

**RIDGEWOOD LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**6:00 P.M. BUDGET HEARING**  
**6:10 P.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**\*\*\*Thursday, January 7, 2021\*\*\***  
**Ridgewood Elementary School**  
**225 W. Union Avenue, West Lafayette, Ohio 43845**

**6:00 P.M. - BUDGET HEARING** - All requirements of Section 121:22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Implementing Rules adopted by the Board were complied with for this meeting.

**6:10 P.M. - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Frank Mathews, Board of Education President Pro Tem. The following members were present: Mr. Folkert, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. McCrea, and Mr. Riebesell.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

➤ PRESIDENT -

Mrs. McCrea made a motion to elect **Mr. Riebesell** as President of the Board of Education and was seconded by Mr. Griffith.

Roll Call: Four affirmative votes (Mr. Folkert, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Mathews, and Mrs. McCrea)  
 One abstaining vote (Mr. Riebesell)

Mr. Riebesell, elected President of the Board of Education and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

➤ VICE PRESIDENT-

Mr. Mathews made a motion to elect **Mr. Folkert** as Vice President of the Board of Education and was seconded by Mrs. McCrea.

Roll Call: Four affirmative votes (Mr. Mathews, Mr. Griffith, Mrs. McCrea and Mr. Riebesell)  
 One abstaining vote (Mr. Folkert)

3. OATH OF OFFICE - Oath of Office to newly elected President and Vice President.  
 President (Mr. Riebesell) and Vice President (Mr. Folkert).

4. **STANDING COMMITTEES**: Appointments made with the understanding that if the assigned Board Member cannot attend a committee meeting, he will offer the opportunity to another board member in order to expand everyone's base of knowledge and comply with Sunshine Law.

District's Student Achievement Liaison – Mr. Riebesell	District's Legislative Liaison – Mrs. McCrea
Buildings and Grounds – Mrs. McCrea & Mr. Riebesell	Finance Committee – Mr. Griffith & Mr. Mathews
Athletic Council – Mr. Folkert & Mr. Mathews	Insurance Committee – Mr. Mathews & Mr. Riebesell
Certified Negotiations – Mrs. McCrea & Mr. Riebesell	Classified Negotiations – Mr. Folkert & Mr. Mathews
Policy Committee Appointees – Mr. Griffith & Mr. Riebesell	Wall of Fame – Mr. Griffith
Records Commission – Mr. Mathews	

Motion to approve item(s) 4 – Mr. Mathews

Seconded – Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Five affirmative votes

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5. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES - Recommend that the Board of Education authorize special temporary committees as are deemed necessary. The President shall appoint such committees to act upon a specific situation or problem defined at the time such committee is created. Upon delivering its final report to the Board, the committee shall be dissolved unless the board renews its appointment.

Motion to approve item(s) 5 – Mr. Mathews

Seconded – Mr. Griffith

Roll Call: Five affirmative votes

**BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEMS**

**BOARD ITEMS:**

1. Resolution #21-01 – Time and Place of Board Meetings

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education that the establish time and place for Regular Meetings of the Board of Education shall be held at the Administration Office (unless otherwise noted) at the established time. (Finance Committee Meetings to take place 15 minutes before regular board meeting.)

Thursday, January 7, 2021 @ 6:45 p.m. (RES)	Friday July 16, 2021 @ 7:00 a.m.
Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (RES)	Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (RES)	Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (RES)	Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 17, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (RES)	Friday, November 19, 2021 @ 7:00 a.m. (RHS)
Friday, June 18, 2021 @ 7:00 a.m. (RES)	Friday, December 17, 2021 @ 7:00 a.m. (RMS)
Wednesday, June 30, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.	

2. Resolution #21-02 – Service Fund

**Whereas**, Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 provides setting aside each year from the general fund a sum not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) for each child enrolled in the district, or twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), whichever is greater, such sums of money to be known as the “service fund,” which shall be used only in paying the expenses of members of the Board of Education actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or their official representatives when sent out of the school district.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education shall Establish Board Service Fund in the amount \$10,000.00

3. Resolution #21-03 – Waiving the Reading of Board Records

**Be It Resolved** that the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education shall waive the reading of the record of its proceeding meeting, provided that such record has been distributed to the members of the Board at least two days prior to the date of the next succeeding meeting.

4. Resolution #21-04 – Media Outlets

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education that it designates the Coshocton Tribune and Coshocton Beacon as the official newspaper and WTNS as the official radio station of the Board of Education.

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5. Resolution #21-05 – Bonding

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, that surety bonds be purchased in the amounts as follows:

➤ Treasurer \$20,000

6. Resolution #21-06 – Professional Meetings

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, that the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board Members be authorized to attend professional meetings sponsored by Ohio School Boards Association, American Association of School Administrators, National School Boards Association, Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, the Ohio Department of Education and other professional organizations effective for the 2021 calendar year.

7. Resolution #21-07 – Superintendent / Treasurer Authorization

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for and participate in all appropriate federal, state and other programs beneficial to the district and to file the required applications and reports.

Motion to approve item(s) 1-7 – Mr. Griffith

Seconded – Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Five affirmative votes

### TREASURER'S AUTHORIZATIONS

1. Resolution #21-08 – Payment of Bills

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education that the Treasurer pays all bills as they are presented and report monthly to the Board those bills that were paid.

2. Resolution #21-09 – Authorizing Advance on Tax Settlement

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, that the Treasurer secure all advance tax monies and invest active and interim funds as available.

3. Resolution #21-10 – Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, that the Treasurer obtain amended certificates of estimated resources from the County Budget Commission as required.

4. Resolution #21-11 – Borrowing Funds

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Treasurer and Board President to borrow funds if necessary.

5. Resolution #21-12 – Appropriation Modifications

**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, that the Treasurer process appropriation modifications as needed and report them to the Board for approval the following month.

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6. Resolution #21-13 – Opening Fund  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Treasurer to open any funds as authorized by the Uniform School Accounting System User Manual.
7. Resolution #21-14 – Depository Accounts  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Treasurer to open depository accounts with approved financial institutions.
8. Resolution #21-15 – Change Funds  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Treasurer to allocate Change Funds up to \$3,000 as needed.
9. Resolution #21-16 – Transfer of Funds  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Treasurer to make inter-fund and intra-fund transfers as needed subject to subsequent Board approval.

Motion to approve item(s) 1-9 – Mr. Mathews

Seconded – Mr. Folkert

Roll Call: Five affirmative votes

**SUPERINTENDENT’S AUTHORIZATIONS**

1. Resolution #21-17 – Student Activity and Student Field Trips  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Superintendent to approve student activity sales projects and approve all field trips scheduled for students of the School District except those going through travel agencies.
2. Resolution #21-18 – Professional Leave  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Superintendent to approve professional development of the professional and classified staff.
3. Resolution #21-19 – Employment  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Superintendent to employ personnel, pending Board of Education action at the next regular meeting.  
  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education that the Superintendent is authorized to employ and to put to work necessary certified and non-certified staff members, pending Board of Education action at the next regular meeting.  
  
**Be It Resolved** by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, authorizing the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations. Such employment will be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.

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4. Resolution #21-20 - Purchases.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education authorizing the Superintendent to purchase any and all items for the normal operations of the Ridgewood Schools within the restrictions set forth by the appropriations, not to exceed \$15,000, with the exception for certain fund raising activities, athletic guarantees, and unless the expenditure is an emergency which imposes a threat to the well-being or safety of staff, students, and/or the physical facilities.

Motion to approve item(s) 1-4 – Mr. Mathews

Seconded – Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Five affirmative votes

**FY2022 TAX BUDGET** - The budget was available for public inspection ten days prior to the Budget Hearing. A notice was published of the availability of the Budget for public inspection and the Budget Hearing.

The Treasurer recommends the Ridgewood Local School District adopt the FY2022 Tax Budget.

Motion to approve – Mr. Griffith

Seconded – Mr. Mathews

Roll Call: Five affirmative votes

**ADJOURNMENT** -

Motion to Adjourn @ 6:25 p.m. - Mr. Mathews

Seconded – Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Five affirmative votes

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Mr. Jay Tingle, Treasurer

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Mr. John Riebesell, Board President