MINUTES

RIDGEVIEW GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2025

PRESENT

The School Board of Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, Inc met at 6:00 P.M., Monday, August 25, 2025, in the Ridgeview Academy Secondary Office Conference Room. Present were School Board Members Chairman Joe Izzo, Zelda Abram, Steve Knapp, Isaac Baumer, Executive Director Ralph Frier, Principals, Chuck Thacker, Dottie Trapnell and Sybille Oldham-Jackson.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Minutes from the June 30, 2025, board meeting were shared with the Board Members and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Isaac Baumer. A unanimous vote was taken.

RIDGEVIEW ACADEMY UPDATE

Mrs. Trapnell shared with the Board how successful our school opening went. It was wonderful to see all the students back on campus. She also shared about testing information for I-Ready.

Mrs. Oldham-Jackson shared our early dismissal schedule and some activities that are planned for the secondary students.

Mr. Thacker shared recent school test data that showed that Ridgeview students were out-performing comparable grade students in the district and state schools.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Frier shared with the Board how well our principals are doing. He shared with the Board that Ridgeview's enrollment is currently at 1580.

PUBLIC INPUT None currently

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Frier shared the June financial report with the board. A motion was made by Steve Knapp 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. Thacker gave an update on the proposed trip to Japan.

Mr. Frier shared with the Board the new State Guidelines for cellphones in schools.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Frier recommended the approval of Out-of-Field and ESOL teachers. A motion was made by Isaac Baumer and seconded by Zelda Abram to approve the recommendation. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Frier shared with the Board that Ani Ahmetaj's position on the Board is expiring in September. A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Isaac Baumer to approve Ani Ahmetaj's re-appointment to the Board. A unanimous vote was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Zelda Abram to approve the item on the Consent Agenda pertaining to the new Florida BlueCare insurance for the school year 2025-2026. A unanimous vote was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Ridgeview Board adjourned at 6:50 PM with a motion by Steve Knapp and seconded by Isaac Baumer.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: ______________________________

Ralph H. Frier