

Ridgedale Board of Education Meeting

Board of Education
Ridgedale Board Office
Monday, August 24, 2026
5:30pm - 6:30pm

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

1 Roll Call

Mrs. Courtright

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park_____Roberts _____Roush

Minutes:

Ed Roush was absent for the board meeting.

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President

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:

Guests in attendance were Karen Karen Turner teacher, Mellissa Johnson- administrator, Angie Brice administrator.

Karen wanted to express her thanks for getting HVAC upgrade completed in the Jr/Sr High Building. It has made a big difference.

4 Points of Interest/Discussion

Various

- a. Replacement Cameras for School Buses
- b. Facilities Updates, including, but not limited to Elementary Roofs (Music Room and Gym), Elementary Kitchen
- c. September and October Board Meeting locations

Minutes:

Discussion about the new cameras being installed in the buses. The contract for the RES roof project (Music and Gym) is being finalized. The work will take place in October 2026.

Regular Board Meeting for September 21, 2026 will be held here in the Board Office instead of at Tri Rivers. The regular board meeting in October will be held at Tri Rivers October 19, 2026.

5 Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Courtright

For the Month of July 2026:

- Disbursement Summary
- GF Monthly Financial Outlook
- Revenue Summary
- Cash Reconciliation
- Then and Now for August 2026
- Capital Planning for FY 2027
- Approval of Purpose and Budget Statements for School Year 2026-27
- Adjustments for Appropriations for FY 2027

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Cash Reconciliation for July 2026.pdf](#)

[Then and Now for August 2026.pdf](#)

[Revenue Summary for July 2026.pdf](#)

[Detailed Disbursement Report for July 2026.pdf](#)

[GF Spending Report for July 2026.pdf](#)

[Capital Improvement for School Year 2026-27.pdf](#)

[Purpose and Budget Statements for 2026-27 School Year.pdf](#)

[FY27 Appropriations for August.pdf](#)

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

Mrs. Courtright and Dr. Bower

Items 6.1-6.6 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.

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Eric Park

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

6.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Courtright

- a. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting July 20, 2026
- b. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting August 5, 2026

Attachments:

[Special Board Meeting Minutes for 08.05.26](#)
[Regular Board Meeting Minutes 07.20.26.26](#)

6.2 Postage Machine Lease Agreement

Ms. Courtright

Approval of 1 postage machine agreement with Pitney Bowes starting October 1, 2026 for 60 months.

6.3 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bower

1. Recommend to approve addendum with OhioGuidestone to purchase consultation and/or prevention services for up to \$2000.
2. Recommend to approve services agreement with Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc. of Marion (SESI) as needed for the 2026-27 school year. Individual student contracts are attached.
3. Recommend to approve evaluation service agreements with Golden Touch for 21st Century Grants at elementary and Jr/Sr High.

Attachments:

[2026_08_01_to_2027_07_31_Ridgedale_Schools_Fourth_Addendum_OGS_Executed.pdf](#)
[Evaluation_Service_Contract_Ridgedale_MS_FY27.docx.pdf](#)
[Evaluation_Service_Contract_Ridgedale_ELE_FY27.docx.pdf](#)

6.4 2026-27 Stipend for LPDC Committee

Recommend to approve the following LPDC Committee members for a stipend to be paid at \$525.00 annually

- a. Ike Greenwood

Attachments:

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6.5 Resident Educator Mentors

Recommend to approve the following mentors for Resident Educators:

1. Kris Guthrie, year 2 mentor for Amy Corfman (unpaid)
2. Karen Turner, year 2 mentor for Bailey Decker

Attachments:

[K Guthrie REM FY27.docx](#)

[K Turner REM FY27.docx](#)

6.6 21st Century Power Hours

Recommend to approve the following for the 21st Century Grant Power Hours:

- a. MGSD Consulting, Program Manager services at the elementary and jr/sr high
- b. Tesla Seiter, elementary site coordinator
- c. Sherri Davidson, jr/sr high site coordinator

Attachments:

[T Seiter - 21st CCLC Elem Site Coord FY27.docx](#)

[S Davidson- 21st CCLC JR SR Site Coord FY27.docx](#)

7 Impracticality Determination for Transportation

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Erika Bower, recommends that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution concerning transportation of certain students who attend Wayside Christian School:

WHEREAS, each of the students identified on Attachment A of this resolution, which is incorporated by reference into this resolution as if fully rewritten herein (the "Students"), are residents of the Ridgedale Local School District (the "District") and are eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the Students attend Wayside Christian School, a non-public school, and Student's parents requested transportation to and from said school from the District; and

WHEREAS, section 3327.02 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that:

After considering each of the following factors, the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district, or a community school governing authority providing transportation pursuant to section 3314.091 of the Revised Code, may determine that it is impractical to transport a pupil who is eligible for transportation to and from a school under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code:

- (1) The time and distance required to provide the transportation;
- (2) The number of pupils to be transported;
- (3) The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;
- (4) Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;
- (5) Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;
- (6) Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent considered each of the foregoing factors and determined that transportation is impractical; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to formalize the Superintendent's determination; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code provides that upon determining that transportation is impractical, the Board must offer to the parents or guardians of the affected students' payment in lieu of transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, based upon the Superintendent's determination and the Board of Education's consideration of all the statutory factors, the Board hereby declares that it is impractical to provide transportation for each student identified on the List of Students to Wayside Christian School for the reason(s) appearing after each student name; and it is further

RESOLVED, that payment in lieu of transportation of no less than 50% of the average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year (as determined by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce) shall be offered to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of each student identified in Appendix A, as provided by section 3327.02(C); and it is further

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Board, the Superintendent shall issue a letter to the pupil's parent, guardian, or other person in charge of the pupil, the nonpublic or community school in which the pupil is enrolled, and to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce with a detailed description of the reasons for which such determination was made.

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

8 Five Year Forecast - August 2026

Mrs. Courtright

Approval of the Forecast for August 2026

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Five Year Forecast August 2026.pdf](#)

9 Resolution to Waive Competitive Bidding

Dr. Bower and Ms. Courtright

To approve the Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding Based on Urgent Necessity and authorizing an agreement with Delventhal Co for the Elementary Kitchen Floor Project.

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Urgent Necessity Kitchen Floor Project.docx](#)

10 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:

For #1

Executive Session began @ 6:27 PM

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mrs. Misty Hayden

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

11 Executive Session Concluded

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

Minutes:

Executive Session ended @ 7:24 PM

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

12 Other Board Directives

Other Board Directives/Initiatives:

13 Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Ridgedale Board of Education will be the regular meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026, in the Ridgedale Board of Education meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

14 Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Minutes:

Meeting ended at 7:24 PM