

MINUTES
RIDGEVIEW GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2024

PRESENT

The School Board of Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, Inc met at 6:00 P.M., Monday, January 29, 2024, in the Ridgeview Academy Secondary Office Conference Room. Present were School Board Members Chairman Joe Izzo, Ani Ahmetaj, Steve Knapp, Sybille Oldham-Jackson, Executive Director Ralph Frier, Principal Sam Johnson, and Assistant Principal, Cathy Carver.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Minutes from the October 23, 2023, board meeting were shared with the Board Members and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Sybille Oldham-Jackson and seconded by Steve Knapp. A unanimous vote was taken.

RIDGEVIEW ACADEMY UPDATE

Mr. Johnson gave a very positive report about all the exciting things that are happening at Ridgeview. He highlighted the sports programs, the academic teams, the college field trips, new kindergarten playground, and many other noteworthy happenings at Ridgeview.

PUBLIC INPUT None currently.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Frier shared the December financial report with the board. A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to accept the financial report. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Frier shared that he was submitting reimbursement documentation for much of the remaining ESSER III funds this month. He stated we should be receiving over a million dollars in ESSER funds this year.

OLD BUSINESS

An update on the school signs and scoreboard was given by Mr. Johnson. He shared that there has been a delay with the logo for the elementary sign.

Mr. Frier shared that the Polk County School Board unanimously approved a fifteen year charter renewal for Ridgeview at its January 23, 2024 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Frier shared with the Board a recommendation for the dispensing of the School Grade Money to the staff for the current school year. Steve Knapp made a motion, seconded by Sybille Oldham-Jackson, to approve the recommendation for the distribution of the School Grade Recognition Money. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Frier shared an architectural rendering of a new gym designed by Ben Mundy, architect. He stated that the estimated cost for architectural fees was approximately \$375,000.00. After much discussion, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to get an additional bid for the architectural design.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Ridgeview Board adjourned at 6:55 PM with a motion by Steve Knapp and seconded Ani Ahmetaj.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____

Ralph Frier