

**MINUTES**  
**RIDGEVIEW GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**April 28, 2025**

**PRESENT**

The School Board of Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, Inc met at 6:00 P.M., Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Ridgeview Academy Secondary Office Conference Room. Present were School Board Members Chairman Joe Izzo, Stephen Knapp, Ani Ahmetaj Principal Charles Thacker, Principal Sybille Oldham-Jackson, Principal Dottie Trapnell, Assistant Principal, Jhonda Kendrick, Assistant Principal Renee Rice and Executive Director Ralph Frier.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Minutes from the January 27, 2025, board meeting was shared with the Board Members and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Stephen Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RIDGEVIEW ACADEMY UPDATE**

Mrs. Trapnell gave an Elementary School update, Mrs. Sybille Oldham-Jackson gave a Middle School update, and Mr. Chuck Thacker gave a High School update. Each of these updates were very informative and included many exciting things happening on our campus.

**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 Stephen Knapp to accept the financial report. A unanimous vote was taken.

**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 Stephen Knapp 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 shared that he contacted USDA to see if they have all the needed information so that we could send the project to bid. He shared that he had not received a reply yet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Thacker shared with the board that our graduation date will be May 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Lake Eva Event Center and asked that Board Members notified the school if they will be in attendance. He also went over the graduation program and assigned parts.

Mr. Thacker and Mrs. Favis, our Japanese Teacher, submitted a proposal for a student trip for Juniors and Seniors to go to Japan next year. A motion was made by Stephen Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to continue with planning.

Mr. Frier asked the Board to develop a cell phone policy to be implemented next school year and to be approved at the June Board meeting.

A motion was made by Stephen Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to change the June Board meeting to June 30, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Ani Ahmetaj and seconded by Stephen Knapp to approve our 2025-2026 school calendar. A unanimous vote was taken.

A motion was made by Stephen Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to approve our 2024-2025 auditor's contract. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Frier also shared information about the Safety Management progressive discipline plan that the Polk County School Board has

for staff. A motion was made by Stephen Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj that we use the same plan. A unanimous vote was taken.

**MISCELLANEOUS** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Ridgeview Board adjourned at 7:15 PM with a motion by Stephen Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj. Motion was approved

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Renee Rice