

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 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, January 27, 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: Members Paul Draniczarek, Mike Straughn, Jamie Nealon, Frank DiPiero,  
Chris O'Leary and Fiona Tanny.  
Absent: Lisa Malicki

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

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

Motion was made by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member Nealon to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the January 27, 2025, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

Presentation of Students of the Semester for the 2024-25 School Year

**II. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Purpose: Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body of legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Nealon, to convene to the Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
The President declared the Motion:			<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>

**III. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Member DiPiero, second motion by Member Nealon, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 7:16 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: X</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
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The President declared the Motion:

<b>Carried x</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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**IV. TAKE ACTION ON ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

No action was taken at this time.

**V. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 16, 2024 per Appendix V-A-1.
- (2) Policy Subcommittee Meeting of January 14, 2025 per Appendix V-A-2.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of January 27, 2025 per Appendix V-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix V-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of December 13 & 31, 2024 per Appendix V-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for February 14 & 28, 2025

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

**A. Principal's Report**

- 1. Articulation Report – presented by Dr. Eric Lasky.

**B. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**

The Board approved the requests for outside fundraising per Appendix VI-B.

**C. Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for Interact Club**

The Board approved the requests for Out of State Travel for Interact Club per Appendix VI-C.

**VII. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

**\*A. Approved Amended Personnel Report**

The Board approved the Amended Personnel Report as presented, per Appendix VII-A.

**VIII. 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 VIII-A.
- \*B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**  
The Board accepted the monthly investment analysis, per Appendix VIII-B.
- \*C. Received Debt Disclosure Information**  
The board is asked to receive the Annual Debt Disclosure Information per Enclosure VIII-C.
- \*D. Approved Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting on February 13, 2025**  
The Board approved the date and agenda for a Building & Ground Subcommittee Meeting on February 13, 2025, per Appendix VIII-D.

**IX. 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
    - a. 2025-26 Staffing Needs
  - 2. Proposed Agenda for February 24, 2025 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure IX-A-2.
- \*B. Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 6, 2025**  
The Board approved the date and agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 6, 2025 per Appendix IX-B.
- \*C. Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting on February 20, 2025**  
The Board approved the Meeting Date and Agenda for the Committee Relations Subcommittee Meeting on February 20, 2025 per Appendix IX-C.
- \*D. Retroactively Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting**  
The Board retroactively Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting of January 14, 2025 per Appendix IX-D.

**\*E Approved First Reading of Board Policies**

The Board approved the First Reading of Board Policies: 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 4:30, 4:60, 4:150, 4:170, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:120, 5:125, 5:230, 6:60, 6:135, 6:270, 7:10, 7:100, 7:180, 7:200, 8:10 and review with no changes: 2:140, 4:10, 4:40, 4:160, 4:190, 5:30, 5:35, 5:150, 6:20, 6:65, 6:340, 7:160, 7:165 per Appendix IX-E.

**F. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests**

The Board reviewed the current Freedom of Information requests  
 Per Appendix IX-F.

**X. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 27, 2025 UNTIL FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

<b>Thursday, February 6</b>	<b>Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting, Community Room</b>
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	<b>Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, February 17</b>	<b>President’s Day, No School</b>
<b>Thursday, February 20</b>	<b>Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting Superintendent’s Conference Room</b>
<b>Monday, February 24</b>	<b>Regular Meeting, Community Room</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2025**

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
V-A-1	4	Appendix V-A-1	Approved Minutes of Board of Education of December 16, 2024;
V-A-2	4	Appendix V-A-2	Approved Minutes of Policy Subcommittee Meeting of January 14, 2025;
V-B-1	4	Appendix V-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of January 27, 2025;

V-B-2	4	Appendix V-B-2	Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements;
V-B-3	3	Appendix V-B-3	Ratified Payrolls of December 13 and December 31, 2024;
V-B-4	4	Narration for V-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for February 14 and February 28, 2025;
VI-B	5	Appendix VI-B	Approved request for Outside Fundraising;
VI-C	5	Appendix VI-C	Approved request for Out of State Travel for Interact Service Club;
VII-A	6	Appendix VII-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;
VIII-A	7	Appendix VIII-A	Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
VIII-B	7	Appendix VIII-B	Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis;
VIII-C	7	Appendix VIII-C	Accepted Annual Debt Disclosure Ordinance Information;
VIII-D	7	Appendix VIII-D	Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting on February 13, 2025;
IX-B	8	Appendix IX-B	Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 6, 2025;
IX-C	8	Appendix IX-C	Approved Meeting Date and Agenda for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting on February 20, 2025;
IX-D	8	Appendix IX-D	Retroactively Approved Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of January 14, 2025;
IX-E	8	Appendix IX-E	Approved First Reading of Board Policies: 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 4:30, 4:60, 4:150, 4:170, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:120, 5:125, 5:230, 6:60, 6:135, 6:270, 7:10, 7:100, 7:180, 7:200, 8:10 and review with no changes: 2:140, 4:10, 4:40, 4:160, 4:190, 5:30, 5:35, 5:150, 6:20, 6:65, 6:340, 7:160, 7:165.

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

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

Board President declared the Motion: 

Carried X	Defeated
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**XII. RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

There were no visitors at this time.

**XIII. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM**

There was discussion regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house held at Ridgewood. It was very informative and well planned.

Mr. Parrillo discussed recent fraud issues.

The recent fundraiser by the Interact Club was wonderful and well put together.

**XIV. ADJOURNED**

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 6	Nay:	Present:	Absent: 1
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The President declared the Motion:

Carried	X	Defeated
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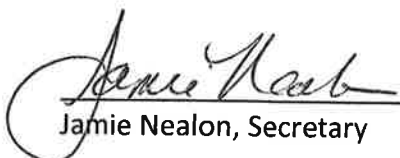
Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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 Paul Draniczarek, President

  
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 Jamie Nealon, Secretary