

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

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 19, 2022. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT**

Board Secretary Richardson declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:02 PM.

Present: Paul Draniczarek, Frank DiPiero, Jamie Richardson, Lisa Malicki, Chris O'Leary and Fiona Tanny  
Absent: Mike Straughn

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

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

Motion was made by Member Tanny and seconded by Member Richardson to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the September 19, 2022, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

Ken Kazinski presented the Class of 1971 donation to the Ridgewood Foundation.

**II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

1. Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 9, 2022 per Appendix II-A-1
2. Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of August 11, 2022 per Appendix II-A-2
3. Budget/Adoption Hearing Meeting of August 15, 202 per Appendix II-A-3
4. Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 15, 2022 per Appendix II-A-4
5. Building & Grounds Subcommttee Meeting of September 8, 2022 per Appendix II-A-5
6. Board of Education Retreat Meeting of July 21, 2022 per Appendix II-A-6
7. Executive Session of Board of Education Retreat Meeting of July 21, 2022 per Appendix II-A-7

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of September 19, 2022 per Appendix II-B-1

- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of August 15 & 31, 2022 per Appendix II-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 14 & 31, 2022.

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

**A. Principal's Report**

- 1. Residency Update
- 2. Profile Incoming Freshmen
- 3. Update on Homecoming Activities
- 4. Update of Post-Secondary Workforce Readiness (PWR Act)
- 5. Enrollment Update

**B. Accepted Annual Parent's Club and Band Booster Update**

The Board accepted the Annual Parent's Club and Band Booster Update 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 Personnel Report as presented, per Appendix IV-A

**\*B. Accepted Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2021-2022**

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 2021-2022 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 6, 2022**

The Board approved the date and agenda for a Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 6, 2022, 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
  - COVID-19 Update
  - Cyber Security Meeting
2. Proposed Agenda for the October 17, 2022 Board of Education Meeting.

**\*B. Approved Date and Agenda Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting on September 22, 2022**

The Board approved the date and agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting on September 22, 2022 per Appendix VI-B.

**\*C. 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-C.

**\*D. Approved Memo of Understanding for District Loyalty Bonus**

The Board approved the Memo of Understanding for District Loyalty Bonus per Appendix VI-D.

**\*E. Approved Memo of Understanding for Step 20**

The Board approved the Memo of Understanding for Step 20 per Appendix VI-E.

**VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 19 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2022**

<b>Thursday, September 22</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting</b>
<b>September 26 – September 30</b>	<b>Homecoming Week</b>
<b>Friday, September 30</b>	<b>Homecoming Football Game 7:15 PM v. Elmwood Park</b>
<b>Thursday, October 6</b>	<b>Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM</b>
<b>Monday, October 10</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY</b>
<b>Monday, October 17</b>	<b>School Board Meeting 7 PM</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

Motion by Member O’Leary, second motion by Member Malicki, 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 Finance-Audit Subcommittee meeting of August 9, 2022;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Community Relations Subcommittee meeting of August 11, 2022;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Budget Hearing/Adoption Meeting of August 15, 2022;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 15, 2022;
II-A-5	3	Appendix II-A-5	Approved minutes of Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 8, 2022;
II-A-6	3	Appendix II-A-6	Approved Board of Education Retreat Minutes of July 21, 2022;
II-A-7	3	Appendix II-A-7	Approved Executive Session of Board of Education Retreat Minutes of July 21, 2022;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of September 19, 2022;
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 & 31, 2022;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 14 & 31, 2022;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Accepted Annual Parent’s Club and Band Booster Update;
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 & Benefits Report for the 2021-22 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 Thursday, October 6, 2022;
VI-B	8	Appendix VI-B	Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting on September 22, 2022;
VI-C	8	Appendix VI-C	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart;
VI-D	8	Appendix VI-D	Approved Memo of Understanding for District Loyalty Bonus;
VI-E	8	Appendix VI-E	Approved Memo of Understanding for Step 20.

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

Name	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Draniczarek	X			
Straughn				X
Richardson	X			
DiPiero	X			
O'Leary	X			
Malicki	X			
Tanny	X			

Board President declared the Motion: Carried X Defeated

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

There were no visitors at this time.

**X. CONDUCT BOARD FORUM**

Homecoming week is next week. The theme is circus. The dance will be held out on the field.

COVID-19 numbers are very low. The committee still meets bi-weekly and checks in.

A letter from a parent was read to the board outlining all of the recent positives this year, i.e., cell phone policy, music in between periods. The students seem to be reacting positively to all of the changes.

The football game was well attended and there were a lot of alumni in attendance. The parents of the band, cheer and poms all stayed to watch the whole game. There have also been a lot of positive comments about the football program and the new dynamic Vince has brought to the program.

There were many compliments about the Career Path program.

The Hall of Fame lunch was very nice, the group of people chosen were very impressive. The numbers were small and we need to find a way to increase the numbers.

The 911 ceremony was very nice.

Board members are receiving positive feedback regarding the new cell phone policy and the music being played in the hallways between periods.


The first day of school with the staff was held outside and was very nice.

**XI. ADJOURNED**

Motion by Member O'Leary second motion by Member DiPiero, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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