

BOARD BRIEFS

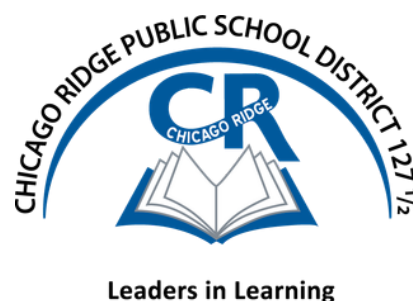
A report of items discussed and actions taken at the February 10, 2026 Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education.

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Reports to the Board

- Dr. Thorns shared the current enrollment, explained staffing needs, and informed the Board that the next PTA event is Family Bingo night on Thursday, February 12th at 5:00 PM at Ridge Central. He went on to discuss Draft A and Draft B of the 2026-2027 SY calendars that he will be sharing with the union for feedback. That feedback will be shared with the Board for the March meeting when a calendar will be voted on. He reminded the Board of Education to watch their emails for the annual statement of Economic Interest. He also shared a proposal for a summer band camp for incoming 6-8th graders. Dr. Thorns then shared the Freedom of Information Act requests received over the last month.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
.....**March**

- Calendar Discussion/Approval
- Summer Projects

RECOGNITION

The Board recognized 1st grade teacher Mrs. Eileen Glynn for providing life saving treatment to a Ridge Central student during lunch.

Reports to the Board cont.

- Mrs. Nothnagel discussed a Summer Exploration update and informed the Board there were 30 interested staff members. She also explained that the recommendation was a \$30 fee per student to participate.
- Mrs. Picciolini presented the recommended school fees for the 2026-2027 school year. The recommendation was to make no changes to the fees from this school year. K-5 school fees would be \$120 and 6-8 would be \$130. Those who pay during the early registration period will receive a \$30 discount.

Personnel

The Board approved the hiring of:

- Seunduce Almashni, Paraprofessional, Ridge Lawn eff. January 27, 2026
- Marthanell Early, Paraprofessional, Finley Jr. High eff. January 28, 2026
- Sarah Abdelhadi, Principal, Ridge Central School, eff. July 1, 2026
- The Board Approved the Resignations of a Paraprofessional at Ridge Lawn, eff. June 4, 2025
- The Board approved a leave of absence request for a teacher at Finley Jr. High

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 24, 2026:
Study Session at 6:30 PM in the
Boardroom.

Board Action

- The Board approved six policies
- The Board approved school fees for the 2026-2027 school year with no changes from the 2025-2026 school year
- The Board approved a \$30 per student fee for summer school
- The Board approved a position description for the Student Services Director
- The Board approved a resolution releasing closed session minutes and the destruction of verbatim recordings