

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 6:30 PM

Elementary School Cafeteria, 62 School Drive, Ridgway, PA 15853

1. **AGENDA**

A. Call to Order

B. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for Silent Meditation.

C. Attendance Check of Directors - President calls for roll call check of directors.

D. Agenda - President calls for a motion to amend or approve the agenda.

E. Executive Session

Executive Session was held on October 6, 2026 from 6:15PM to 6:32PM to discuss Personnel.

Executive Session was held on October 6, 2026 from 6:50PM to 7:14PM to discuss Personnel.

Executive Session was held tonight from _____ PM to _____ PM to discuss Personnel.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting held on September 8, 2026.

PRESIDENT: Could I have a motion to approve the minutes, a second.

Any questions on the motion?

All in favor signify by saying Aye; All opposed (Motion Carries)

3. **REVIEW BOARD GOALS**

District Vision

"Engaging Learners for Life"

District Mission

"Where Students will discover their purpose for today and their passion for tomorrow"

BOARD GOALS

(December 2023-December 2029)

RASD will provide learning opportunities to meet the needs of a diverse population and

**dynamic workforce.
RASD will continue to build transparent and
trusted relationships with all stakeholders.
RASD will continue to build a culture of
safety and support for all students, staff,
families and the community.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

**The purpose of Public Comment is not to
debate with the Board, but rather an
opportunity to address the Board on
matters of concern, official action or
deliberation which are or may be before the
board. The Board requires that public
participants be: Residents, including
pupils, of this district or taxpayers of this
district. Those wishing to address the
board must state their name and address
when recognized by the President of the
Board of Education. Each individual will
have 3 minutes to address the board.**

**5. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD FROM FACULTY
AND STAFF**

**Students of the Month: Elementary:
Nora Steger - 5th Grade
Beau Jordan - 5th
Grade**

**Middle School: Madison Earnest, 8th
Grade
High School Extraordinay Elker: Matt
Boschert, 12th Grade**

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

7. BOARD BUSINESS

**7A. Old Business 1. An informational
meeting has been scheduled for Monday,
November 9, 2026 in the Elementary
Cafeteria at 6:00PM regarding the Solar
Project at RASD. This is open to the
public.**

**2. 2027 PSBA Officer Election - Please
complete the ballot at your seat and**

return to the Board Secretary before leaving the meeting tonight. The Secretary will then cast the ballot electronically.

7B. New Business

1. Nutrition - Sarah Emery/Kevin McAlee

7C. Intermediate Unit 9 Report

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.A. Principal's Report

8.B. Office of Student Services Report

8.C. Business Manager's Report

8.D. Superintendent's Report

9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Paul McCurdy

10. FINANCE - Matt Frank

- 10A. Financial Reports
 1. MSHS Activity Account - July & August, 2026
 2. Treasurer's Report - August, 2026

10B. Unpaid Invoices

1. Report dated October 9, 2026 in the amount of \$341,397.43

10C. Grant - Elk County Commissioners - \$31,500 Opioid Settlement Funds - To be used to bring MADD Mind Mental Fitness Program to Ridgway Area Middle School over two years.

10D. YMCA Daycare - Classroom rental from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 at \$650 per month.

10E. Advanced Computer Systems - Technology Support Agreement for 2026/2027 \$87,787.

10F. Resolution for Contract/Document Signatures

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the Ridgway Area School Board approve the Finance Items 10A through 10F, as listed.

PRESIDENT: Any questions on the motion?
Roll Call Vote Please (Motion Carries)

11. POLICY - Sandra Lawrie

11A. September Policy Review for
Approval 102 - Academic Standards
105 - Curriculum
204.1 - Virtual Attendance & Wellness
Checks
249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
317 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
317.1 - Educator Misconduct
320 - Freedom of Speech in Non-school
Setting
325 - Dress, Grooming & Decorum
417 - Conduct/Disciplinary - Retire (see
317)
420 - Freedom of Speech - Retire (see
320)
425 - Dress & Decorum - Retire (see 325)
517 - Conduct/Disciplinary - Retire (see
317)
525 - Dress & Decorum - Retire (see 325)
904 - Public Attendance at School
920 - Social Media (PSBA 816)

11B. Administrative Regulations
249 - AR - Informational Only
325 - AR - Informational Only
AR - Booster/Fundraiser Guidance

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the Ridgway Area
School Board approve the Policy Item 11A, as
listed.

PRESIDENT: Any questions on the motion?
Roll Call Vote Please (Motion Carries)

12. PERSONNEL - Dr. Coffman

12A. Conferences & Field Trips

12B. Terminations 1. Joe Elias Director
of Buildings & Grounds effective October
13, 2026.

2. Brenda Werneth - Paraprofessional effective September 22, 2026.

12C. Resignations

1. Misty Washburn - Paraprofessional effective October 2, 2026, with regret.

12D. New Hires

1. Kaitlynn Shipe - Administrative Assistant for Purchasing/Transportation at a salary of \$29,000 prorated for the 2026/2027 school year, effective October 14, 2026 pending completion of all required hiring paperwork. Education - BS Marketing, Experience - Sales, Marketing Associate, Bank Teller.

12E. Board Secretary - This is a 3 year appointment

1. Kaitlynn Shipe - at a stipend of \$1,500

12F. Agreements

American Red Cross - Licensed Training Provider Agreement - No Charge

12G. Superintendent Goals

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the Ridgway Area School Board approve the Personnel Items 12A through 12G, as listed.

PRESIDENT: Any questions on the motion?
Roll Call Vote Please (Motion Carries)

13. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - Natalie Aiello

13A. New Hires 1. Bocce Coach - Madelyn Newcome \$2,247

2. JV Girls Basketball Coach - Dina Fullem \$1,124

13B. Gymnastics Co-Op Agreement with SMASD

13C. Fall District Playoffs

The following teams have qualified for District Playoff with a .500 or better record:

Football

Boys' Soccer

Volleyball

Any additional fall sports that qualify with a .500 or better record will be given permission to advance to district playoffs per District Policy.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the Ridgway Area School Board approve the Extra Curricular Activity Items 13A through 13C, as listed.

PRESIDENT: Any questions on the motion?
Roll Call Vote Please (Motion Carries)

14. Workshop was held Tuesday, October 6, 2026, present at workshop were:
A. Kemick, P. Coffman, M. Frank, S. MacDonald, N. Galbo, A. Goode -
Virtually, N. Petrosky, D. Sidelinger, L. Taylor - Notary.

Speaker(s): Board
President

15. ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Speaker(s): Board
President

16. MEETING DATES

Workshop - Tuesday, November 3, 2026 -
6:30PM Elementary Library

Solar Informational Meeting - Monday,
November 9, 2026 - 6:00PM Elementary
Library

Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 10,
2026 - 6:30PM Elementary Library

17. ADJORN

Speaker(s): Board
President

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Speaker(s): Board
President