

Achievement First Bridgeport Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2021, 5:30 pm

Zoom Video Conference

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Dick Kalt. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Dick Kalt - Yes

Rajeev Lakra – Yes

Marlene Macauda - No

Dewey Loselle - Yes

Debra Hertz - No

Shalia Garnett - Yes

Kimberly Bruce - Yes

Michael Strambler - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support

Ruben Felipe – No

Ken Paul, AF Network Support

Ebrima Jobe – No

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from January 20, 2021.

Motion by Dewey Loselle

Seconded by Rajeev Lakra

All in favor

IV. Discussion and Business

A. Principal Reports

The board did not have quorum when the principals were in attendance. The principals were not asked to return when the board achieved quorum.

A. Treasurer Report

The board reviewed the financial report.

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

Motion by Rajeev Lakra

Seconded by Michael Strambler
All in favor

B. Board Chair Report

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Board of Directors has discussed the performance of the AF Bridgeport Academy Principals intending to return for the 2021-22 school year and the compensation package as proposed by Achievement First, and hereby approves the renewal of the following principals, with a final compensation package to be incorporated in the FY22 Budget to be reviewed and approved in May 2021:

- Samantha Lucky, Principal, AF Bridgeport Academy Elementary School
- Annedrea Coleman, Principal, AF Bridgeport Academy Middle School
- Simon Obas, Principal, Amistad High School

Motion by Dick Kalt

Seconded by Michael Strambler

All in favor

Each individual principal was approved individually and Rajeev Lakra abstained from the vote on the renewal offer for Simon Obas.

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Motion by Dick Kalt

Seconded by Michael Strambler

All in favor

The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer

games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

Motion by Rajeev Lakra

Seconded by Dewey Loselle

All in favor

C. Joint High School Committee Report

Dick Kalt gave the Amistad High School Committee report noting that, as of March 2, 2021, the high school is hosting students in person but there is no live instruction. Students come to the building and log into their Zoom classes.

Dr. Obas raised concerns about students’ mental health and they are using a program on Google to catch certain search words used on school computers. The school social worker is following up with students individually.

Attendance is strong when students log on in the morning but engagement throughout the day has been inconsistent.

Mr. Kalt reported on college acceptances, summer internships and work with the 11th graders to plan for the college application process for senior year.

The board discussed questions that Mr. Kalt will follow up on.

III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm by Dick Kalt.

Motion by Rajeev Lakra

Seconded by Dewey Loselle

All in favor