MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 2025. 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: Paul Draniczarek, Frank DiPiero, Jamie Nealon, Chris O'Leary, Fiona Tanny
Absent: Mike Straughn, Lisa Malicki

Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Kelsall; Assistant Superintendent Tom Parrillo; Eric Lasky Principal and Recording Secretary Cindi Stazzone

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member DiPiero to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the September 15, 2025, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

The AP Honor students were recognized and given certificates of achievement.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

***A. Approved Minutes of:**

1. Budget/Adoption Hearing Meeting of August 18, 2025 per Appendix II-A-1
2. Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 18, 2025 per Appendix II-A-2
3. Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 3, 2025 per Appendix II-A-3

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

(1) Approved Accounts Payable of September 15, 2025 per Appendix II-B-1
(2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
(3) Ratified Payrolls of August 15 & 29, 2025 per Appendix II-B-3.
(4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 15 & 31, 2025

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

A. Principal's Report

1. Residency Update given by Ryan Goldflies per Enclosure III-A-1
2. Profile on Freshman Class per Enclosure III-A-2
3. Update on Homecoming Activities per Enclosure III-A-3
4. Enrollment update per Enclosure III-A-4

* B. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Dance Team

The Board approved the request for out of state travel for Dance Team per Appendix III-B.

* C. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Baseball Team

The Board approved the request for out of state travel for Baseball Team per Appendix III-C.

* D. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising

The Board approved the requests for Outside Fundraising per Appendix III-D. The request from Future Educators regarding Parent's Night Out was withheld from approval and will be decided on next month after more research into liability for non-Ridgewood students.

* E. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Rotary Interact Service Club

The Board approved the request for out of state travel for Rotary Interact Service Club per Appendix III-E.

* F. Accepted Annual Band Booster Financial Update

The Board accepted the Annual Band Booster Financial Update per Appendix III-F.

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

*A. Approved Amended Personnel Report

The Board approved the Amended Personnel Report per Appendix IV-A

*B. Accepted Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2024-2025

Each school board shall report to the Illinois State Board of Education, on or before September 1, the base salary and benefits of the district administration and teachers employed by the school district as submitted in the Employment Information System. The Board accepted the report for the 2024-2025 school year as presented, per Appendix IV-B.

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 Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 7, 2025**

The Board approved the date and agenda for a Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 7, 2025, per Appendix V-C.

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
   - Opening of School/Enrollment
   - Alumni Hall of Fame Brunch
   - Assistant Superintendent of Operations Position Timeline
2. Proposed Agenda for the October 20, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

* **B. Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart**

The Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart per Appendix VI-B.

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

Approve Second 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-C.

* **D. Approved Agenda for Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 8, 2025**

The Board approved the agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of October 8, 2025, per Appendix VI-D.

E. Reviewed Current FOIA Requests

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

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2025

October 7	**Finance/Audit Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM**
October 8	**Committee of the Whole Meeting 530 PM** **Fall Band Concert**
October 11	**Foundation Bingo 6 PM**
October 13-18	**Homecoming Week**
October 13	**Columbus Day NO SCHOOL**
October 14	**Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL**
October 15	**Pep Assembly**
October 16	**Night Rally**
October 17	**Homecoming Game JV & V Fenton 4:30 and 7:00**
October 18	**Homecoming Dance**
October 20	**School Board Meeting 7 PM**

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Motion by Member Nealon, second motion by Member O'Leary, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Item	Page	Reference	Action
II-A-1	3	Appendix II-A-1	Approved minutes of Budget Hearing/Adoption Meeting of August 18, 2025;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 18, 2025;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 3, 2025;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of September 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 August 15 & 29, 2025;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 15 & 31, 2025;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Dance Team;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Baseball Team;
III-D	4	Appendix III-D	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
III-E	4	Appendix III-E	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Interact Service Club;
III-F	4	Appendix III-F	Accepted Band Booster Financial Update;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Accepted the Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefits Report for the 2024-25 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 Date and Agenda of Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting on October 7, 2025;
VI-B	8	Appendix VI-B	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart;
VI-C	8	Appendix VI-C	Approved Second 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.
VI-D	8	Appendix VI-D	Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 8, 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:	**Carried X**	**Defeated**

IX. **<u>RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u>**

There were no visitors at this time.

X. **<u>CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM</u>**

The recent cross country meet was a great experience. The kids all competed very well and it was nice for them to be able to see such a large track meet.
Bingo went very well attended and had approximately 262 people attend.

XI. **<u>CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>**

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.

Purpose: Security procedures, school building safety and security and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, stuff, the public or public property.

Purpose: The placement of individual students in special education program and other matters relating to individual students.

Motion by Member DiPiero, second motion by Member Tanny, to convene to the Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 5	Absent: 2

The President declared the Motion:	**Carried X**	**Defeated**

ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member O'Leary to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

Voice Vote:	**Aye: X**	**Nay:**	**Present: 5**	**Absent: 2**

The President declared the Motion:

Carried X	**Defeated**

XII. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Voice Vote:	**Aye: X**	**Nay:**	**Present: 5**	**Absent: 2**

The President declared the Motion:

Carried X	**Defeated**

On voice vote, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Stazzone

Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Paul Draniczarek, President

Jamie Nealon

Jamie Nealon, Secretary