

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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, February 24, 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, Jamie Nealon, Frank DiPiero, Lisa Malicki  
Chris O'Leary and Fiona Tanny.  
Absent: Mike Straughn

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

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

Motion was made by Member O'Leary and seconded by Member DiPiero 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.

**II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 27, 2025 per Appendix II-A-1.
- (2) Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of January 27, 2025 per Appendix II-A-2.
- (3) Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of February 6, 2025 per Appendix II-A-3.
- (4) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of February 13, 2025 per Appendix II-A-4.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of February 24, 2025 per Appendix II-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of January 15 & 31, 2025 per Appendix II-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for March 14 & 31, 2025.

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

A. **Principal's Report**

1. Sports Survey Results and Athletic Update presented by Rob St. John

B. **Approved Request for Outside Fundraising**

The Board approved the request 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. **Received Post Issuance Compliance Report**

An annual report of district financial information and the annual audit must be posted on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The FY2024 report was received as Appendix V-C.

\*D. **Approved Date and Agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting on March 10, 2025**

The Board approved the date and agenda for a Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting and agenda on March 10, 2025, per Appendix V-D.

\*E. **Accepted 7-Year Analysis of Revenues, Expenditures and Closing Balances**

Audited results for FY2024 were included in the 7-year comparison included in Appendix V-E.

\*F. **Approved Audits and Annual Financial Reports for 2024**

The Board received the Audits and Annual Financial Reports for 2024 per Enclosure V-F.

**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
2. Proposed Agenda for March 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

**\*B. Approved Date and Agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 4, 2025**

The Board approved the date and agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 4, 2025 per Appendix VI-B.

**\*C. Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**

The Board Approved Second Reading and Adoption 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 VI-C.

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

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

**\*E. Reviewed Current Nepotism Policy 5.33**

The Board reviewed the current Nepotism Policy 5.33 per Enclosure VI-E.

**VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2025**

<b>February 28</b>		<b>Institute Day – No School</b>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>Spring Play “Pippin”</b>	<b>Auditorium 7 PM</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Spring Play “Pippin”</b>	<b>Auditorium 7 PM</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Spring Play “Pippin”</b>	<b>Auditorium 2 PM</b>
<b>March 3</b>		<b>Pulaski Day - No School</b>
<b>March 4</b>		<b>Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting</b>
<b>March 6</b>		<b>Winter Athletic Awards Ceremony 6 PM</b>

<b>March 8</b>	<b>Foundation Bingo 6 PM Old Gym</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Building &amp; Grounds Subcommittee Meeting</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Conferences – No School</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Spring Concert 7 PM Auditorium</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

Motion by Member O’Leary, second motion by Member DiPiero, 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 for Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 27, 2025;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved Executive Session minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 27, 2025;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 6, 2025;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved minutes for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting held on February 13, 2025;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of February 24, 2025;
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 January 15 & 31, 2025;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for March 14 & 31, 2025;
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	Received Post Issuance Compliance Report;
V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Approved the Date and Agenda for a Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting on March 10, 2025;
V-E	6	Appendix V-E	Accepted 7 year Analysis of Revenues, Expenditures and Closing Balances;
V-F	6	Appendix V-F	Approved Audits and Annual Financial Reports for 2024;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved Date and Agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 4, 2025.
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approve Second Reading and Adoption 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	Absent
Draniczarek	X	
Straughn		X
Nealon	X	
DiPiero	X	
Malicki	X	
O'Leary	X	
Tanny	X	

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

There were no visitors at this time.

**X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM**

It was reported that Tristan Kumor was recently at Union Ridge for the Education Pathway event. The students looked very excited to be there.

The recent Lucky Losers event was very well put together and very well attended.

**XI. 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.

Member moved by Member Malicki, seconded by Member Nealon, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to the Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: 6</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
The President declared the Motion:			<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>

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

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member Malicki, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 9:13 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: 6</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
The President declared the Motion:			<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>

**XII. ADJOURNED**

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: 6</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>
The President declared the Motion:			<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President

  
Jamie Nealon, Secretary