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**Amistad Academy**  
**Joint High School Committee Meeting**

March 21, 2018, 4:30 pm

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**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Jane Levin. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Caroline Williams, Amistad Board - No  
Carolyn Greenspan, Amistad Board - Yes  
Jane Levin, Amistad Board - Yes

Chris Kunhardt, AFBA Board - No  
Jim Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes  
Dick Kalt - AFBA Board - Yes

Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes  
Laura Saverin, ECCP Board - Yes  
Genevive Walker, ECCP Board - Yes

Morgan Barth, Amistad High School Principal - Yes  
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: n/a

**II. Open Session For Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**III. School Report (Morgan Barth)**

Morgan Barth shared that virtually all seniors have receive an acceptance to college - 99 percent, in fact!

In addition, academic performance, especially on AP assessments are improving and school culture is strong.

Amistad HS is starting Compass Circles which have been part of several AF schools including Elm City College Prep, K-6 under the Greenfield model. A group of students sit in a circle and have a routine where they can safely share their feelings and emotions, taking turns speaking about themselves.

Teacher retention is on track to exceed last year's percentage but there remain positions that are difficult to fill. There is continued uncertainty around the large enrollment (more students than anticipated are opting to attend Amistad HS), facilities constraints and the budget.

**IV. Financial Report (Laura Saverin)**

The state did not provide funding for all seats. The schools are working on seeing what can be done to

find savings.

**V. Board Business**

**RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from January 24, 2018.**

Motion by Dick Ferguson

Seconded by Dick Kalt

All in favor

**RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.**

Motion by Dick Kalt

Seconded by Genevive Walker

All in favor

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm by Jane Levin.

Motion by Carolyn Greenspan

Seconded by Genevive Walker

All in favor