

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

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 13, 2023. 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 7:01 PM.

Present: Members 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 Dr. Eric Lasky and Recording Secretary Cindi Stazzone and the persons on the attached list.

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion by Member Straughn second by Member Nealon to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the November 13, 2023, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as presented.

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 13th day of November, 2023.

II. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose: To Discuss Student Disciplinary Case Number 20235.

Member Malicki moved, seconded by Member Straughn, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby convenes to the Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 7	Absent: 0
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The President declared the Motion:

Carried X	Defeated
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ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Member O'Leary moved, seconded by Member Nealon, Be it resolved the Board of Education of District 234 hereby adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay: 0	Present: 7	Absent: 0
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The President declared the Motion:

Carried X	Defeated
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O III. APPROVED RECOMMENDATION OF ACTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CASE

Member Draniczarek moved, seconded by Member Straughn, Be it Resolved the Board of Education of Ridgewood Community High School District 234 hereby approves the recommendation of action for student #20235 as presented.

I move that, based upon and after the Board’s consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing held on November 13, 2023, the Board of Education finds that student #20235 has committed acts of gross misconduct as described by the District’s Administration, in violation of Board Policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*.

I move that the Board of Education expel the student from Ridgewood Community High School District 234, for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year and through December 31, 2024, but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and the student be administratively transferred to an alternative school or another alternative school as determined by the District’s Administration, pursuant to Article 13A of the Illinois School Code.

I move that the expulsion be held in abeyance, contingent upon the student’s full participation, during the remainder of the expulsion period, in the alternative school program. I move that, should the student fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and/or the alternative school refers the student back to the District, the student shall be immediately expelled from the District, for the remainder of the District Administration’s recommended expulsion duration, without further action of the Board.

I move that the Superintendent (or Superintendent’s designee) issue the Board’s written decision on the student’s expulsion, consistent with the Board’s discussion in closed session.

Approve 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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IV. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

***A. Approved Minutes of:**

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 16, 2023 per Appendix IV-A-1.
- (2) Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 8, 2023 per Appendix IV-A-2.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of November 13, 2023 per Appendix IV-B-1
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix IV-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of October 13 and 31, 2023 per Appendix IV-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for December 15 and 29, 2023 per Appendix IV-B-4.

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

A. Principal's Report

1. Accepted Presentation of School Report Card

***B. Accepted Course Recommendations for 2024-25 School Year**

The Board accepted course recommendations for 2024-25 School Year per Appendix V-B.

***C. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for DECA**

The Board approved the request for Out of State Travel for DECA per Appendix V-C.

***D. Approved Request for Out of State Travel for Mathletes**

The Board approved the request for Out of State Travel for Mathletes per Appendix V-D.

***E. Approved Request for Outside Fundraisers**

The Board approved the request for Outside Fundraisers per Appendix V-E.

VI. MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

***A. Approved Personnel Report**

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

VII. 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 VII-A.

***B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**

The Board accepted the monthly investment analysis, per Appendix VII-B.

***C. Received Annual Statement of Affairs**

The Board received the Annual Statement of Affairs per Appendix VII-C.

VIII. 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 18, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting

ENCLOSURE VIII-A-2

*** B. Approved First Reading of the Proposed 2024-25 School Calendar**

The Board approved the First Reading of the Proposed 2024-25 School Calendar per Appendix VIII-B.

C. Reviewed Current FOIA Requests

The Board reviewed the current FOIA requests per Enclosure VIII-C.

IX. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH DECEMBER 18, 2023

Wednesday through Friday, November 22, 23 and 24	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
Saturday, December 9	Parent’s Club Bingo 6 PM
Wednesday, December 13	Winter Concert 7 PM Auditorium
	Board Policy Subcommittee Mtg 7:30 PM
Monday, December 18	Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room

X. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Nealon, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
IV-A-1	5	Appendix IV-A-1	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 16, 2023;
IV-A-2	5	Appendix IV-A-2	Approved minutes of Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of November 8, 2023;
IV-B-1	5	Appendix IV-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of November 13, 2023;
IV-B-2	5	Appendix IV-B-2	Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements;
IV-B-3	5	Appendix IV-B-3	Ratified Payrolls of October 13 & 31, 2023;
IV-B-4	5	Narration for IV-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for December 15 & 29, 2023;
V-B	6	Appendix V-B	Approved Course Recommendations for the 2024-25 School Year;
V-C	6	Appendix V-C	Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for DECA;

V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Approved Requests for Out of State Travel for Mathletes;
V-E	6	Appendix V-E	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
VI-A	7	Appendix VI-A	Approved the Personnel Report;
VII-A	8	Appendix VII-A	Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
VII-B	8	Appendix VII-B	Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis;
VII-C	8	Appendix VII-C	Received Annual Statement of Affairs;
VIII-B	9	Appendix VIII-B	Approved First Reading of Proposed 2024-25 School Calendar;

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 7

Defeated 0

XI. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no visitors at this time.

XII. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

The girls volleyball team and coaches from Ridgewood recently visited Union Ridge. It was a great experience for all.

The play "Peter and the Starcatcher" was attended and the performances were great.

Vince Fanelli is planning a holiday market at Ridgewood on December 17th.

There was discussion regarding the number of student transfers this year.

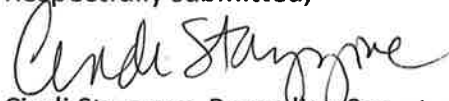
XIII. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

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