

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 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 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Also present were Assistant Superintendent Patricia Alvarez, Principal Eric Lasky and Recording Secretary Cindi Stazzone.

I. AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member Straughn, seconded by Member DiPiero, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the September 21, 2026 meeting of the Ridgewood Community 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) Budget/Adoption Hearing Meeting of August 17, 2026 per Appendix II-A-1.
- (2) Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 17, 2026 per Appendix II-A-2.
- (3) Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 9, 2026 per Appendix II-A-3.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of September 15, 2026 per Appendix II-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of August 31 & September 15, 2026 per Appendix II-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 15 & 30, 2026.

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

A. **Principal's Report**

1. Residency Update
2. Profile of Freshman Class
3. Enrollment Update

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

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

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

The Board approved the requests for outside fundraising per Appendix III-C.

IV. **MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

*A. **Approved Personnel Report**

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

*B. **Accepted Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2026-2027**

The Board accepted the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for the 2026-2027 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 Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 29, 2026**

The Board approved the date and agenda for the Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 29, 2026, 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. Proposed Agenda for the October 19, 2026 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-1.

***B. Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 14, 2026**

The Board approved the date and agenda for the Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 14, 2026, per Appendix VI-B.

***C. Approved First Reading of Board Policies**

The Board approved the first reading of Board Policies 2:230, 5:40, 5:70, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:30, 7:130, 7:330, 8:70 and reviewed with no changes Policies 3:70, 4:175, 5:110, 5:140, 7:80 and 8:10, per Appendix VI-C.

***D. Accepted Donation of \$20,000 from HIP for Reunification Exercise**

The Board accepted the donation of \$20,000 from HIP for the Reunification Exercise, per Appendix VI-D.

***E. Approved Memorandum of Understanding for Salary Schedule**

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the Salary Schedule, per Appendix VI-E.

***F. Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Municipal Consolidated Dispatch**

The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Municipal Consolidated Dispatch, per Appendix VI-F.

G. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests

The Board reviewed the current Freedom of Information requests per Enclosure VI-G.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2026

October 7	Fall Band Concert
October 10	Foundation Bingo
October 12	Columbus Day - No School
October 14	Education Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 17	Super Bingo
October 19	Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 29	Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Motion by Member O’Leary, seconded by Member Malicki, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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II-A-1	3	Appendix II-A-1	Approved minutes of Budget/Adoption Hearing Meeting of August 17, 2026;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 17, 2026;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 9, 2026;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of September 15, 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 August 31 and September 15, 2026;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 15 and 30, 2026;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved Revisions to Parent/Student Handbook;
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	Accepted the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for the 2026-2027 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 for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 29, 2026;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 14, 2026;
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved First Reading of Board Policies 2:230, 5:40, 5:70, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:30, 7:130, 7:330, 8:70 and reviewed with no changes 3:70, 4:175, 5:110, 5:140, 7:80 and 8:10;
VI-D	7	Appendix VI-D	Accepted Donation of \$20,000 from HIP for Reunification Exercise;
VI-E	7	Appendix VI-E	Approved Memorandum of Understanding for Salary Schedule;

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VI-F	7	Appendix VI-F	Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Municipal Consolidated Dispatch.

Approved as amended by Roll Call Vote:

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

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 21st day of September, 2026.

IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITED COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no visitors at this time.

X. CONDUCT BOARD FORUM

The reunification event was well organized and very informative. The Homecoming football game was well attended, but it had a sad ending with a last-minute loss. The senior/kindergarten walk was very nice. Jamie Nealon and Chris O'Leary were selected to serve as liaisons for the Superintendent interview process.

XI. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - IF NEEDED

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, staff, the public, or public property.

Motion by Member Nealon, seconded by Member Malicki, to convene into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 7	Nay: 0	Present: 0	Absent: 0
The President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

XII. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Member O'Leary, seconded by Member Malicki, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 8:02 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 7	Nay: 0	Present: 0	Absent: 0
The President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

XIII. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member O'Leary, seconded by Member Malicki, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 7	Nay: 0	Present: 0	Absent: 0
The President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

Respectfully submitted,

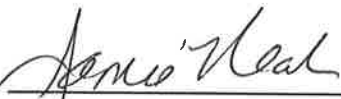


Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary