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## **Achievement First Hartford Academy**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, May 22, 2017, 4:30 pm

AF Hartford High School

305 Greenfield St, Hartford

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 4:31 pm by Barry Jacobson.

Todd Cooper, Jumoke Academy Board - Yes  
Melanie James, Jumoke Academy Board - Yes  
Thomas Smith, Jumoke Academy Board - No  
Frank Williams, Jumoke Academy - No  
Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy - Yes  
Nichelle Woodson, Jumoke Academy - No

Marshall Ruben, AFHA Board - No  
Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes  
Ja Hannah, AFHA Board - Yes  
Jose Rendon, AFHA Board - Yes  
Emily Banks, AF Hartford High - Yes  
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes  
Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

#### **II. Open Session For Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **III. Reports and Discussion**

##### **A. School Report**

The April SAT scores are in. Results were mixed - the practice tests were just below 500 and those went up to averages just over 500. Last year's class, as a point of comparison, was stronger. The math program needs to be stronger in order to help support those 11th graders and next year there are new hires coming in to teach 10th and 11th grade. Emily Banks is optimistic about the new teachers.

On the other hand, Barry shared that the Algebra 1 results are excellent and the seniors are doing well in the AP courses. The AP Calculus exam results will come back in early July.

Senior Signing Day is tomorrow, 5/23, at noon at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts. Everyone is going to college next year except for one student with significant needs who is going to a transition program in West Hartford fully funding by Hartford Public Schools. The average graduation rate for the colleges the AFHHS graduates are attending is 65% which is the strongest in the AF network. The colleges where the seniors are headed are: Allegheny College, Bates College, Brandeis University, Bowdoin College, Capital Community College, Central CT State University (5), Hamilton College, Hampshire College, Howard University, Husson University, My. Holyoke College, Northeastern University, Olin College of Science and Engineering, Providence College, Smith College SCSU, Tuskegee,

UConn, University of Hartford, UPenn.

80% of teachers are certified. AF is providing free tutoring and is reimbursing cost of the test fee for teachers who pass their tests.

Family investment survey has come out. Favorable parent responses were at 80% which is up 6 points over previous year. Double digit gains in the question of whether parents would recommend AF Hartford High to a friend.

Attendance is 96.9% which is comparatively better than the other AF high schools. Out of school suspensions have remained very low (5.4%).

On enrollment, there are 52 eighth graders who have indicated they plan to attend AF Hartford High next year. They are getting calls from former AF students who want to come back. Of the 52, eight are from Jumoke.

#### **B. Financial Report**

Barry Jacobson gave the financial report and shared the good work AF Hartford High has done to find savings to help offset the shortfall from under enrollment.

### **IV. Board Business**

#### **A. Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from March 27, 2017.

Motion by Jose Rendon

Seconded by Todd Cooper

All in favor

#### **B. Resolution to approve Financial Report**

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by Todd Cooper

Seconded by Jose Rendon

All in favor

### **V. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm by Barry Jacobson.

Motion by Todd Cooper

Seconded by Jose Rendon

All in favor