

**Achievement First Rhode Island  
Board of Directors Meeting**

March 28, 2018, 5:30 pm

370 Hartford Avenue, Providence

**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm by Mayor Jorge Elorza. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Jorge Elorza, AFRI Board - Yes

Brian Gallogly, AFRI Board - Yes

Macky McCleary, AFRI Board - Yes

Reshma Singh, AFRI Board - Yes

John Igliazzi, AFRI Board - No

Soraida Morales, AFRI Board - No

Ben Smith, AFRI Board - Yes

Maryellen Butke, AFRI Board - No

James Wiley, AFRI Board - No

Robert Luciano, AFRI Board - No

Percy Ballah, AFRI Board - Yes

Morgan Carter, AFRI School Leadership - No

Kevin Lohela, AFRI School Leadership - No

Libby Miller, AFRI School Leadership - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Gina Musumeci, AF Network Support - Yes

Tom Kaiser, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: Leonela Felix, Jillian Scott, Kate Sabatini

**II. Open Session for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from February 22, 2018.

Motion by Brian Gallogly

Seconded by Ben Smith

All in favor

**IV. Reports and Discussion**

**A. Principal Reports**

Libby Miller, Principal, AF Providence Middle School, shared her commitment to a strong spring despite her plans to depart at the end of the year.

School culture data is strong including attendance and very low out of school suspensions. Expeditions have been inspiring for scholars. The fifth grade participated proudly in the March for Our Lives and it was a defining moment for them as middle schoolers. The school did instruction and discussions that morning, and kids showed up with fantastic posters and led chants on Hartford Ave.

The adult team continues to be very strong.

Libby shared how much she's enjoyed working with Ashia Parks who will lead the school next year. Priorities are (1) staff retention and (2) student investment (increasing student voice, sense of fairness) for the 5th grade before the school doubles in size.

Sarah Blanton shared the reports from AF Providence Elementary and AF Illuminar Elementary Schools because both principals were attending a professional development opportunity. AF Illuminar Elementary continues to be very strong and has seen year over year academic gains.

#### **B. Board Chair Report**

The Professional Growth Plans (PGP) will be coming out in the spring and board members will have the opportunity to engage with the regional superintendents in the annual review of the returning principals.

The board had a discussion about how to positively impact the external narrative around charters as well as a discussion about the political landscape in RI.

#### **C. Treasurer Report**

Ben Smith gave the treasurer's report identifying the surpluses and deficits at the three schools.

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

Motion by Macky McCleary

Seconded by Reshma Singh

All in favor

The board entered executive session at 6:43 pm. Motion by Reshma Singh. Seconded by Ben Smith. The board exited executive session at 7:04pm. Motion by Macky McCleary Seconded by Ben Smith.

#### **V. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by Brian Gallogly.

Motion by Ben Smith

Seconded by Macky McCleary

All in favor