

Amistad Academy

Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 5:30 pm

370 James Street, New Haven

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The Amistad Academy Board meeting was called to order at 5:42 pm by Carolyn Greenspan. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan - Yes

Jennifer Alexander - Yes (phone)

Lorraine Gibbons - Yes (phone)

Albert Maldonado - Yes (phone)

Tim Pavlis - Yes

Jane Levin - Yes (phone)

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Pat Sweet - Yes (phone)

Sarah Claybaugh, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: Kole Mascol, Ethan Tyminski

II. Open Session for Public Comment

No Public comment

III. Elect new Director

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors elects Ethan Tyminski to serve as a Director with a three year term ending June 30, 2022.

Motion by Tim Pavlis

Seconded by Pat Sweet

All in favor

IV. Principal Reports

Victoria McCall, Amistad Middle School Principal, gave a report of Amistad Academy Middle School. Ms. McCall shared school culture metrics, SBAC results and her priorities for the year: (1) ensure positive adult culture, (2) ensure across all grades that there is strong growth in student performance, and (3) increase student investment.

Brooke Williams, Amistad Elementary School Principal, gave the principal report for Amistad Academy Elementary School discussing data around school culture, enrollment, and SBAC results. There is a focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). The board discussed the way SEL is part of morning, homeroom meetings on a daily basis.

V. Joint High School Committee Report

Jane Levin gave the joint high school committee report. Amistad High School has gotten off to an excellent start. Simon Obas working to improve communication between the leadership team and staff.

VI. Chief Financial Officer Report

Victor De La Paz, Chief Financial Officer, updated the board on the FY19 audit. The auditors arrived on Monday, September 9 to begin the audit process. He also discussed the start of the school year for Amistad Elementary, Middle and High and noted enrollment patterns.

VII. Board Chair Report

Carolyn Greenspan is appointing Jennifer Alexander and Pat Sweet to the Personnel Committee. The members of the Personnel Committee will therefore be Carolyn Greenspan, Jennifer Alexander, and Pat Sweet.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from July 31, 2019.

Motion by Tim Pavlis

Seconded by Jane Levin

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the amendments to the Charter Management Agreement as presented.

Motion by Jane Levin

Seconded by Tim Pavlis

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the Family Handbook as presented.

Motion by Tim Pavlis

Seconded by Ethan Tyminski

All in favor

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm by Carolyn Greenspan.

Motion by Tim Pavlis

Seconded by Ethan Tyminski

All in favor