

**MINUTES**  
**RIDGEVIEW GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**AUGUST 20, 2018**

**PRESENT**

The School Board of Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, Inc. met at 6:01 P.M., Monday, August 20, 2018, in the Ridgeview Academy Office Conference Room. Present were School Board Members Chairman Tim Alterio, Steve Knapp, Joe Izzo, Isaac Baumer, Ani Ahmetaj, Executive Director Ralph Frier, Principal Sam Johnson, and Assistant Principal Chuck Thacker.

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. Minutes from the July 7, 2018 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**

Mr. Frier shared that opening week of school had gone very smoothly. He also shared that the present enrollment is 1255 and he is still filling open positions. Mr. Frier shared with the Board Members that the 2017-18 school grade is an "A."

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None at this time.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Mr. Frier shared the financial report dated July 31, 2018. A motion was made by Joe Izzo and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to accept the financial report. A unanimous vote was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Frier shared an update on the new middle school buildings. He has received a Certificate of Occupancy for both buildings 1 and 2, and he hopes to move the middle school students to the new classrooms on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Mr. Frier shared that Ridgeview Global Studies Academy's Accreditation with AdvanceED has been approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to approve the Out-of-Field teachers at Ridgeview Academy. Currently these teachers need to finish their ESOL certification. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Frier also shared that Ridgeview would be receiving school grade money this year. A motion was made by Ani Ahmetaj and seconded by Steve Knapp granting permission for Mr. Frier to use the 2017-18 school year's distribution format of funds. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Frier shared with the Board that Joe Izzo's term of office would expire in October. A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Isaac Baumer that Mr. Izzo be reappointed to the Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Frier shared the CEP-NSLP Free Lunch and Breakfast Program with the Board Members, explaining that after one year Ridgeview might qualify for Title I funds. A motion was made by Isaac Baumer and seconded by Joe Izzo to approve the program for Ridgeview Academy. The motion was followed by a unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj to approve the consent agenda which included:

- \* the use of Mulling Insurance Agency for Property, D&O, Bus, Workers' Compensation, and Student insurance
- \* the purchase of Freckle Education Math Software for the Middle School
- \* the purchase of the FOCUS gradebook software for RGSA teachers

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Principal Johnson shared that the new Walmart Distribution Center near the school had donated a printer, a laptop and a ream of copy paper for each student in last year's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade that scored a Level 5 on FSA Reading and Math. Walmart also donated a backpack with a tablet and other school supplies to current 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders that scored a Level 5 on last year's FSA testing.

Principal Johnson shared with the Board regarding the new Guardian program at all Polk County Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Ridgeview Board adjourned at 6:46 pm with a motion by Steve Knapp and seconded by Ani Ahmetaj.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Beth R. Ricks