

Achievement First Bridgeport Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

January 25, 2016, 7:00 pm

AF Amistad High School

580 Dixwell Ave, New Haven CT

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chris Kunhardt. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Chris Kunhardt, AFBA Board - Yes

Michael Strambler, AFBA Board - Yes (phone)

Max Perez, AFBA Board - No

James Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes

Marlene Macauda, AFBA Board - Yes

Ebrima Jobe, AFBA Board - No

Debra Hertz, AFBA Board - Yes

Cornelius Medas, AFBA Board - No

Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes

Harold Kamins, AFBA Board - No

Kevin Torres, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: Heather Wachter

II. Open Session For Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Board Business

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 17, 2016 and January 18, 2017.

Motion by Jim Bennett

Seconded by Dick Kalt

All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby elects the following individual to the Board of Directors with a two year term ending June 30, 2018.

Heather Wachter, Teacher Representative

Motion by Chris Kunhardt

Seconded by Debra Hertz

All in favor

IV. Reports

A. Joint High School Committee Report (Chris Kunhardt)

Chris Kunhardt gave the joint high school report highlighting the high acceptance rate for the senior class. 84% have already been accepted to a two or four year college as of January 2017.

While there is progress from the academic and cultural side, Morgan Barth, AF Amistad High School Principal, is not satisfied with where the school is. He expects that the percentage of students who are Promotion in Doubt will decrease over time as additional supports are put into place.

B. Board Chair Report (Chris Kunhardt)

Chris Kunhardt reminded the board that 100% board participation is required. Currently the AFBA board is at 20%. Chris gave an update on the charter renewal hearing which was great. There was no opposition and it was wonderful to hear from parents, teachers and community members.

Heather Wachter, Academic Dean and new board member, shared an update from AFBA Elementary School. She reported that student culture and adult culture are going well despite leader transitions. The Leadership Team, without Christina and Samantha is working well but they are at maximum capacity. Christina comes to Bridgeport on Mondays and Fridays. The board inquired about ways to help support the teachers and Heather brought up teacher appreciation week.

Ken Paul joined the meeting and discussed the leadership transition and answered questions from the board about what may happen next year.

C. Treasurer Report (Dick Kalt)

Dick Kalt gave the Treasurer's report noting that things look good and the audit was clean except for the teacher certification issue.

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by Marlene Macauda

Seconded by Debra Hertz

All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby accepts the report of the independent auditors CohnReznik prepared in relation to the fiscal year ended 6/30/16.

Motion by Marlene Macauda

Seconded by Debra Hertz

All in favor

V. Executive Session

The board entered executive session at 7:25 pm. Motion by Chris Kunhardt. Seconded by Marlene Macauda. The board exited executive session at 7:52pm.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm by Chris Kunhardt. Motion by Debra Hertz. Seconded by Heather Wachter