

Special Board of Education Meeting

Board of Education
Ridgedale Board Office
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
4:45pm - 8:45pm

Present: Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President; Mr. Eric Park, Board Member; Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member; Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President; Mr. Matthew Cordes, Treasurer; Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member

1 Treasurer Pro Tempore

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President

Motion to elect a Treasurer Pro Tempore to take minutes for the meeting.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton nominated Misty Hayden as Treasurer Pro Tempore to take minutes for the meeting. There were no other nominations.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Ed Roush

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

2 Call To Order

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President

Roll Call:

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. Mrs. Hayden called the roll.

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		

Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

3 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 Recognition of Guests and Visitors

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President

0169.1 -PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. The Board offers public participation to members of the public in accordance with the procedures below. The Board applies these procedures to all speakers and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, content of the speech, or viewpoint of the speaker.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular and special meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

- The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.
- The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:
- Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- Individuals may not register others to speak during public participation.
- Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration unless extended by the presiding officer.
- During the portion of the meeting designated for public participation, no participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

The presiding officer may:

- interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one(1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest)
- request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
- call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes per topic unless extended by a vote of the Board.

Minutes:

There were none signed in.

5 Executive Session

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President

WHEREAS, as a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

1. To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.
2. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding
3. Conferences with an attorney for the board of education concerning disputes involving the board of education that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
4. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
5. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.
6. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ridgedale Local Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on item(s) as listed above.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton requested executive session to consider the employment of a public school employee. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to enter executive session for the aforementioned reason and Mr. Roush seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

6 Executive Session Concluded

Executive Session concluded at _____ (if needed) and open session reconvened.

Minutes:

Executive Session concluded at 9:15 PM.

7 Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Ridgedale Board of Education will be the regular meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025, in the Ridgedale Board of Education meeting room 5:30 p.m.

8 Adjournment

Adjourn.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Ed Roush

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		