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**AF Hartford High School**  
**Joint High School Committee Meeting**

September 17, 2018, 4:30 pm

305 Greenfield St, Hartford

**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Barry Jacobson. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes

Jose Rendon, AFHA Board - Yes

Ja Hannah, AFHA Board - Yes

Todd Cooper, Jumoke Board - No

Thomas Smith, Jumoke Board - Yes

Emily Banks, AF Hartford High School Principal - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Blake Bergeron, AF Network Support - Yes

Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy - Yes

Frank Williams, Jumoke Academy - Yes

Public: n/a

**II. Open Session For Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**III. Approve Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from May 14, 2018.

Motion by Jose Rendon

Seconded by Thomas Smith

All in favor

**IV. School Report (Emily Banks)**

In its first year eligible for US News & World Report rankings, AF Hartford High ranked third in the state high school rankings, noted Emily Banks, AF Hartford High School Principal, an exciting accomplishment for the school

As this was the first AF Hartford High School Committee Meeting of the year, Ms. Banks reviewed key metrics from the end of the prior school year. She noted a decrease in suspensions, year over year, from the 2016-17 school year to the 2017-18 school year and strong AP exam results especially in US and World History. AF's high school curriculum which includes "AP for All" has resulted in high AP participation and a significant increase in students passing AP exams.

Looking ahead to this 2018-19 school year, Ms Banks shared that she feels the staff culture is strong, despite a slightly lower teacher return rate.

The 9th grade doubled in size, as they had students matriculate from both AF Hartford Middle School and AF Summit Middle School for the first year.

Academically, the school is prioritizing homework accountability, reading support and math enrichment/remediation. They have their strongest teacher cohort to date and those teachers are teaching AP courses, driving high levels of engagement early in the school year.

Ms Banks would like to pursue holding the Senior Signing Day off-site if possible and inquired whether the board had any suggestions.

**V. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm by Barry Jacobson.

Motion by Ja Hannah

Seconded by Jose Rendon

All in favor