

RIDGEWOOD LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 P.M. BUDGET HEARING
5:15 P.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA
******Thursday, January 9, 2025******
Ridgewood High School
602 Johnson Street, West Lafayette, Ohio 43845

5:00 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.

5:15 P.M. - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING – Frank Mathews, President Pro Tem

2. ROLL CALL -

Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

➤ PRESIDENT -

Motion by _____ to elect as President of the Board: _____

Seconded by _____

Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

➤ VICE PRESIDENT-

Motion by _____ to elect as Vice President of the Board: _____

Seconded by _____

Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

5. OATH OF OFFICE - Oath of Office President and Vice President.

M_____, elected President of the Board of Ed. and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

6. 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 -	District’s Legislative Liaison -
Buildings and Grounds -	Finance Committee -
Athletic Council -	Insurance Committee -
Certified Negotiations -	Classified Negotiations -
Policy Committee Appointees -	Wall of Fame -
Records Commission – New Board President	Career Center Representative-

Motion to approve - _____ Seconded – _____

Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

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7. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES - Recommends 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 - _____ Seconded – _____
 Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEMS
BOARD ITEMS:

1. Resolution #25-01 – 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 9, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.	Friday July 18, 2025 @ 7:00 A.M.
Thursday February 20, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.	Friday, August 15, 2025 @ 7:00 A.M.
Thursday March 20, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.	Thursday, September 18, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
Thursday April 17, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.	Friday, October 17, 2025 @ 7:00 A.M. (RES)
Thursday May 15, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.	Friday, November 21, 2025 @ 7:00 A.M. (RMS)
Friday June 27, 2025 @ 7:00 A.M.	Friday, December 19, 2025 @ 7:00 A.M. (RHS)

2. Resolution #25-02 – 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 #25-03 – 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 #25-04 – 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 #25-05 – Bonding or Insurance Policy

Be It Resolved by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, that either a Surety Bond or an Employee Dishonesty & Faithful Performance of Duty Insurance Policy be purchased in the amounts equal to or greater than as follows:

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| ➤ Treasurer Surety Bond | \$ 20,000 |
| ➤ Employee Dishonesty & Faithful Performance of Duty Insurance Policy | \$250,000 |

6. Resolution #25-06 – 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 2025 calendar year.

7. Resolution #25-07 – 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 items _____ - _____ Seconded – _____

Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

TREASURER’S AUTHORIZATIONS

1. Resolution #25-08 – 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 #25-09 – Payment of Expenditures with Permanent Improvement Funds

Be It Resolved by the Ridgewood Local School District Board of Education, affirms the Treasurer’s actions, at his will, to charge the salary and benefits expenses of its technology technicians, bus mechanic, buildings and grounds, and maintenance staff to permanent funds of the district. These personnel are dedicated to solely maintaining the school district’s buildings, buses, computers and infrastructure – permanent improvements of the school district.

3. Resolution #25-10 – 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.

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4. Resolution #25-11 – 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.
5. Resolution #25-12 – 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.
6. Resolution #25-13 – 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.
7. Resolution #25-14 – 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.
8. Resolution #25-15 – 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.
9. Resolution #25-16 – 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.
10. Resolution #25-17 – 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 items _____ - _____ Seconded – _____
Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

SUPERINTENDENT’S AUTHORIZATIONS

1. Resolution #25-18 – 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 #25-19 – 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.

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3. Resolution #25-20 – 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.

4. Resolution #25-21 - 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 items _____ - _____ Seconded – _____
Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

FY2026 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 FY2026 Tax Budget.

Motion to approve - _____ Seconded – _____
Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

ADJOURNMENT -

Motion to Adjourn @ _____ - _____ Seconded– _____
Mr. Folkert ___; Mr. Gress ___; Mr. Mathews ___; Mrs. McCrea ___; Mr. Riebesell ___

Mr. Jay Tingle, Treasurer

_____, Board President