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**Amistad Academy**  
**Joint High School Committee Meeting**

370 James St, Suite 404, New Haven

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 4:00 pm

**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Jane Levin. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan, Amistad Board - Yes

Jane Levin, Amistad Board - Yes (Phone)

Albert Maldonado, Amistad Board - No

Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes

Laura Saverin, ECCP Board - Yes (Phone)

Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes (Phone)

Jim Bennett, AFBA Board - No

Michael Strambler - AFBA Board - Yes (Phone)

Shannon Garfield, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Claybaugh, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: Julie Hajducky, Chris Peak, Peter Butler

**II. Open Session for Public Comment**

Peter Butler commented that the staff and parent representative roles are currently not filled. Dick Ferguson, Board Chair for Elm City College Prep, explained that there are currently two candidates for those open positions.

**III. Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 23, 2019 and January 28, 2020.

Motion by Richard Ferguson

Seconded by Laura Saverin

All in favor

**IV. School Report**

Ms. Shannon Garfield, Regional Superintendent of Amistad High School, gave the school report. Ninety-three percent of seniors at the school have been accepted into colleges or universities to date with a total of 600 acceptances. The school is currently preparing for upcoming testing by having teachers meet regularly with coaches and using data to give more feedback to students as they approach the end of the school year.

Ms. Garfield shared that the girls' basketball team qualified for the state championship and that the boys basketball team qualified for the state tournament. Outdoor Track, Soccer, Boys Volleyball and Girls Lacrosse are scheduled to start next week. In student life, upcoming events include a Spring Concert in June, Senior Signing Day in May, and Graduation in June.

The school is also working closely with strategic planning on how best to address COVID-19. College Trips are being addressed based upon most up to date guidelines.

**V. Personnel Subcommittee Report**

Jane Levin gave the personnel subcommittee report. The subcommittee met earlier in the week and will hold another meeting.

**VI. Financial Report**

Laura Saverin gave the financial report. Little has changed since the last meeting, except that the state will not fund extra students above the enrollment cap.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented at the last meeting and this meeting.

Motion by Richard Ferguson

Seconded by Dick Kalt

All in favor

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm by Jane Levin.

Motion by Dick Ferguson

Seconded by Jane Levin

All in favor