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Amistad Academy
Joint High School Committee Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Jane Levin. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan, Amistad Board - Yes
Jane Levin, Amistad Board - Yes
Jennifer Alexander, Amistad Board - Yes

Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes
Kimberly Bruce, AFBA Board - Yes
Michael Strambler, AFBA Board - Yes

Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes
Laura Saverin, ECCP Board - Yes
Julia Halberstam, ECCP Board - No

Simon Obas, Amistad HS Principal
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support
Ken Paul, AF Network Support

Public: Julie Hajducky, Peter Butler

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. School Report

Dr. Simon Obas gave an update on Amistad High School including teacher retention which is projected to be very strong.

Dr. Obas and the Committee discussed the post-secondary plans of the senior class including the colleges where the members of the class of 2021 were accepted and the work the college team is doing with students who are still undecided about their plans after graduation. 96% have been accepted to a four-year college but not all of those students will necessarily attend college next year.

June 3rd will be virtual Senior Signing Day. June 24th is a live, in person, outdoor graduation.

Dr. Obas shared that AF is working on planning for next year, determining schedules, standards and ways to support students who have experienced the learning loss of remote learning.

The board discussed AP exams (results will come in the summer), academic performance and the importance of focusing on safety and wellbeing. Dr. Obas noted that there was not an emphasis on assessments this academic year and he therefore did not have academic data to report.

IV. Finance Report

Laura Saverin gave the finance report including the year to date financials and proposed budget, with the projected number of students coming from each charter for next year.

V. Board Business

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from March 10, 2021.

Motion by Dick Ferguson

Seconded by Carolyn Greenspan

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by Dick Kalt

Seconded by Carolyn Greenspan

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the financial budget for Amistad High School for the 2021-22 fiscal year as prepared by Achievement First.

Motion by Carolyn Greenspan

Seconded by Dick Ferguson

All in favor

VI. Adjourn

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm by Jane Levin.

Motion by Laura Saverin

Seconded by Dick Ferguson

All in favor