personnel Report was removed from the Consent Agenda for further consideration.

**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. Accepted Annual Financial Report from Ridgewood Foundation**

The Board accepted the FY24 Financial Report from Ridgewood Foundation as presented per Appendix V-C.

**\*D. Accepted Gift from Ridgewood Foundation for Killed in Action Memorial**

The Board accepted the gift from Ridgewood Foundation for Killed in Action Memorial 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
  - Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony September 13
  - Enrollment Update
  - Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations Timeline
2. Proposed Board of Education Agenda on September 15, 2025 per Enclosure VI-A-2.

**\*B. Approved First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 3:20, *Organizational Chart***

The Board approved the First Reading of Board Policy 3:20 *Organizational Chart* as presented per Appendix VI-B.

**\*C. Approved Superintendent's Goals for 2025-26 School Year**

The Board approved the Superintendent's Goals for 2025-26 school year as presented in Appendix VI-C.

**\*D. Approved First Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**

The Board approved the Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 1:10, 1:20, 2:80, 2:130, 7:40, 7:90, 7:130, 7:140, 7:300, 7:325, 8:80 and policies with no changes 1:30 2:10, 2:240, 3:30, 4:50, 4:55, 4:180 per Appendix VI-D.

**\*E. Retroactively Approved Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting of August 13, 2025**

The Board retroactively approved Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting of August 13, 2025 per Appendix VI-E.

**\*F. Reviewed FOIA Requests**

The Board reviewed the current FOIA requests per Enclosure VI-F.

**VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

<b>September 1</b>	<b>Labor Day, No School</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Hall of Fame Brunch 11 AM Cafeteria</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting 7 PM</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2025**

Motion by Member O'Leary, 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 Regular Board of Education meeting on June 23, 2025;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Executive Session of Board of Education meeting of June 23, 2025;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of E-Learning Hearing on June 23, 2025;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved minutes of Community Relations Subcommittee meeting of August 4, 2025;
II-A-5	3	Appendix II-A-5	Approved minutes of Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 11, 2025;
II-A-6	3	Appendix II-A-6	Approved minutes of Policy Subcommittee Meeting of August 13, 2025;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable for July 15, 2025 and August 15, 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 June 13 & 30 and July 15 & 31, 2025;

II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for September 15 and 30, 2025;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	The Personnel Report was removed from the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting for separate consideration;
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	Accepted Annual Financial Report from Ridgewood Foundation;
V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Accepted Gift from Ridgewood Foundation for Killed in Action Memorial;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 3:20, Organizational Chart;
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved Superintendent's Goals for the 2025-26 School Year;
VI-D	7	Appendix VI-D	Approved First Reading of Board Policies 1.10, 1.20, 2.80, 2.130, 7.40 7.90, 7.130, 7.140, 7.300, 7.325, 8.80 and policies with no changes 1.30, 2.10, 2.240, 3.30, 4.50, 4.55, 4.180.
VI-E	7	Appendix VI-E	Retroactively Approved Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting of August 13, 2025;

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

Name	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Draniczarek	X			
Straughn	X			
Nealon	X			
DiPiero	X			
O'Leary	X			
Malicki	X			
Tanny	X			
Board President declared the Motion:			<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member Tanny, to approve the Personnel Report as presented

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

Name	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Draniczarek	X			
Straughn	X			
Nealon	X			
DiPiero	X			
O'Leary	X			
Malicki	Abstained			
Tanny	X			
Board President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

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

There were no visitors at this time.

**X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM**

There was discussion regarding the elementary school camp that was held at Ridgewood. The students were very happy to be able to come to the high school and use the facilities. There was discussion about the residency procedures that were mentioned to parents at the recent orientation.

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	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