

AF Hartford High School
Joint High School Committee Meeting

November 4, 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 but the Committee did not have quorum:

Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes
Alice Turner, AFHA Board - No
Patsy Mundy, AFHA Board - Yes
Todd Cooper, Jumoke Board - No

Ben Cruse, AF Hartford High School Principal - Yes
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy - Yes
Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

II. Open Session For Public Comment

There was no public comment

III. Approve Meeting Minutes

The minutes from September 9, 2019, were not approved because of lack of quorum.

IV. School Report

Ben Cruse gave the principal report highlighting school culture metrics and academic performance at the high school. The Committee also discussed the early decision/early action college applications. Several students recently submitted applications to college for the November 1st deadline and will be submitting soon for the November 15th deadline. Patsy Mundy inquired about the transitional support that AF alumni receive when they go off to college. Mr. Cruse described the work of the college success counselors and the regional model that supports scholars when they leave and enroll in college. The Foundations of Leadership course that scholars take while at AF Hartford High aims to support many of the soft skills that increase the likelihood that our scholars will persist in college.

Mr. Cruse has been reviewing college applications along with the Dean of College and the Regional Superintendent, Amy D'Angelo.

Mr. Cruse and one of the Academic Deans are teaching the SAT course which is a significant change from last year. In prior years, the SAT prep class was taught by a more junior teacher. The network is running a pilot observing the class and examining data weekly.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm by Barry Jacobson.