

Achievement First Bridgeport Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2016, 4:00 – 4:30 pm

403 James Street, New Haven

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 4:02 pm by Chris Kunhardt.

Chris Kunhardt, AFBA Board - Yes

Ed Raice, AFBA Board - No

Max Perez, AFBA Board - Yes

Cornelius Medas, AFBA Board - No

Debra Hertz, AFBA Board - Yes

Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes

Harold Kamins, AFBA Board - Yes

James Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes

Wiley Mullins, AFBA Board - No

Marlene Macauda, AFBA Board - Yes

Michael Strambler, AFBA Board - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - No

John Furniss, AF Network Support - Yes

Public:

II. Open Session For Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Board Discussion

Ms. Blanton led a discussion of the proposed resolution. Multiple teachers have already reached out to say that this policy would be a “game-changer” in terms of staying at Achievement First. Mr. Strambler asked what the effect of that policy has been in other places, and Mr. Furniss provided some insight into the results of the most recent NY Lottery. Mr. Kunhardt raised some potential concerns including the impact on the school if a large number of teachers’ children enrolled (the policy states a cap at 5%), and the idea that someone could come to AF, work for a year as to get the staff-child preference, and then leave. Mr. Kalt inquired as to whether there could be a provision added to require teachers to stay for more than one year. Mr. Kunhardt inquired if the other AF Boards had asked this question, and Ms. Blanton explained that the overall concern level (for this specific question) has been low. She added that other Boards had proposed revisiting the policy in a few years. Mr. Strambler endorsed the idea of revisiting the preference in a few years with more data.

III. Board Business

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the following non-material revision to the admissions policy: add an absolute preference to children of active employees, provided those individuals are employed as of the lottery deadline and the number of applicants admitted pursuant to this preference is limited to five percent of the overall enrollment within a given grade.

Motion by: Debra Hertz

Seconded by: Max Perez

All in favor

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm by Chris Kunhardt.

Motion by Max Perez

Seconded by: Dick Kalt