

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 234
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 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, December 18, 2023. President Draniczarek called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited during the prior Truth in Taxation Hearing.

QUORUM DECLARED PRESENT

Board Secretary Nealon declared a quorum of the Board of Education of District 234 was present at 7:04 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 Eric Lasky and Cindi Stazzone, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA REQUESTS

Motion was made by Member Nealon and seconded by Member Straughn to approve the Consent Agenda and the Regular Agenda for the December 18, 2023, meeting of the Ridgewood High School District 234 Board of Education as amended. Item 5F was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

On voice vote, President Draniczarek declared the motion carried.

II. USUAL RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approved Minutes of:

- (1) Approved Regular Board of Education Meeting on November 13, 2023 per Appendix II-A-1
- (2) Approved Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of November 13, 2023 per Appendix II-A-2
- (3) Approved Policy Subcommittee Meeting of December 13, 2023 per Appendix II-A-3.

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

- (1) Approved Accounts Payable of December 13, 2023 per Appendix II-B-1.
- (2) Approved Revolving (Imprest) Fund Expenditures and Reimbursements per Appendix II-B-2.
- (3) Ratified Payrolls of November 15 & 30, 2023 per Appendix II-B-3.

(4) Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for January 12 & 31, 2024 per Appendix II-B-4.

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

A. Student Transfers - Informational

***B. Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising**

The Board approved the Requests 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 per Appendix IV-A.

B. Approved Educational Support Staff Seniority List

Article 11.3 of the Educational Support Staff contract states that the Board shall prepare, maintain and post the seniority list of full-time bargaining employees prior to January 15th of each school year. The Superintendent posted a tentative listing by classification and the Board approved said list per Appendix IV-B.

C. Approved Course Guide/Programs of Study

The Board approved the Course Guide/Programs of Study, per Appendix IV-C.

D. Approved 2024 Summer School Program Proposal

The Board approved the 2024 Summer School Program Proposal, per Appendix IV-D.

V. MATTERS RELATING TO BUSINESS, FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

***A. Accepted Analysis of the Financial Condition of the District**

The Board accepted the analysis of the financial condition of the district, per Appendix V-A.

***B. Accepted Monthly Investment Analysis**

The Board accepted the monthly investment analysis of the district, per Appendix V-B.

O C. Approved Adoption of Tax Levy for Estimated Taxes to be Levied for 2023 Collectable in 2024

The Illinois Truth in Taxation Law requires the school district levy be adopted at the first regularly scheduled meeting in December. The proposed levy was presented to the Board as a tentative levy in October. Upon approval, the required documents will be filed with the County by the last Tuesday in December. The tax levy was provided and approved per Appendix V-C.

Motion by Member Straughn second by Member Tanny to adopt the Tax Levy and Resolution, per Appendix V-C. Approved as presented on a roll call vote.

Mr. Draniczarek	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Straughn	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Nealon	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. DiPiero	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Malicki	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. O’Leary	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Tanny	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18TH day of December, 2023.

O 1. Approved Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes

The Resolution was provided in Appendix V-C-1.

Motion by Member Nealon, second by Member O’Leary, to adopt the Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes. Approved as presented on a roll call vote.

Mr. Straughn	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Nealon	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. DiPiero	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Malicki	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. O’Leary	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Tanny	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Draniczarek	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18TH day of December, 2023.

O 2. Approved Resolution to Certify and File the Tax Levy

The Resolution was provided in Appendix V-C-2.

Motion by Member O’Leary second by Member Tanny, to adopt the Resolution to Certify and File the Tax Levy. Approved as presented on a roll call vote.

Ms. Nealon	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. DiPiero	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Malicki	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. O’Leary	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Tanny	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Draniczarek	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Straughn	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18TH day of December, 2023.

* 3. **Certification by Secretary**
The Board Secretary certified that the foregoing resolutions were correct and completed as adopted by the Board of Education. The certification was provided in Appendix V-C-3.

4. **Cook County Truth in Taxation Law Certificate of Compliance**
The certificate was provided in Appendix V-C-4.

5. **Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation Law**
The Truth in Taxation Certificate was provided in Appendix V-C-5.

O D. **Approved Resolution to Authorize Preparation of 2024-25 Budget and the Proposed Budget Calendar**
By law, it is necessary to establish a fiscal year, appoint someone to prepare a tentative budget, and set dates when the tentative budget may be reviewed by members of the public. The Board appointed the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations/Treasurer to prepare the 2024-25 budget for Ridgewood High School according to the budget calendar. The Resolution was attached in Appendix V-D.

Motion by Member Tanny, second by Member Straughn, to approve the Resolution to Authorize Preparation of 2024-25 Budget and the Proposed Budget Calendar. Approved as presented on a roll call vote.

Mr. DiPiero	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Malicki	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. O’Leary	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Tanny	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Draniczarek	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Straughn	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Nealon	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18TH day of December, 2023.

O E. **Approved Resolution Authorizing the Publication of Legal Notice of Budget Hearing and Availability of Budget for Public Inspection**
The Board approved the Resolution to Authorize the Publication of Legal Notice of the Budget Hearing and Availability of the Tentative Budget for Public Inspection will be published in the local paper in compliance with state law. The Resolution was attached in Appendix V-E.

Motion by Member Tanny second by Member Malicki to Approve Resolution Authorizing Publication of Legal Notice of Budget Hearing and Availability of Budget for Public Inspection. Approved as presented on a roll call vote.

Ms. Malicki	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. O’Leary	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Tanny	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Draniczarek	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Straughn	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Nealon	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. DiPiero	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18TH day of December, 2023.

O *F. Approved Amended Student and Building Fees for 2024-2025

The Board approved the Amended Student and Building Fees for the 2024-25 school year. The new amended fee schedule was approved as presented on a roll call as provided in Appendix V-F.

Motion by Member DiPiero second by Member Nealon to Approve the Amended Student and Building Fees for the 2024-25 school year. Approved as amended on a roll call vote.

Ms. Malicki	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. O’Leary	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Tanny	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Draniczarek	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Straughn	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Nealon	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. DiPiero	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18TH day of December 2023.

O G. Approved Fund Balance Resolution

The Board approved the Fund Balance Resolution per Appendix V-G.

Motion by Member Straughn second by Member O’Leary, to approve Fund Balance Resolution as presented on a roll call vote.

Ms. Tanny	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Draniczarek	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. Straughn	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Nealon	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. DiPiero	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Ms. Malicki	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay
Mr. O’Leary	X	_____	Aye	_____	Nay

The President declared the motion duly carried on this 18TH day of December, 2023.

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 January 22, 2024 Board of Education Meeting per Enclosure VI-A-2.

***B. Retroactively Approved the Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of December 13, 2023**

The Board retroactively approved the Date and Agenda for Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting of December 13, 2023 per Appendix VI-B.

***C. Approved First Reading of Board Policies**

The Board approved First Reading of Board Policies 2:20, 2:120, 2:200, 2:220, 4:10, 4:30, 4:60, 4:130, 4:160, 5:30, 5:50, 5:190, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:30, 6:50, 6:60, 6:230, 7:60, 7:70, 7:160, 7:165, 7:190, 7:270, 7:285, 7:290, 7:345, 8:30 and Review with no changes to Policies 2:110, 3:50, 4:90, 4:170, 5:90, 5:120, 5:150, 6:20, 6:65, 6:270, 6:280, 7:50, 7:250 per Appendix VI-C.

***D. Approved the Second Reading and Adoption of the 2024-2025 School Calendar**

The Board approved the second reading and adoption of the 2024-25 school calendar as presented, per Appendix VI-D.

E. Reviewed Publication of Board Meeting Dates for 2024-25 School Year

The Board reviewed the Board meeting dates for 2024-25 School Year as presented, per Enclosure VI-E.

F. Reviewed Current Freedom of Information Requests

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

VII. RECEIVED CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 18, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2024

Wednesday, December 13	Winter Concert 7:00 PM
Friday, December 22 –Friday, January 5	Winter Break
Monday, January 8	Classes Resume
Friday, January 12	Teacher Work Day – No School
Saturday, January 13	Parent’s Club Bingo 6 PM
Monday, January 15	MLK Day, No Classes
Tuesday, January 16	Teacher Work Day – No School
Monday, January 22	Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Community Room

VIII. TOOK FORMAL ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2023

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member Malicki, 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 Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 13, 2023;
II-A-2	3	Appendix II-A-2	Approved minutes of Executive Session of Board of Education Meeting of November 13, 2023;
II-A-3	3	Appendix II-A-3	Approved minutes of Policy Subcommittee Meeting of December 13, 2023;
II-B-1	3	Appendix II-B-1	Approved Accounts Payable of December 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 November 15 and 30, 2023;
II-B-4	3	Appendix II-B-4	Authorized Signing of Payroll Vouchers for January 12 and 31, 2024;

III-B	4	Appendix III-B	Approved Requests for Outside Fundraising;
IV-A	5	Appendix IV-A	Approved the Amended Personnel Report;
IV-B	5	Appendix IV-B	Approved the Educational Support Staff Seniority List;
IV-C	5	Appendix IV-C	Approved Course Guide/Programs of Study;
IV-D	5	Appendix IV-D	Approved 2024 Summer School Program Proposal;
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-3	7	Appendix V-C-3	Approved Certification by Secretary;
V-C-4	8	Appendix V-C-4	Approved Cook County Truth in Taxation Law Certificate of Compliance;
V-C-5	8	Appendix V-C-5	Approved Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation Law;
V-F	9	Appendix V-F	Appendix V-F was removed from the Consent Agenda;
VI-B	10	Appendix VI-B	Retroactively Approved Date and Agenda of Policy Subcommittee Meeting of December 13, 2023;
VI-C	10	Appendix VI-C	Approved First Reading of Revisions to Board Policies 2:20, 2:120, 2:200, 2:220, 4:10, 4:30, 4:60, 4:130, 4:160, 5:30, 5:50, 5:190, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:30, 6:50, 6:60, 6:230, 7:60, 7:70, 7:160, 7:165, 7:190, 7:270, 7:285, 7:290, 7:345, 8:30 and Review with no changes to Policies 2:110, 3:50, 4:90, 4:170, 5:90, 5:120, 5:150, 6:20, 6:65, 6:270, 6:280, 7:50, 7:250.
VI-D	10	Appendix VI-D	Approved Second Reading and Adoption of 2024-25 School Calendar.

Approved as amended 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

IX. RECOGNIZED VISITORS AND INVITE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no visitors at this time.

X. CONDUCTED BOARD FORUM

There was discussion regarding the recent Insurance Committee Meeting and the fact that insurance prices have increased. There will be additional meetings in the future.

The Christmas Market held on December 17th was well attended. There were a lot of vendors in attendance. Suggestions about more advertising for next year.

The recent band concert was very nice. This year's concert included the Chorus as well as the Poetry Club which was wonderful.

The recent Parent's Club Bingo was very well attended.

XI. ADJOURNED

Motion by Member Straughn, second motion by Member O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21p.m.

Voice Vote:	Aye: 7	Nay: 0	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