

Ridgedale Board of Education Meeting

Board of Education
Ridgedale Board Office
Monday, June 16, 2025
5:30pm - 7:30pm

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 Roll Call

Mr. Cordes

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park_____Roberts _____Roush

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Mr. Cordes called roll. All members except Mrs. Hayden were present.

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

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 Recognition of Guests and Visitors

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:

Jacob Neutzling, Jessica Friermood, Angie Murphy, and Emily Yaksic were in attendance. None wished to speak.

4 Points of Interest/Discussion

Various

- a. Facilities Update
- b. Legislative Update

Minutes:

- a. Dr. Bower gave an update on the progress of the Jr./Sr. High HVAC project. She also updated the board on the remaining funds we have from the COPS financing and some things to have future discussion on about how to spend the rest of those funds to most meet our needs.
- b. Dr. Bower and Mr. Cordes gave an update on HB96 and HB 335 and their possible financial impacts if passed.

5 General discussion of agenda, addendum, and other items of concern

Mr. Cordes and Dr. Bower

Items 6, 7, and 8, listed below under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and removed from the Consent Agenda. The Superintendent and administrative staff recommend approval of all Consent Agenda items.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Ed Roush

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

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

6 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Cordes

a. Minutes of the May 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

b. Minutes of the May 22, 2025 Special Board Meeting

c. Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Ed Roush

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

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

Attachments:

[00.09 board special meeting 05-27-2025.pdf](#)

[00.07 board meeting 05-19-2025.pdf](#)

[00.08 board special meeting 05-22-2025.pdf](#)

7 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cordes

May 2025 Bill List

May 2025 Financial Report

Recommend to approve the final fund level appropriations for FY25

Recommend to approve the final estimated resources for FY25

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Ed Roush

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

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

Attachments:

[Cash Reconciliation as of May 31 2025.pdf](#)
[Disbursement Report May 2025.xlsx](#)
[Spending Plan Monthly 5.31.25.xlsx](#)
[Revenue Summary Report - May 2025.xlsx](#)
[Appropriation Summary Report May 2025.xls](#)
[Monthly Board Reports - Charts -May 2025.xlsx](#)
[FY2025 Ridgedale Appropriations Cert May.xlsx](#)

8 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bower

- Recommend to approve the Marion County Interagency Agreement of Program Coordination and Transition Services.
- Recommend to approve the spring estimate contract with NCOESC for 2025-26.
- Recommend to approve the Preschool calendar for the 2025-26 school year.
- Recommend to enter an agreement with Ohio Guidestone to provide school-based behavioral health, consultation, and prevention as needed for the period of 8/1/25-7/31/26.
- Recommend to approve services agreement with Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc. of Marion County (SESI) as needed for the 2025-26 school year.
- Recommend to approve services agreement with Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc. of Bucyrus (SESI) as needed for the 2025-26 school year.
- Recommend to employ Robin Townsend to an extended service contract for summer work as transportation supervisor, on an as needed basis, at her hourly rate of pay, up to and not to exceed 10 days.

_____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. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		

Attachments:

9 Certified Staff

Recommend to approve the following certified positions for one year limited contracts for the 2025-26 school year pending licensure verification and BCI/FBI clearance:

a. Amy Corfman, jr/sr high band/choir, BA +150 Step 0

_____ 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. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		

Attachments:

[A. Corfman- 1 year 2025-26.docx](#)

10 Treasurer Contract

Recommend to approve Tacy Courtright as Treasurer beginning August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028.

_____ 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. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		

Attachments:

[Tacy Courtright Contract.pdf](#)

11 Transportation Supervisor Contract Amendent

Recommend to approve the Transportation Supervisor Contract Amendment for Robin Townsend.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

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

Attachments:

[Resolution to amend Transportation Director Contract.docx](#)

12 Food Service Director

Recommend to approve Shannon Large Tilley as Food Service Director for FY26-FY28.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

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

Attachments:

[Food Service Director Contract.docx](#)

13 Driver's Education Stipend

Recommend to approve Tyler Clark to receive a stipend in the amount of \$1,500.00 for coordination services for the Driver's Education Program.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

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

14 Commercial Insurance

Resolution to approve the Ohio School Plan as the Ridgedale Local School District commercial insurance carrier effective 7/1/2025 through 7/1/2026 at a cost of \$63,212.00.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

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

15 Federal Grants

Recommend to approve participation in the following Federal Grants for FY 2026:

Title I A - Improving Basic Programs, Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction, Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment, Title V-B Rural and Low-Income, IDEA-B Special Education, IDEA Early Childhood Special Education, 21st Century, Agriculture Education 5th Quarter, Stronger Connections, Comprehensive Literacy State Development K-12, and E4E.

_____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. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		

16 Executive Session

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:

Dr. Bower requested executive session to discuss the employment of a public school employee. Mr. Roush motioned to enter in executive session and Mrs. Roberts seconded the motion. Executive session began at 6:30 P.M.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Ed Roush

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		

Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		

17 Executive Session Concluded

Executive Session concluded at ____ (if needed) and public session reconvened.

Minutes:

Executive Session Concluded at 6:50 P.M.

18 Other Board Directives

Other Board Directives/Initiatives:

Minutes:

There were none.

19 Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Ridgedale Board of Education will be the regular meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, in the Ridgedale Board of Education meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes:

The next meeting of the Ridgedale Board of Education will be a special meeting on Friday, June 27, 2025, in the Ridgedale Board of Education meeting room at 9:30 a.m.

20 Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

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