

Achievement First Bridgeport Academy

Board of Directors

Thursday, May 28, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
AF Bridgeport Middle School, 529 Noble Ave, Bridgeport

The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm by Andrew Boas.

Andrew Boas, AFBA Board - Yes
Debra Hertz, AFBA Board - Yes
Harold Kamins, AFBA Board - No
Chris Kunhardt, AFBA Board - Yes
Marlene Macaуда, AFBA Board - Yes
Cornelius Medas, AFBA Board - No
Wiley Mullins, AFBA Board - Yes
Max Perez, AFBA Board - No
Ed Raice, AFBA Board - Yes
Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes
Jim Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes

Florisca Carter, School Leadership - No
Challa Flemming, School Leadership - No
Soren Gutierrez, School Leadership - No
Heather Wachter, School Leadership - No
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Christina Pares, School Leadership - No
Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes
Cathy Dumas, AF Network Support - Yes

II. Open Session For Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Reports

A. Introduction of Cathy Dumas, Community Outreach Associate

Ken Paul introduced Cathy Dumas to the AF Bridgeport Board and she spoke about her professional background and current work with Team External at AF. Andy Boas asked about her commitment to the Bridgeport community and her hopes for what she want to accomplish. Ms. Dumas spoke about her church and a mentor program that she is involved in. Ms. Dumas discussed her love of Bridgeport, young people, and how she wants to make real positive change in Bridgeport. She is excited to promote AF schools, the AF mission, and hopes to leverage her connections in the city to do so.

B. Update on Building Renovations (Ken Paul)

Mr. Ken Paul provided an update on AF Bridgeport Elementary's building renovations. Mr. Paul detailed that operations are going well. The renovations will ensure a safer drop off area for busses

and enlarges the overall footprint of the building.

C. Board giving (Andy Boas)

Mr. Boas reminded everyone to make a gift that is meaningful to them. He reiterated that 100 percent board participation is a requirement in order for Achievement First to qualify for certain funding resources.

D. Summer Retreat (Sarah Blanton)

Ms. Sarah Blanton discussed the summer retreat which will take place on August 13th at Elm City Middle School. Ms. Blanton briefly outlined the agenda and asked board members to submit agenda items they wish to see included. Mr. Boas articulated the nascent college scholarship program. Mr. Boas also invited the board to attend June 18th graduation at AF Bridgeport Middle school. He confirmed that formal Invitations will be mailed shortly to all board members. Andy Boas and Ken Paul also discussed the June 4th Amistad High School Dedication Event and encouraged all to attend.

E. Financial Report (Ed Raice)

Mr. Ed Raice presented the financial report. He reported that Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Elementary School, Middle School and Amistad High School are all running a budget surplus. Mr. Raice also detailed the budget for the 2015-16 school year.

Executive Session

The board entered into executive session at 6:31 pm

The board exited executive session at 6:49 pm

IV. Board Business

Resolution 1:

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Bridgeport Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from April 2, 2015

Moved by Dick Kalt

Seconded by Ed Raice

All in favor

Resolution 2:

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Moved by Dick Kalt

Seconded by Marlene Macauda

All in favor

Resolution 3:

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the financial budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and prepared by Achievement First for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Moved by Chris Kunhardt

Seconded by Debra Hertz

All in favor

Resolution 4:

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby ratifies the re-appointment of CohnReznik to perform the financial audit of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Moved by Dick Kalt

Seconded by Marlene Macauda

Resolution 5:

RESOLVED, the Joint Board of Directors of Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby appoints Claire Polcrack as the Principal of Achievement First Amistad High School effective July 1, 2015.

Moved by Chris Kunhardt

Seconded by Dick Kalt

Resolution 6:

RESOLVED, the Joint Board of Directors of Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby appoints Christina Pares as the Principal of Achievement First Bridgeport Elementary School effective July 1, 2015.

Moved by Debra Hertz

Seconded by Chris Kunhardt

Resolution 7:

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby ratifies the re-election of Directors with the term limits specified below:

Ed Raice – June 30, 2018

Moved by Debra Hertz

Seconded by Marlene Macauda

Wiley Mullins – June 30, 2018

Moved by Ed Raice

Seconded by Marlene Macauda

Marlene Macauda – June 30, 2018

Moved by Ed Raice

Seconded by Debra Hertz

Harold Kamins – June 30, 2018

Moved by Ed Raice

Seconded by Marlene Macauda

Max Perez – June 30, 2017

Moved by Ed Raice

Seconded by Marlene Macauda

Debra Hertz – June 30, 2017

Moved by Ed Raice
Seconded by Marlene Macaуда
Chris Kunhardt – June 30, 2017
Moved by Ed Raice
Seconded by Marlene Macaуда
Andy Boas – June 30, 2016
Moved by Ed Raice
Seconded by Marlene Macaуда
Dick Kalt – June 30, 2016
Moved by Ed Raice
Seconded by Marlene Macaуда
Cornelius Medas – June 30, 2016
Moved by Ed Raice
Seconded by Marlene Macaуда
Jim Bennett – June 30, 2016
Moved by Ed Raice
Seconded by Marlene Macaуда

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM by Andy Boas.