

MINUTES
RIDGEVIEW GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2024

PRESENT

The School Board of Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, Inc met at 6:00 P.M., Monday, August 26, 2024, in the Ridgeview Academy Secondary Office Conference Room. Present were School Board Members Chairman Joe Izzo, Steve Knapp, Ani Ahmetaj, Isaac Baumer, Executive Director Ralph Frier, Asst. Executive Director Sam Johnson, Principals, Chuck Thacker, Dottie Trapnell and Sybille Oldham-Jackson, Assistant Principals, Cathy Carver, Jhonda Kendrick, and Renee Rice.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. Minutes from the June 26, 2024, board meeting were shared with the Board Members and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj. 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 went over how fourth and fifth grade are departmentalizing and how well it is going. 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 newly appointed principals are doing. He shared with the Board that Ridgeview's enrollment is currently at 1582. He shared that the architect

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for the new gym is completing the PAR report for USDA and it should be submitted soon.

ASST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson discussed the House Bill 1473: School Safety and the provisions we have put in place.

PUBLIC INPUT None currently.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Frier shared the June financial report with the board. A motion was made by Ani Ahmetaj and seconded by Isaac Baumer 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. Izzo shared with the Board that the Employee Handbook was discussed in the earlier Work Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Frier recommended the approval of Out-of-Field and ESOL teachers. A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to approve the recommendation. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Isaac Baumer and seconded by Steve Knapp to approve the item on the Consent Agenda pertaining to the new Florida BlueCare insurance for the school year 2024-2025. A unanimous vote was taken.

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MISCELLANEOUS None

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____

Renee' Rice