

**Amistad Academy**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

August 1, 2017, 12:00 pm  
AF Network Support  
495 Blake St, New Haven, CT

**Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 12:27pm by Carolyn Greenspan. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan - Yes	Jane Levin - No
Caroline Williams - No	Pat Sweet - Yes
Mike Griffin - Yes	Khadijah Muhammad - Yes
Lorraine Gibbons - Yes	Paul McCraven - No
Tim Pavlis - Yes	Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Reginald Simmons - No	Megan Tokarski, AF Network Support - Yes
	Maggie Gotterer, AF Network Support - Yes

**Open Session for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Business**

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from 5/16/17.

Motion by Pat Sweet  
Seconded by Michael Griffin  
All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves Teresa Neff Webster to sign claims for reimbursement of the *ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs*.

Motion by Pat Sweet  
Seconded by Lorraine Gibbons  
All in favor

**Discussion**

Carolyn Greenspan shared that Edward Joyner would be joining the board in the seat reserved for a New Haven Board of Education representative. Carolyn has reached out to Mr. Joyner to welcome and onboard him, but she has not yet heard back. The board is also in the process of identifying a new teacher representative because Jennifer Connell concluded her term on June 30, and has relocated out-of-state. Carolyn has reached out to Katie Poynter for a teacher representative from Amistad Academy

Middle. In general, Carolyn would like to increase the current number of board members from 11 to 15 in order to maintain quorum and a robust committee structure. Community representation and/or an education background are two qualities that the board should be looking for in potential new members.

#### **Review 2017 SBAC Data**

The board reviewed the 2017 student achievement data, and Carolyn noted questions for Dacia, Regional Superintendents, and principals.

#### **Discuss and Set 2017-18 Goals**

Carolyn Greenspan shared the board governance checklist for 2017-18.

Carolyn Greenspan reviewed the board's goals from 2016-17 and suggested carrying them forward into 2017-18. The board agreed, and Mike Griffin suggested adding a goal around New Market Tax Credits.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

The board reviewed the Conflict of Interest policy, which they will be asked to sign at the September meeting.

#### **CMO Review**

Carolyn Greenspan explained that the board will begin implementing an annual evaluation of AF provided and required by the CT SDE. The annual evaluation will be a public document, but the CT SDE has not provided specific guidance about how it should be completed or submitted. The board reviewed the annual evaluation document, and Carolyn encouraged board members to consider what additional information they may need between now and the September meeting in order to effectively evaluate AF.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44pm by Carolyn Greenspan.

Motion by Lorraine Gibbons

Seconded by Pat Sweet

All in favor