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

March 29, 2021, 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. Approve Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 9, 2020.

Motion by Myron Stewart

Seconded by Patsy Mundy

All in favor

III. School Report

Ms. Laneka Thomas, AF Hartford High School Principal, updated the committee on the March reopening. 21% of students are attending in-person learning. There is ongoing synchronous instruction, but not live instruction for those students who attend in person. Ms. Thomas noted that many students have taken on jobs which is impacting the high number of students electing to continue remote learning.

She shared attendance rates, GPA data and interim assessment results – both absolute results and year over year comparisons. She shared data around the number of students who are failing classes and discussed the interventions and responses for students who are struggling academically. The leadership team did a student by student audit to best understand how to support their success which included scheduling changing, tutoring, spring break classes, and

increased communication with students and families through advisory.

Ms. Thomas shared that teachers and staff report they are most satisfied when they can come to the building and connect with students. There is uncertainty about the 2021-22 school year but there is excitement about the visioning process and the direction the network is heading. Two members of the leadership team are leaving at the end of this school year – one is getting promoted to a network director role and another who is departing AF Hartford High. Teaching staff retention is 85% and she shared that she feeling strong about the team returning for next year.

The committee discussed intervention plans and the reasons behind the year over year declines, particularly in math.

In the fourth quarter, the school is looking to provide some live instruction.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm by Patsy Mundy.

Motion by Alice Turner

Seconded by Myron Stewart

All in favor