

**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:

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| 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 Macaуда  
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 Macaуда  
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 Macaуда. 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