

**Amistad Academy
Board of Directors**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:30 pm
AF Amistad High School 580 Dixwell Ave, New Haven

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Carolyn Greenspan. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan - Yes

Lorraine Gibbons - Yes (Phone)

Tim Pavlis - Yes

Jane Levin - Yes

Pat Sweet - Yes (Phone)

Jennifer Alexander - No

Albert Maldonado - No

Ethan Tyminski - Yes

Tyra Smallwood - Yes

Brooke Williams, Amistad School Leadership-Yes

Michael Hendricks, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Claybaugh, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 13, 2019.

Motion by Jane Levin

Seconded by Pat Sweet

All in favor

IV. School Report

Amistad Elementary Principal, Brooke Williams, reported on school culture metrics including teacher retention, teacher certification, academic performance, and attendance. The school has implemented a school baking club that has been popular with students. There has been a strong response from teachers on their intent to return the coming year.

V. Treasurer Report

Tim Pavlis, Board Treasurer, gave the financial report, noting that there was a normal variation among the schools. The deficit at the High School is currently less than expected and those

reductions being made were not having a negative programmatic impact.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by Tyra Smallwood
Seconded by Ethan Tyminski
All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby accepts the report of the independent auditors CohnReznick prepared in relation to the fiscal year ending 6/30/19.

Motion by Jane Levin
Seconded by Tim Pavlis
All in favor

VI. Executive Session

The board entered into Executive Session at 5:58 pm to discuss a principal performance review.

Motion by Tyra Smallwood
Seconded by Tim Pavlis
All in favor

The board left Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Ethan Tyminski
Seconded by Tim Pavlis
All in favor

VII. Joint High School Committee Report

Jane Levin gave the Amistad High School Report based on the Committee meeting with Simon Obas. Sixteen members of the senior class were accepted to college through early decision/action, including three to Yale University.

VIII. Board Chair Report

Carolyn Greenspan gave a brief update to the board noting the upcoming charter renewal hearing in February.

IX. Adjourn

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Motion by Jane Levin
Seconded by Tyra Smallwood