

MINUTES
RIDGEVIEW GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2026

PRESENT

The School Board of Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, Inc met at 6:30 P.M., Monday, April 20, 2026, in the Ridgeview Academy Secondary Office Conference Room. Present were School Board Members Chairman Joe Izzo, Zelda Abram, Ani Ahmetaj, Dottie Trapnell, Sybille Oldham-Jackson, Charles Thacker, Sam Johnson. and Executive Director Ralph Frier.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Minutes from the January 26, 2026, Board Meeting were shared with the Board Members and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Zelda Abram and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj. A unanimous vote was taken.

RIDGEVIEW ACADEMY UPDATE

Mrs. Trapnell, Mrs. Oldham-Jackson, and Mr. Thacker gave brief updates of activities that were occurring at Ridgeview.

PUBLIC INPUT None currently.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Frier shared the March financial report with the Board. A motion was made by Ani Ahmetaj and seconded by Zelda Abram to accept the financial report. A unanimous vote was taken. Mr. Frier also gave an update on the approved investment funds with AMG.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Frier asked for approval for a school grade incentive bonus which was previously discussed at the October Board Meeting. A motion was made by Zelda Abram and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to give the staff a \$700.00 school grade incentive bonus. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Frier gave an update on the gymnasium project. He stated that we are waiting for final approval.

Mr. Frier shared that the projected Revision for the 2026-2027 School Calendar would not be necessary. The State Legislature had proposed that all schools be closed for Veterans Day. The proposed bill died in the Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thacker invited the Board Members to attend Ridgeview’s fourth graduation ceremony on May 16 at Lake Eva Event Center.

Mr. Frier recommended that Ridgeview hire its on Youth Mental Health Facilitator and opt out of the District’s Plan. He recommended that the Board approve Ridgeview’s Proposed Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan and approve the Opt-Out of the District’s Plan. Ani Ahmetaj made a motion to approve the recommendation, and Zelda Abram seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson shared the results of a parent survey in regard to the Florida DOE Start/End Times requirement. With 87% of the parents recommending that Ridgeview’s start and end times remain the same, Mr. Johnson recommended that the Board approve this recommendation. A motion was made by Ani Ahmetaj and seconded by Zelda Abram to approve the recommendation. A unanimous vote was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ani Ahmetaj made a motion to approve the Auditor’s Contract for the 2025-2026 School Year. Zelda Abram seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Ridgeview Board adjourned at 7:30 PM with a motion by Zelda Abram and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj. Motion was approved

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____

Ralph H. Frier
Executive Director