

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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, February 26, 2024. 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; Recording Secretary 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 February 26, 2024, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

Presentation of Students of the Semester for the 2023-24 School Year

II. 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.

Motion by Member Tanny, second motion by Member Malicki, to convene to the Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 6	Absent: 1
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The President declared the Motion:

Carried X	Defeated
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III. **ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Member Malicki, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session at 8:23 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 6	Absent: 1
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The President declared the Motion:

Carried x	Defeated
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IV. **TAKE ACTION ON ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

No action was taken at this time.

V. **USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

***A. Approved Minutes of:**

- (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 22, 2024 per Appendix V-A-1.
- (2) Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of February 1, 2024 per Appendix V-A-2.
- (3) Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of February 5, 2024 per Appendix V-A-3.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of February 26, 2024 per Appendix V-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix V-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of January 15 & 31, 2024 per Appendix V-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for March 15 & 29, 2024

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

A. Principal's Report

1. Sports Survey Results and Athletic Update per Enclosure VI-A-1.
2. Residency Update per Enclosure VI-A-2.

B. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising

The Board approved the requests for outside fundraising per Appendix VI-B.

VII. **MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

***A. Approved Amended Personnel Report**

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

VIII. 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 VIII-A.

***B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**

The Board accepted the monthly investment analysis, per Appendix VIII-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 FY2023 report was provided as Enclosure VIII-C.

***D. Approved Date and Agenda for Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting on March 11, 2024**

The Board approved the date and agenda for a Building & Ground Subcommittee Meeting and agenda on March 11, 2024, per Appendix VIII-D.

E. Received 7-Year Analysis of Revenues, Expenditures and Closing Balances

Audited results for FY2023 were included in the 7-year comparison included in Enclosure VIII-E.

F. Received Audits and Annual Financial Reports for 2023

The Board received the Audits and Annual Financial Reports for 2023 per Enclosure VIII-F.

o G. Approved Resolution to Abate Increase in Real Estate Tax Levy for 2023

The Board Approved Resolution to Abate Increase in Real Estate Tax Levy for 2023 per Appendix VIII-G.

Motion by Member Nealon, second motion by Member Tanny approve Resolution to Abate Increase in Real Estate Tax Levy for 2023 per Appendix VIII-G.

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				
Board President declared the Motion:			Carried X	Defeated

IX. 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
 - a. Dress Code
2. Proposed Agenda for March 18, 2024 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure IX-A-2.

***B. Approved Date and Agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 12, 2024**

The Board approved the date and agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 12, 2024 per Appendix IX-B.

B. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests

The Board reviewed the Current Freedom of Information Requests per Enclosure IX-C.

X. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 18, 2024

Monday, March 4	No School – Pulaski Day
Thursday, March 7	Winter Athletic Awards Ceremony 6 PM Cafeteria
Saturday, March 9	Parent’s Club Bingo 6 PM Old Gym
Monday, March 11	Building and Grounds Subcommittee Mtg 7 PM Superintendent’s Conf. Room
Tuesday, March 12	Co-Curricular Subcommittee Mtg Community Room 5 PM
Thursday March 14	Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
Monday, March 18	Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room
Wednesday, March 20	Spring Band Concert 7 PM Auditorium

XI. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024

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>
V-A-1	4	Appendix V-A-1	Approved minutes for Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 22, 2024;
V-A-2	4	Appendix V-A-2	Approved minutes for Education Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 1, 2024;
V-A-3	4	Appendix V-A-3	Approved minutes for Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting held on February 5, 2024;
V-B-1	4	Appendix V-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of February 26, 2024;
V-B-2	4	Appendix V-B-2	Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements;
V-B-3	4	Appendix V-B-3	Ratified Payrolls of January 15 & 31, 2024;
V-B-4	4	Narration for V-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for March 15 & 29, 2024;
VI-B	5	Appendix VI-B	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
VII-A	6	Appendix VII-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;

VIII-A	7	Appendix VIII-A	Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District;
VIII-B	7	Appendix VIII-B	Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis;
VIII-D	7	Appendix VIII-D	Approved the Date and Agenda for a Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting on March 11, 2024;
IX-B	9	Appendix IX-B	Approved Date and Agenda for Co-Curricular Subcommittee Meeting of March 12, 2024.

Approved as presented by Roll Call Vote:

Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Draniczarek	X		
Straughn			X
Nealon	X		
DiPiero	X		
Malicki	X		
O’Leary	X		
Tanny	X		

XII. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

A student from Fenwick High School visited the board meeting. He was previously a student at Ridgewood.

He was visiting as part of an assignment and had questions about how Ridgewood is handling the oversized classrooms.

XIII. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

Several board members attended the recent Lucky Losers event and said they had a great turnout and it was a great event. The wine tasting event was also attended and was very nice.

Union Ridge School was thankful that they were able to borrow tables for their recent event.

A board member recently attended an indoor track meet and enjoyed seeing the meet. The Loteria event was very nice and was very well put together.

There was discussion regarding the dress code.

XIV. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member Tanny, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: X	Nay:	Present: 6	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