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## **Amistad Academy**

### **Joint High School Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 4:00 pm

AF Amistad High School 580 Dixwell Ave, New Haven

#### **I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Jane Levin. The following board members, not constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan, Amistad Board - No

Simon Obas, Amistad High School Principal - Yes

Jane Levin, Amistad Board - Yes

Albert Maldonado, Amistad Board - No

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes

Sarah Claybaugh, AF Network Support - Yes

Laura Saverin, ECCP Board - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Genevive Walker, ECCP Board - Yes

Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes

Jim Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes

Michael Strambler - AFBA Board - Yes

Public: Julie Hajducky, Chris Peak

#### **II. Open Session for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **III. Principal Report**

Mr. Simon Obas gave the principal report for Amistad High School reviewing college applications, adult culture, and classroom instruction.

Sixteen students were accepted to college through early decision/action, including three students accepted into Yale University. In March, the class of 2020 will take the SAT for the second time, the first was in December. Mr. Obas discussed the need for an additional college counselor next as the student population grows with each incoming class.

Mr. Obas described his focus on classroom instruction as a priority for the coming school year and the desire for there to be deep level conceptual thinking in the classroom.

#### **IV. Financial Report**

Laura Saverin gave the financial report. The Amistad High School Director of School Operations attended the finance call last week, sharing confidence that the budget for the coming year will be realistic and

based strongly upon expected enrollment.

**V. Board Business**

The board did not have a quorum and did not conduct any board business.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 13, 2019.

Motion by

Seconded by

All in favor

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

Motion by

Seconded by

All in favor

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm by Jane Levin.

Motion by Richard Ferguson

Seconded by Genevieve Walker

All in favor