

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

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, October 21, 2024. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT**

Secretary Nealon declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:01 PM.

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

Absent: None

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

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

Motion was made by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member Malicki, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the October 21, 2024, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

The Ridgewood AP Honor students were presented with certificates by Dr. Eric Lasky.

**II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 16, 2024 as Appendix II-A-1
- (2) Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of September 26, 2024 per Appendix II-A-2.
- (3) Policy Subcommittee Meeting of October 1, 2024 per Appendix II-A-3.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of October 21, 2024 per Appendix II-B-1
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of September 13 & 30, 2024 per Appendix II-B-3
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for November 15 & 29, 2024

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

**A. Principal's Report**

1. College and Career Pathway Endorsement Report
2. Bell Schedule Information

**B. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**

The Board approved the requests for Outside Fundraising per Appendix III-B.

**IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

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

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

**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 Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for 2024 and Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law**

The Board approved the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for 2024 and Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation law per Appendix V-C.

**\*D. Authorized Application for School Library Grants Available to Illinois School Districts and Approved Matching District Funds**

The Board approved the Application for School Library Grants Available to Illinois School Districts and Approved Matching District Funds per Appendix V-D.

**\*E. Accepted Bid List**

The Board accepted Bid List per Appendix V-E.

**F. Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of November 20, 2024**

The Board approved date and agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of November 20, 2024 per Appendix V-F.

**G. Approved Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 17, 2024**

The Board approved date and agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 17, 2024 per Appendix V-F.

- H. **Approved School Maintenance Project Grant Application**  
The Board approved the School Maintenance Project Grant Application per Appendix V-G.

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
  - Joint Annual Conference
  - Principal Appreciation
2. Proposed Agenda for November 18, 2024 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

- \*B. **Approved Date and Agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 13, 2024**

The Board approved the date and agenda for a Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 13, 2024 per Appendix VI-B.

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

The Board approved First Reading of Board Policies 2.260, 2.264, 2.265, 5.100, 7.20, 7.185, 7.270 per Appendix VI-C.

- D. **Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests**

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

VII. **RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 21 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

Friday, October 25	Fall Play "Mockingbird" 7:00 PM Auditorium
Saturday, October 26	Fall Play "Mockingbird" 7:00 PM Auditorium
Sunday, October 27	Fall Play "Mockingbird" 2:00 PM Auditorium

<b>Sunday, November 3</b>	<b>Holiday Market 9:00 – 5:00</b>
<b>Monday, November 4</b>	<b>Institute Day – No School</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 5</b>	<b>Election Day – No School</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 6</b>	<b>Fall Sports Award Ceremony 6 PM Cafeteria</b>
<b>Saturday, November 9</b>	<b>Foundation Bingo 6 PM Old Gym</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 13</b>	<b>Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting 6 PM Community Room</b>
<b>Monday, November 18</b>	<b>Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 PM Community Room</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 20</b>	<b>Building &amp; Grounds Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM Superintendent’s Conference Room</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2024**

Motion by Member O’Leary, second motion by Member Tanny, 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 Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 21, 2024;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee of September 26, 2024;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved Policy Subcommittee Meeting of October 1, 2024;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of October 21, 2024;
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 September 13 & 30, 2024;

II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for November 15 & 29, 2024;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
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;
V-C	6	Appendix V-C	Approved Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2024 and Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law;
V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Authorized Application for School Library Grants Available to Illinois School Districts and Approve Matching District Funds;
V-E	6	Appendix V-E	Approved Bid List;
V-F	6	Appendix V-F	Approved Date and Agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of November 20, 2024;
V-G	6	Appendix V-G	Approved Date and Agenda for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of November 20, 2024;
V-H	6	Appendix V-H	Approved School Maintenance Project Grant Application;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved the Date and Agenda for a Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 13, 2024
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved First Reading of Board Policies 2.264, 2.260, 2.265, 5.100, 7.20, 7.185, 7.270.

**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:		<b>Carried X</b>		<b>Defeated</b>

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

Bernie Moore – teacher at Ridgewood attended the meeting as part of his Principal Internship Program.

**X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM**

The recent golf outing for the baseball team was very well attended. It was a perfect day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The recent reunion for the class of 1971 was held at Ridgewood. They were given a tour of the school and were very impressed with all of the changes.

Fall sports are going well – the Girls Tennis team is doing extremely well.

**XI. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Purpose: To discuss matters related to student residency, including the eligibility and placement of individual students within the district and 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.

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member O'Leary, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to the Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

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

Member Malicki moved, seconded by Member O'Leary, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes to Open Session at 8:26 p.m.

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

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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**XII. APPROVED RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION ON STUDENT RESIDENCY HEARING**

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member Nealon, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 Ridgewood Community High School hereby approves the Recommendation of Action Number One as agreed upon by the Board of Education for student residency case number 01-24-25 as presented.

**ACTION 1:**

**MOTION IF BOARD DETERMINES STUDENT TO BE A NON-RESIDENT**

I move, based upon and after the Board of Education’s consideration of the written evidence and testimony presented at the residency hearing held on September 20, 2024, it finds that Student No. 01-24-25 is not a legal resident of Ridgewood High School District No. 234 and is not, therefore, entitled to attend Ridgewood High School on a tuition-free basis.

I move, pursuant to the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a and 10-20.12b, that the Board of Education charge the parents of the student tuition for the student’s attendance in the District during the 2024-2025 school year at the annual per capita tuition charge of \$23,359, prorated for each of the student’s days of attendance, from the first day of the 2024-2025 school year though today’s date, and charge the family the daily tuition rate for each additional day the student attends the District, until the student establishes residency in the District or is dis-enrolled or withdrawn from the District.

**ACTION 2:**

**MOTION IF BOARD DETERMINES STUDENT TO BE A RESIDENT**

I move, based upon and after the Board of Education’s consideration of the written evidence and testimony presented at the residency hearing held on September 20, 2024, it finds that Student No. 01-24-25 is a legal resident of Ridgewood High School District No. 234 and is, therefore, entitled to attend Ridgewood High School on a tuition free basis.

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Draniczarek	X			
Straughn	X			
Nealon	X			
DiPiero	X			
Malicki	X			
O’Leary	X			
Tanny	X			

**XIII. ADJOURNED**

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member Malicki, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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On voice vote, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary