

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 2024. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 7:01 PM.

Present: Members Paul Draniczarek, Mike Straughn (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) 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 and Recording Secretary Cindi Stazzone and the persons on the attached list.

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion by Member O'Leary second by Member Tanny to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the November 18, 2024, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as presented.

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18th day of November, 2024.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

***A. Approved Minutes of:**

- (1) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 17, 2024 per Appendix II-A-1.
- (2) Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 21, 2024 per Appendix II-A-2.
- (3) Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of October 17, 2024 per Appendix II-A-3.
- (4) Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 13, 2024 per Appendix II-A-4.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of November 18, 2024 per Appendix II-B-1
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of October 15 & 31, 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. Accepted Presentation of School Report Card by Dr. Eric Lasky.

B. Approved Bell Schedule

The Board approved the Bell Schedule for the 2025-26 School Year per Appendix III-B.

***C. Approved Course Recommendations for the 2025-26 School Year**

The Board approved the course recommendations for the 2025-26 school year per Appendix III-C.

***D. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**

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

***E. Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for DECA**

The Board approved the requests for Out of State Travel for DECA per Appendix III-E.

***F. Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for Cheerleading**

The Board approved the requests for Out of State Travel for Cheerleading per Appendix III-F.

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

***A. Approved Personnel Report**

The Board approved the 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.

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
 - Board Member Appreciation

2. Proposed Agenda for December 16, 2024 Board of Education Meeting

- * **B. Approved First Reading of the Proposed 2025-26 School Calendar**
The Board approved the First Reading of the Proposed 2025-26 School Calendar per Appendix VI-B.
- * **C. Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**
The Board approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 2.260, 2.264, 2.265, 5.100, 7.20, 7.185 and 7.270 per Appendix VI-C.
- * **D. Approved Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting**
The Board approved Agenda for Policy Subcommittee Meeting per Appendix VI-D.
- E. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests**
The Board reviewed the current Freedom of Information Requests per Enclosure VI-E.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 16, 2024

Wednesday through Friday, November 27, 28 and 29 **No School – Thanksgiving Holiday**

Wednesday, December 4 **Winter Concert 7 PM
Auditorium**

Saturday, December 14 **Ridgewood Foundation Bingo 6 PM**

Monday, December 16 **Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community
Room**

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
II-A-1	3	Appendix II-A-1	Approved Finance-Audit Subcommittee Minutes of October 17, 2024;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 21, 2024;

II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of October 21, 2024;
IV-A-4	3	Appendix IV-A-4	Approved minutes of Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 13, 2024;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of November 18, 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 October 15 & 31, 2024;
IV-B-4	5	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for November 15 & 29, 2024;
III-B	5	Appendix III-B	Approved Bell Schedule for the 2025-26 School Year;
III-C	5	Appendix III-C	Approved Course Recommendations for the 2025-26 School Year;
III-D	5	Appendix III-D	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
III-E	5	Appendix III-E	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for DECA;
III-F	5	Appendix III-F	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Cheerleading;
IV-A	6	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Personnel Report;
V-A	7	Appendix V-A	Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
V-B	7	Appendix V-B	Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis;
VI-B	8	Appendix VI-B	Approved First Reading of Proposed 2025-26 School Calendar;
VI-C	8	Appendix VI-C	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 2.264, 2.260, 2.265, 5.100, 7.20, 7.185, 7.270;
VI-D	8	Appendix VI-D	Approved Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting.

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
-----------	----------

IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Casey Fuess, who is completing an internship with Dr. Kelsall was visiting to observe the board meeting.

X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

The Veteran's Day Ceremony were very nice and well attended. The recent play "Mockingbird" was great. Union Ridge students also attended and enjoyed it. Bingo is going great – there were 267 people in attendance for November. One of our custodians, Augie Sciortino is retiring this month after working at Ridgewood for 13 years. The board members reported that they have filed their election papers for the upcoming election.

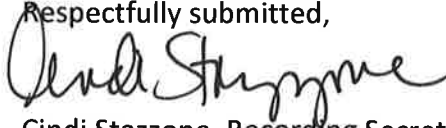
XI. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Malicki, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay: 0	Present: 7	Absent: 0
--------------------	---------------	---------------	-------------------	------------------

The President declared the Motion:

Carried X	Defeated
-----------	----------

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary