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

September 9, 2019, 4:30 pm  
305 Greenfield St, Hartford

**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Barry Jacobson. The following board members, Jumoke and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes

Ben Cruse, AF Hartford High School Principal - Yes

Alice Turner, AFHA Board - Yes (phone)

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Patsy Mundy, AFHA Board - No

Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy - yes

Todd Cooper, Jumoke Board - Yes (phone)

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 March 18, 2019.

Motion by Todd Cooper

Second by Alice Turner

All in favor

**IV. School Report (Ben Cruse)**

Ben Cruse guided the board through a report starting with the SAT results which are lower than they had been for the prior class. There were several contributing factors and the school is taking steps to improve results for the 12th grade. AP scores had some strong outlier results in the Humanities and Social Sciences. These results are competitive in the AF network. STEM results were not as strong. Mr. Cruse discussed the need for a long term strategy to drive stronger performance.

Attendance is strong and enrollment is higher than projected/budgeted.

Mr. Cruse dialed in to the meeting from New York because he had just completed a school visit to AF University Prep, AF's top performing high school. He and other AF principals have done school visits to other top performing high schools such as the Noble Schools network in Chicago, Northstar High School in New Jersey and Brooklyn Latin High School.

**V. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm by Barry Jacobson.

Motion by Alice Turner

Seconded by Todd Cooper

All in favor