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**Amistad Academy
Board of Directors**

Zoom Video Conference
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Carolyn Greenspan. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan - Yes	Priyanka Junankar – Yale SOM Board Fellow
Lorraine Gibbons - Yes	Tyra Smallwood - No
Jane Levin - Yes	Shannelle Whyte - Yes
Pat Sweet - Yes	Victor De La Paz, AF Network Support
Jennifer Alexander - Yes	Eduardo del Valle, AF Network Support
Albert Maldonado - No	Cassidy McKee, AF Network Support
Ethan Tyminski - Yes	Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support

Public: Susan Kiernan, Gerald Francese

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from December 18, 2020.

Motion by Pat Sweet
Seconded by Jane Levin
All in favor

IV. Discussion and Business

A. Joint High School Committee Report

There was no report because the Amistad Joint High School Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 20th at 4:00 pm.

B. Board Chair Report

Carolyn Greenspan shared that the Amistad Renaming Focus Group is meeting weekly. The Amistad High School students held a meeting to brainstorm new names and they've sent a survey to the entire high school student body. Those results will be shared with the Focus Group for consideration. The Focus Group intends to survey the broad Amistad community of students, staff, families and alumni for feedback on name ideas and they will submit their recommendation to the Amistad Board at the March Board Meeting.

C. Treasurer Report

Ms. Patricia Sweet gave the Treasurer Report noting that everything looks to be in good shape. The audited financial statements were clean and reported no concerns with management.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by Jen Alexander

Seconded by Jane Levin

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby accepts the report of the independent auditors CohnReznick prepared in relation to the fiscal year ending 6/30/20.

Motion by Ethan Tyminski

Seconded by Carolyn Greenspan

All in favor

Ms. Cassidy McKee gave an overview of the options for refinancing Amistad's outstanding debt. The board was joined by two attorneys who answered questions related to those transactions and the possible resolutions the board could consider. After a robust discussion, the board decided not to vote on any resolutions at this time but to continue the discussion at the next board meeting.

V. Adjourn

There being no other business before the board, it was unanimously decided to adjourn at 6:32 pm.

Motion by Pat Sweet

Second by Jen Alexander

All in favor