

Ridgeview Board of Education

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:00 PM

Media Center, 300 S Harrison, Colfax, IL 61728

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PRESENTATIONS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

IV.A. Approval of Agenda

IV.B. Approval of Minutes

IV.C. Approval of Bills

IV.D. Approval of Activity Reports

IV.E. Approval of Treasurer's Report/Monthly
Financial Reports

IV.F. Approval of Amended 2021-2022 School
Calendar - 02/02/22, 02/03/22 - E-Learning Days &
02/04/22 - Emergency Day

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANYTHING ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA

Those wishing to speak should sign in and
indicate their desire to speak. Speakers will
be in the order of sign-up.

Board Policy 2:230 - Public Participation at
School Board Meetings and Petition to the Board

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

VI.A. Erik Young, Superintendent

VI.B. Brandon Burke, JH/HS Principal

VI.C. Ben Hutley, Elementary Principal

VII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

VII.A. Mileage/Attendance Record

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII.A. Ridgeview Mitigation Plan

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX.A. Buildings and Grounds Meeting

IX.B. IASB Goal Setting Meeting Recap/Next
Steps

IX.C. Negotiations Committee - February 17,
2022 @ 2PM

X. BUSINESS ITEMS

X.A. First Reading of Policy Updates

2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board
2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board
Officers
2:120 Board Member Development
2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
3:40 Superintendent
3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the
Superintendent
3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the
Building Principal
4:60 Purchases and Contracts
4:110 -Transportation
4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and
Grounds
4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual
Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
4:170 Safety
4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening;
Notifications
5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority
Recruitment
5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
5:50 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette,
Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:100 Staff Development Program
5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of
Interest
5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage
and Conduct
5:150 Personnel Records
5:185 Family and Medical Leave
5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and
Dismissal
5:220 Substitute Teachers
5:250 Leaves of Absence
5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:15 School Accountability
6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
6:50 School Wellness
6:60 Curriculum Content
6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities
6:135 Accelerated Placement Program
6:180 Extended Instructional Programs
6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program;
Responsible Use and Conduct
6:300 Graduation Requirements
7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District
Transfer
7:60 Residence

7:70 Attendance and Truancy
7:80 Release Time for Religious
Instruction/Observance
7:150 Agency and Police Interviews
7:160 Student Appearance
7:165 School Uniforms
7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying,
Intimidation, and Harassment
7:190 Student Behavior
7:200 Suspension Procedures
7:210 Expulsion Procedures
7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in
Extracurricular Activities
7:250 Student Support Services
7:260 Exemption from Physical Education
7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and
Prevention
7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary
Schools
7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
7:340 Student Records

X.B. Approval of Renewal of Treasurer's Bond with
Broker's Risk for Loraine Vandegraft

X.C. Approval of the Estimate from Central Supply to
prep and recoat gym floor

X.D. Approval of Summer Projects as Presented

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees [Section 2 (c) (1)]**
- **The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body or for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. [Section 2 (c) (5)]**
- **Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees [Section 2 (c) (2)]**

XI.A. Discussion

XI.B. Come out of Executive Session

XI.C. Approve and Seal the minutes of the
Executive Session

XII. ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII.A. Approval of the Personnel Report as
presented

XII.B. Ridgeview Mitigation Plan

XIII. ADJOURNMENT



**Ridgeview Mitigation Plan
2021-2022
Ridgeview CUSD #19**

Priorities

Ridgeview CUSD #19 has identified the following priorities:

- *High-Quality Educational Experience for All* - Providing an environment that promotes the high-quality educational experience found at Ridgeview CUSD #19.
- *Supporting our Community* - Providing an environment that promotes a sense of normality and continuity for our families.
- *Safety Precautions for Students/Staff* - Providing an environment that promotes the safety of our students and staff is our top priority.

Safety Precautions for Students, Staff, and Visitors

Ridgeview CUSD #19 seeks to balance reasonable safety precautions with a positive, productive learning environment that results in the high levels of student/staff attendance. While a school cannot eliminate the risk of infectious disease, our strategies are designed to mitigate that risk.

Preventing the spread of infectious disease and COVID-19 begins at home. Before coming to school each day, parents need to make sure that their children are:

- Fever free and vomiting/diarrhea free for at least 24 hours, without the use of symptom reducing medication (ex. Tylenol)
- Other symptoms are improving
- Not waiting on the results from a COVID-19 test, or recently tested positive for COVID-19.

This is considered the first, and most important level of defense in prevention of the spread of infectious disease and COVID-19.

Parents are encouraged to be overly cautious when considering whether or not to send a child to school. Staff and visitors will be expected to follow the same steps.

The district views the vaccination status of students and staff as private information.

The district will not pressure parents to have their children vaccinated, and as vaccines become more available for children of all ages, the district respects the authority of parents to make those decisions for their children. Parents who are interested can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where they can get their children vaccinated.

Level 1 Status Defined

Ridgeview CUSD #19 is defining the current state of local infectious disease and COVID-19 infection as Level 1 and will be implementing general mitigation strategies to provide as safe a school environment as possible while providing in-person learning that is as close to normal as possible. While Ridgeview CUSD #19 cannot eliminate the risk of infectious disease or COVID-19, our strategies are designed to mitigate that risk.

Mitigation Strategies

The following are the Mitigation Strategies that the district may implement for the 2021-2022 school year. The Mitigation Strategies are divided into two levels. Level 1 Mitigation Strategies will be implemented continuously throughout the school year. However, if the local infection rate increases substantially, the district may implement one or more of the additional mitigation strategies articulated under Level 2 Mitigation Strategies.

School District Level 1 Mitigation Strategies:

Disinfection

Status: Currently Implemented

- Hand washing: Teachers will encourage hand washing for all. Hand washing alone has been proven to reduce the spread of disease.
- Covering Coughs/Sneezes: Teachers and staff will encourage all to cover coughs and sneezes (inside elbow method).
- Surfaces: Common surfaces and desks will be sanitized on a daily basis.
- Needlepoint Ionization - HVAC systems are equipped with needlepoint ionization systems.

Distancing

Status: Currently Implemented

It is recommended that students remain distanced by at least three feet, while maintaining as normal a learning experience as possible. There will be times, however, when students may be closer, such as during lunches, hallways, and during some instructional activities. All classrooms will have seating charts with seats as far apart as possible.

Masks

Status: Currently Implemented

- Indoors: Mask use is recommended (not required).
- Buses: Consistent and correct use of masks is required by all individuals (staff, students, drivers) on buses.
- Extra-Curricular Events: Determined by IHSA/IESA

Quarantines

Status: Not Currently Implemented

Ridgeview CUSD #19 will work with the local health department to contact trace and notify those in close contact of a positive case. Parents will be notified of the close contact and quarantine status. Note: should this be implemented, guidelines will be released outlining requirements, expectations, etc. specific to that point in time.

Level 2 Mitigation Strategies

In the event of a significant increase in infectious disease or COVID-19, additional mitigation strategies beyond Level 1 may pertain to a single classroom, single grade level, a single school, or the entire school district. The decision to increase mitigation strategies will be dependent upon local information. Increased mitigation strategies may relate to masks, distancing, quarantining, and group quarantining.

Potential School District Level 2 Mitigation Strategies:

Masking

Status: Not Currently Implemented

- Determined should additional masking be implemented.

Distancing

Status: Not Currently Implemented

- Limit group gatherings
- Increase distancing to 6 feet (or as much as possible)
- Eliminate times when students would normally be less than 3 feet apart

Quarantining/Remote Instruction

Status: Not Currently Implemented

- Self-contained classrooms
- Grade levels
- Schools
- District

COVID-19 Testing

Ridgeview CUSD #19 believes it is important for students and staff to have COVID-19 testing options available, to be used as another layer of mitigation. The district provides voluntary BinaxNow Rapid Testing service for students and staff to utilize. Information regarding testing is available separately.

High-Quality Education Experience

Ridgeview CUSD #19 believes that in order to provide the highest quality education experience, classes must be in-person to the greatest extent possible, utilizing remote learning on a limited basis. Our policies and procedures are in place to ensure the greatest amount of in person instruction possible.

Remote Learning

The use of Remote Learning will be limited, with a strong focus on in-person instruction. The district can discuss with individual families options surrounding the use of Remote Instruction.

Topics to Consider/Remember:

- **If a student or staff member is sick, please stay home. This is the first line of defense in the spread of infectious disease.**
- District staff will continue with increased cleaning and disinfecting practices.
- We will continue to offer and utilize hand sanitizing stations throughout our buildings.
- School will be in session five days per week following normal arrival and dismissal times.
 - Arrival: 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m.
 - School Day: 8:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served in the APR and/or classrooms - distancing will be as much as possible.
- We are continuing to ask visitors to make appointments with the office in advance.
- Field trips will be reinstated this school year. Students attending field trips may be asked to comply with additional mitigation measures.
- School meetings, events and activities will be in person with virtual options when possible. Adjustments to scheduling, group size, mitigation strategies, etc. may be necessary to accommodate events.