

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 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 7:02 PM.

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

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

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member Straughn and seconded by Member Malicki, to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the March 17, 2025, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

The Girl's Dance Team was recognized for their outstanding season.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

***A. Approved Minutes of:**

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 24, 2025 per Appendix II-A-1
- (2) Executive Session of Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 24, 2025 per Appendix II-A-2.
- (3) Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting of February 20, 2025 per Appendix II-A-3.
- (4) Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 4, 2024 per Appendix II-A-4.
- (5) Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of March 10, 2024 per Appendix II-A-5.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of March 17, 2024 per Appendix II-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of February 14 & 28, 2025 per Appendix II-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for April 15 & 30, 2025.

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

A. Principal's Report

- * B. Approved IHSA Membership for the 2025-26 School Year**
The Board approved the membership renewal in the Illinois High School Association Membership for the 2025-26 School Year per Appendix III-B.

- * C. Approved Request for Out of Country Travel for Italian Students**
The Board approved the Out of Country Travel for Italian Students per Appendix III-C.

- * D. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for DECA**
The Board approved the Out of State Travel for DECA per Appendix III-D.

- * E. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**
The Board approved the requests for outside fundraising per Appendix III-E.

- * F. Approved Consolidated District Plan**
The Board approved the Consolidated District Plan per Appendix III-F.

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

***A. Approved Personnel Report**

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

***B. Approved Re-Employment of Non-Tenured Certified Personnel for the 2024-25 School Year**

The Non-Tenured Certified Personnel currently employed by District 234 were recommended and accepted for re-employment for the 2024-25 School year listed in Appendix IV-B.

Name	Year	Name	Year
Moraweic, Michael	1	Aishah, Duha	2
Parada, Michelle	1	Guzman, Alejandro	2
Pizzo, Martina	1	Van, Jacqueline	2
Seskiewicz, Michael	1	Vynnyk, Oksana	2
Vargas-Gonzalez	1 (to .40)	Reyes, Patricia	3
Williams, Michael	1	Sas, Gabriella	3

***C. Approved Roster of Certified Personnel for the 2025-26 School Year**

The Board approved the Roster of Certified Personnel employed for the 2025-26 School Year per Appendix IV-C.

o D. Approved Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full Time, First, Second or Third Year Non-Tenured Teacher

Member Straughn moved, seconded by Member Malicki, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approved the Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full Time, First, Second or Third Year Non-Tenured Teacher as presented in Appendix IV-D.

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

o E. Approved Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Assignment for Non-Tenured First Year Teacher

Member Malicki moved, seconded by Member O'Leary, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approved the Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Assignment for Non-Tenured First Year Teacher as presented in Appendix IV-E.

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

O F. Approved Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers

Member O'Leary moved, seconded by Member Straughn, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby Approved the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers presented in Appendix IV-F.

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

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 Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Norridge for Police Liaison Officer Program**

The Board Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Norridge for Police Liaison Officer Program per Appendix V-C.

o D. Approved Resolution to Abate Increase in Real Estate Tax Levy for 2024

The Board Approved Resolution to Abate Increase in Real Estate Tax Levy for 2024 per Appendix V-D.

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Nealon to approve Resolution to Abate Increase in Real Estate Tax Levy for 2024.

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

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

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Staffing 25-26
 - b. End of Year Update
2. Proposed Agenda for the April 14, 2025 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

***B. Approved Request for Ridgewood Foundation Fundraisers for the 2025-26 School Year**

The Board approved the annual Request from the Ridgewood Foundation for monthly Bingo nights for 2025-26 School Year per Appendix VI-B.

***C. Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 24, 2025**

The Board of Education Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 24, 2025 per Appendix VI-C.

o D. Approved Resolution for Proposed Amendments to the DuPage West Cooperative (DWC) Intergovernmental Agreement

The Board Approved Resolution for Proposed Amendments to the DuPage West Cooperative (DWC) Intergovernmental Agreement per Appendix VI-D.

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member O'Leary approved Resolution for Proposed Amendments to the DuPage West Cooperative (DWC) Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

E. Approved First Reading of Nepotism Policy 5.33

The Board approved the First Reading of Nepotism Policy 5.33 per Appendix VI-E.

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR MARCH 18 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2024

March 31 through April 4	Spring Break
April 7	Classes Resume
April 12	Foundation Bingo 6 PM
	Fieldhouse
April 14	Regular Board of Education
	Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2025

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Nealon, 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 February 24, 2025;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes for Executive Session of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on February 24, 2025;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes for Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting held on February 20, 2025;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting held on March 4, 2025;
II-A-5	3	Appendix II-A-5	Approved Building & Ground Subcommittee Meeting held on March 10, 2025;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of March 17, 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 February 14 and 28, 2025;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for April 15 & 30, 2025;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved IHSA Membership for the 2025-26 School Year;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Approved Request for Out of Country Travel for Italian Students;

III-D	4	Appendix III-D	Approved Request for Out of State Travel for DECA;
III-E	4	Appendix III-E	Approved Request for Outside Fundraising;
III-F	4	Appendix III-F	Approved Consolidated District Plan;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Approved Re-Employment of Non-Tenured, Certified Personnel for the 2025-26 School Year;
IV-C	5	Appendix IV-C	Approved Re-Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2025-26 School Year;
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;
V-C	7	Appendix V-C	Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Norridge for Police Liaison Officer Program;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved Request for Ridgewood Foundation Fundraisers for the 2025-26 School Year;
VI-C	7	Appendix VI-C	Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 24, 2025.
VI-E	8	Appendix VI-E	Approved First Reading of Nepotism Policy 5.33.

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

XI. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no visitors at this time.

X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

There was discussion regarding scheduling a board retreat.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming election.

A board member discussed the recent play and indicated it was very good 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

Motion by Member Malicki, second motion by Member O'Leary, to convene to the Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present:	Absent: 1
The President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

XII. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 8:32 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present:	Absent: 1
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The President declared the Motion:	Carried X	Defeated
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	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:


Paul Draniczarek, President


Jamie Nealon, Secretary