

AF Hartford High School
Joint High School Committee Meeting

September 9, 2019, 4:30 pm
305 Greenfield St, Hartford

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Barry Jacobson. The following board members, Jumoke and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes	Ben Cruse, AF Hartford High School Principal - Yes
Alice Turner, AFHA Board - Yes (phone)	Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Patsy Mundy, AFHA Board - No	Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy - yes
Todd Cooper, Jumoke Board - Yes (phone)	

II. Open Session For Public Comment

There was no public comment

III. Approve Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from March 18, 2019.

Motion by Todd Cooper
Second by Alice Turner
All in favor

IV. School Report (Ben Cruse)

Ben Cruse guided the board through a report starting with the SAT results which are lower than they had been for the prior class. There were several contributing factors and the school is taking steps to improve results for the 12th grade. AP scores had some strong outlier results in the Humanities and Social Sciences. These results are competitive in the AF network. STEM results were not as strong. Mr. Cruse discussed the need for a long term strategy to drive stronger performance.

Attendance is strong and enrollment is higher than projected/budgeted.

Mr. Cruse dialed in to the meeting from New York because he had just completed a school visit to AF University Prep, AF's top performing high school. He and other AF principals have done school visits to other top performing high schools such as the Noble Schools network in Chicago, Northstar High School in New Jersey and Brooklyn Latin High School.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm by Barry Jacobson.

Motion by Alice Turner
Seconded by Todd Cooper
All in favor