

Amistad High School Committee Meeting

Friday, April 10, 2020, 3:00 pm

Zoom meeting

The following Directors, constituting a quorum, joined the Zoom video conference: Jane Levin, Carolyn Greenspan, Dick Kalt, Jim Bennett, Michael Strambler, and Dick Ferguson.

The following Achievement First staff joined the Zoom video conference: Dacia Toll, Melika Forbes, Christi George, Shannon Garfield and Sarah Blanton.

The following was transcribed by Sarah Blanton. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM.

Jane Levin

"I would like to call this meeting to order. Is there any public comment?"

Dick Ferguson

"This is Dick, I'm in now, sorry. I couldn't get audio for a while."

Jane Levin

"Public comment? Hearing none. Let's go to item two on the agenda to approve the minutes. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes from the High School committee meeting of March 11th."

Dick Kalt

"So moved"

Jane Levin

"Is there a second?"

Carolyn Greenspan

"I'll second"

Jane Levin

"All in favor?"

Dick Kalt, Michael Strambler, Laura Saverin, Jim Bennett, Dick Ferguson, Carolyn Greenspan

"Aye"

Jane Levin

"Against?" [silence] "Abstentions?" [silence] "Ok, the motion carries. So, let's now proceed to a discussion about the high school principal performance at Amistad High School. Do I have a motion to go into executive session?"

Carolyn Greenspan

"So moved."

Laura Saverin

"Second."

Jane Levin

"So the motion will be a discussion of a personnel matter involving the principal's performance at Amistad High School. There is a second?

Sarah Blanton

"Do you want to invite anyone as part of that motion?"

Jane Levin

"Yes, would we like to invite anyone to be part of this executive session as part of that motion?"

Carolyn Greenspan

"We would like to invite Dacia and Christi and Sarah and Shannon. Do we have anyone else?"

Jane Levin

"Melika."

Carolyn Greenspan

"Is Melika the 914 number?"

Melika Forbes

"Yes, that's me."

Dick kalt

"Is Melika here?"

Jane Levin

"She is."

Melika Forbes

"I am here."

Dick Kalt

"Oh, I didn't see you on the list of participants."

Melika Forbes

"I am on the phone."

Dick Kalt

"Oh, I got it."

Jane Levin

"So, we have a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving the principal's performance at Amistad High School including certain members who have been named from Achievement First."

Dick Ferguson

"So moved."

Laura Saverin

"Second."

Jane Levin
"All in favor?"

Dick Kalt, Michael Strambler, Laura Saverin, Carolyn Greenspan, Jim Bennett, Dick Ferguson
"Aye"

Jane Levin
"Against?" [silence] "Abstentions?" [silence] "The motion carries. We will now proceed to executive session."

The Committee entered executive session at 3:05 PM.

Jane Levin
"Do I have a motion to exit executive session?"

Carolyn Greenspan
"So moved."

Jane Levin
"Second?"

Laura Saverin
"Second."

Jane Levin
"All in favor?"

Dick Kalt, Michael Strambler, Laura Saverin, Carolyn Greenspan, Jim Bennett, Dick Ferguson
"Aye"

Jane Levin
"Against?" [silence] "Abstentions?" [silence]

The Committee exited executive session at 4:35 PM.

Jane Levin
"Ok, we've now exited executive session. So, may I have a motion regarding his renewal for the academic year 2020-21?"

Carolyn Greenspan
"So moved."

Jane Levin
"Sarah, would you like me to read the resolution?"

Sarah Blanton

[Muted. Gives thumbs up on video.]

Jane Levin

"Ok. Let me just read what the resolution is that we're voting on. Resolved, the Amistad High School Committee has discussed the performance of the Amistad High School Principal, Simon Obas, intending to return for the 2020-21 school year and the compensation package as proposed by Achievement First, and hereby recommends the renewal of the principal, subject to the approval of each board, with a final compensation package to be incorporated in the FY21 Budget to be reviewed and approved in May. Do we have a motion to move that resolution?"

Carolyn Greenspan

"So moved."

Jane Levin

"Second?"

Laura Saverin

"Second."

Jane Levin

"All in favor?"

Dick Kalt, Michael Strambler, Laura Saverin, Carolyn Greenspan, Jim Bennett, Dick Ferguson

"Aye"

Jane Levin

"Opposed?" [silence] "Abstentions?" [silence] "Ok, the motion carries. Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?"

Dick Kalt

"So moved."

Jane Levin

"Second?"

Carolyn Greenspan

"Second"

Jane Levin

"All in favor?"

Dick Kalt, Michael Strambler, Laura Saverin, Carolyn Greenspan, Jim Bennett, Dick Ferguson

"Aye"

Jane Levin

"Abstentions?" [silence] "Negative?" [silence] "Ok, meeting is adjourned. Thank you all so much."

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.