

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021**

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, May 17, 2021. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT**

Board Secretary Malicki declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:04 PM.

Present: Members Paul Draniczarek, Mike Straughn, Jamie Richardson, Tony Caringella, Frank DiPiero, Chris O'Leary and Lisa Malicki.  
Absent: None

Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Kelsall; Assistant Superintendent Tom Parrillo; Principal Gina Castellano, Recording Secretary, Cindi Stazzone and those on the attached list.

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

Motion was made by Member Straughn and seconded by Member DiPiero, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the May 17, 2021, 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) Reorganization Board of Education Meeting of April 27, 2021 per Appendix II-A-1
- (2) Committee of the Whole Education Subcommittee Meeting of April 27, 2021 per Appendix II-A-2

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of May 17, 2021 per Appendix II-B-1
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of April 15 & 30, 2021 per Appendix II-B-3
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for June 15 & 30, 2021

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

**A. Principal's Report**

1. Summer School Update

**B. Approved Title I Schoolwide Plan**

The Board approved the Title I Schoolwide Plan per Appendix III-B.

**C. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraisers**

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

**IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

**A. Approved Personnel Report**

The Board approved the following Personnel Report per Appendix IV-A.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Salary *</b>
Barragan, Sofia	Bookkeeper B – Maternity Leave (8-10 weeks)	04/23/21	\$25.00 per hour
Campbell, Matthew	One to One Aide	08/16/21	Class 3, Step 7 \$27.39 per hour
Ferraro, Henry	One to One Aide	08/16/21	Class 3, Step 10 \$29.77per hour

**Certified Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Salary *</b>
Jellissen, Maria	School Counselor	08/16/21	MA 30, Step 20 \$117,394.00
Morse, Jennifer	English Teacher	08/16/21	BA Lane 1 Step 10 \$74,835.00
Otero, Duene	Driver's Education Summer Program	07/07/21	\$33.46 per hour
Russ, Charles	Driver's Education Summer Program	06/17/21	\$32.80 per hour

**Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Connelly, Katherine	Assistant Boys & Girls Track & Field	06/07/21
Gianfortone, Giovanna	Assistant Scholastic Bowl Coach	06/07/21
Nolan, Amanda	Varsity R Advisor	06/07/21
Rosenberg, Dan	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	04/29/21
Saviano, Matt	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	04/30/21
Wilkinson, Jessica	Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach	06/07/21

**V. MATTERS RELATING TO BUSINESS, FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES**

**A. Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District**

The Board accepted the analysis of the financial condition of the district, per Appendix V-A.

**B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**

The Board accepted the monthly investment analysis of the district, per Appendix V-B.

**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
  - COVID-19 Update
2. Proposed Agenda for the June 15, 2021 Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting per Appendix VI-A-2.
3. Proposed Agenda for the June 15, 2021 Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting Per Appendix VI-A-3.
4. Proposed Agenda for the June 21, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting per Appendix VI-A-4.

**VII. RECEIVE CALENDAR FOR MAY 17 THROUGH JUNE 21, 2021**

<b>Wednesday, May 19</b>	<b>Activities Banquet – Virtual 6 PM</b>
<b>Friday, May 21</b>	<b>School Play “The Addams Family” 7 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, May 22</b>	<b>School Play “The Addams Family” 7 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, May 23</b>	<b>School Play “The Addams Family” 2 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, May 27</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes for Seniors</b>
<b>Thursday, May 27</b>	<b>Senior iPad Drop Off Day – Auditorium Garage 8 AM – 3:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, May 28</b>	<b>PROM RHS East Lot 7 PM</b>
<b>Monday, May 31</b>	<b>Memorial Day NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 1</b>	<b>Graduation Processional Lineup 6:30 PM Graduation RHS Stadium 7 PM</b>
<b>Friday, June 4</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes for Freshman, Sophomore and Juniors</b>
<b>Monday, June 7</b>	<b>Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 8</b>	<b>Remote Extended School Year begins (Formerly Summer School)</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 16</b>	<b>Co-curricular Subcommittee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Community Room</b>
<b>Monday, June 21</b>	<b>Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 17, 2021**

Motion by Member Caringella, second motion by Member Richardson, 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 Reorganization of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 27, 2021;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved Committee of the Whole Education Subcommittee Minutes of April 27, 2021;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of May 17, 2021;
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 April 15 and 30, 2021;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for June 15 & 30, 2021;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved Title I Schoolwide Plan;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraisers;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;
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;
VI-A-2	7	Appendix VI-A-2	Approved Proposed Agenda for June 15, 2021 Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting;
VI-A-3	7	Appendix VI-A-3	Approved Proposed Agenda for June 15, 2021 Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting;
VI-A-4	7	Appendix VI-A-4	Approved Proposed Agenda for the June 21, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Draniczarek	X	
Straughn	X	
Richardson	X	
Caringella	X	
DiPiero	X	
Malicki	X	
O'Leary	X	

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

A parent and student spoke about Prom and wanted to know if our guidelines have changed due to Governor Pritzker's communications this week. They want to be able to have outside guests attend Prom with our students. It was explained that the new guidelines still required schools to continue to have students wear masks and practice social distancing so Ridgewood would not be making any changes.

**X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM**

One of the Board members attended the student handbook meeting and said it went well.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Union Ridge and Giles came to Ridgewood to see the school. They were able to eat in the cafeteria and had different sessions on activities, athletics and academics. There was a Zoom meeting set up to accommodate those students who were remote.

One of the board members attended the recent awards ceremony and indicated it was a very well run event and turned out awesome.

One of the board members thanked the student and her parent for coming to speak to the Board regarding their concerns/requests about Prom.


There was discussion regarding scheduling a Board Retreat.

**XIII. ADJOURNED**


Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Malicki, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

On voice vote, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED

  
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Paul Draniczarek, President

  
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Jamie Richardson, Secretary