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**AF Hartford High School
Joint High School Committee Meeting**

November 9, 2020, 4:30 pm

Zoom Video Conference

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm by Patsy Mundy. The following board members, constituting a quorum, were in attendance, along with Jumoke and Achievement First Staff:

Patsy Mundy, AFHA Board - Yes

Alice Turner, AFHA Board - Yes

Myron Stewart, Jumoke Board - Yes

Laneka Thomas, AF Hartford High School Principal

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support

Shannon Garfield, AF Network Support

Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy

Arnel Hines, Jumoke Academy

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. School Report

Ms. Laneka Thomas, AF Hartford High School Interim Principal, shared organizational health survey data that showed significant growth year over year. In absolute terms, the data is not where she wants it to be but they saw a 14 point improvement. In particular, staff are indicating that they feel heard by the leadership team and that decisions are being made with multiple perspectives. Ms. Thomas has consistently made space to engage with staff in a meaningful, ongoing way. They team openly will have grown comfortable putting on the table the conversations that had formerly been avoided.

94% of college and career planning meetings have taken place and the first round of early decision applications were submitted to schools including Smith College, Brown University and University of Pennsylvania. More applications will be submitted for the November 15th deadline. The seniors are very invested in their college process.

Despite being remote, students are engaging in clubs and additional social emotional learning opportunities. Until recently they had 15% of kids in the building but are now fully remote. They've heard from scholars and parents that the schedule needs restructuring – likely moving to a block schedule with longer class blocks to go deeper and complete assignments.

The priorities continue to be student success, student investment and adult culture.

III. Approve Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from May 11, 2020.

Motion by Alice Turner

Seconded by Myron Stewart

All in favor

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm by Patsy Mundy.

Motion by Alice Turner

Seconded by Myron Stewart

All in favor