AF Hartford Academy Board of Directors

Monday, October 19, 2020, 5:30 pm Zoom Video Conference

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm Patsy Mundy. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance:

Patsy Mundy - Yes Alice Turner - Yes Endia DeCordova - No David Dee - Yes

Bildade Augustin - Yes Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine - Yes

Ja Hannah - Yes Celina Whitmore - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support

Public: n/a

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from September 14, 2020.

The board will approve the minutes at the next board meeting.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action

CMO Evaluation: Patsy Mundy reviewed the Charter Management Organization (CMO) evaluation opening up the discussion for input from the board. The form is an opportunity for the board to review the administrative management services that AF is hired to do.

2021 Objectives: The board discussed family engagement and possibilities of connecting with the AFHA community, especially parents. The goal would be to better understand what the families need and also to ensure that families know about the board.

Bildade Augustin noted that she uses an app called Remind at another organization. It can be used to easily send information and updates.

Board Recruitment: The board currently has eight members and has room for additional directors. Ms. Augustin noted that the skills and expertise that the board should seek in new members should be aligned with the needs of the school community. Ja Hannah flagged some potential areas such as IT, development/fundraising and community connectors.

The board discussed bringing on an additional parent. There is also a seat for a member of the Hartford Board of Education and a teacher representative.

Committee Membership: The AF Hartford High School Committee (Patsy Mundy and Alice Turner), Personnel Committee (Patsy Mundy and David Dee) and Finance Committee (Patsy Mundy and Bildade Augustin) need one additional member.

Lisa volunteered to be on the finance committee.

V. Additional Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm by Patsy Mundy.

Motion by Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine

Seconded by Alice Turner

All in favor