

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIDGWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 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 Richardson declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:00 PM.

Present: Paul Draniczarek, Frank DiPiero, Jamie Nealon, Chris O'Leary

Absent: Mike Straughn, Lisa Malicki, Fiona Tanny

Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Kelsall; Assistant Superintendent Tom Parrillo; Eric Lasky Principal and Recording Secretary Cindi Stazzone

**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 September 18, 2023, 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. Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of August 10, 2023 per Appendix II-A-1
2. Budget/Adoption Hearing Meeting of August 21, 2023 per Appendix II-A-2
3. Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 21, 2023 per Appendix II-A-3
4. Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 12, 2023 per Appendix II-A-4

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of September 18, 2023 per Appendix II-B-1
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of August 15 & 31, 2023 per Appendix II-B-3.
- (4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 13 & 31, 2023.

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

A. **Principal's Report**

1. Residency Update per Enclosure III-A-1
2. Profile Incoming Freshmen per Enclosure III-A-2
3. Update on Homecoming Activities per Enclosure III-A-3

B. **Accepted Annual Parent's Club and Band Booster Update**

The Board accepted the Annual Parent's Club and Band Booster Update per Appendix III-B.

C. **Approved Requests for Outside Fundraisers**

The Board approved the requests for outside fundraisers per Appendix III-C.

IV. **MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

\*A. **Approved Personnel Report**

The Board approved the Personnel Report as amended, per Appendix IV-A

\*B. **Accepted Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2022-2023**

Each school board shall report to the Illinois State Board of Education, on or before September 1, the base salary and benefits of the district administration and teachers employed by the school district as submitted in the Employment Information System. The Board accepted the report for the 2022-2023 school year as presented, per Appendix IV-B.

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 Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 5, 2023**

The Board approved the date and agenda for a Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting of October 5, 2023, per Appendix V-C.

\*D. **Retroactively Approved Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 12, 2023**

The Board retroactively approved the date and agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 12, 2023, per Appendix V-D.

- \* E. **Approved Contract Renewal with Lifetouch Photography**  
The Board approved the contract renewal with Lifetouch Photography per Appendix V-E.
- \* F. **Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of October 11, 2023**  
The Board approved the date and agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of October 11, 2023, per Appendix 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
  - Opening of School/Enrollment
2. Proposed Agenda for the October 16, 2023 Board of Education Meeting

- \* B. **Approved Date and Agenda Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting on September 26, 2023**  
The Board approved the date and agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting on September 26, 2023 per Appendix VI-B.

- \* C. **Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart**  
The Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart per Appendix VI-C.

- \* D. **Approve Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**  
The Board approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 4:45, 4:100, 5:230, 6:10, 7:275, 7:305, 7:330 and policies 2:80, 2:170, 6:190, 6:240, 8:25, 8:95 with no changes per Appendix VI-D.

- E. **Reviewed Current FOIA Requests**  
The Board reviewed the current FOIA Requests per Appendix VI-E.

**VII. RECEIVE CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 18 THROUGH OCTOBER 16, 2023**

**Monday, September 18**

**Regular Meeting, 7 PM  
Homecoming Week**

<b>Monday, September 18</b>	<b>Homecoming Pep Assembly Stadium 10:35 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b>	<b>Homecoming Trivia Night Collab Center 5:15 PM</b>
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	<b>Homecoming Carnival 3:30-5:30 Old Gym Homecoming Parade 6 PM Track Homecoming Football – Community vs. Cancer Game 5 PM Homecoming Football Game 7 PM Football Field</b>
<b>Saturday, September 23</b>	<b>Homecoming Dance</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	<b>Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, October 5</b>	<b>Finance/Audit Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM</b>
<b>Monday, October 9</b>	<b>Columbus Day NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 11</b>	<b>Building &amp; Grounds Subcommittee Meeting 7 PM</b>  <b>Parents Club Meeting 6 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, October 14</b>	<b>Parents Club Bingo 6 PM</b>
<b>Monday, October 16</b>	<b>School Board Meeting 7 PM</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

Motion by Member Nealon, second motion by Member O’Leary, 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 of Finance-Audit Subcommittee meeting of August 10, 2023;

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II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Budget Hearing/Adoption Meeting of August 21, 2023;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 21, 2023;
II-A-4	3	Appendix II-A-4	Approved minutes of Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 12, 2023;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of September 18, 2023;
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 August 15 & 31, 2023;
II-B-4	3	Narration for II-B-4	Authorized signing of Payroll Vouchers for October 14 & 31, 2023;
III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Accepted Annual Parent's Club and Band Booster Update;
III-C	4	Appendix III-C	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Accepted the Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefits Report for the 2022-23 school year;
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	Approved Date and Agenda of Finance-Audit Subcommittee Meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023;
V-D	6	Appendix V-D	Retroactively Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of September 12, 2023;
V-E	6	Appendix V-E	Approved Contract Renewal with Lifetouch Photography;

V-F	6	Appendix V-F	Approved Date and Agenda for Building and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of October 11, 2023;
VI-B	7	Appendix VI-B	Approved Date and Agenda for Education Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Meeting of September 26, 2023;
VI-C	8	Appendix VI-C	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart;
VI-D	8	Appendix VI-D	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 4:45, 4:100, 5:230, 6:10, 7:275, 7:305, 7:330 and policies 2:80, 2:170, 6:190, 6:240, 8:25, 8:95 with no changes.

**Approved as presented by Roll Call Vote:**

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

Board President declared the Motion: 

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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**IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

There were no visitors at the meeting.

**X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM**

There was discussion regarding the student enrollment numbers. We currently have 952 students which includes off campus students. We are also still enrolling students. The Hall of Fame Brunch was very nice. The nominees gave great speeches and the students did a great job of cleaning.

The recent Parent's Club Bingo had 221 people attend.

The Boys Basketball Special Education event was recently on the news.

Mr. Parrillo reported that a former student Adam Gacka recently produced a film called "Teacher". It was shown at the Chicago Historical Society and is on Amazon now as well.

XI. **ADJOURNED**

Motion by Member O'Leary, second motion by Member DiPiero, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

<b>Voice Vote:</b>	<b>Aye: 4</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent: 3</b>
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The President declared the Motion:

<b>Carried X</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
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On voice vote, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul Draniczarek, President



Jamie Nealon, Secretary