

Achievement First
Rhode Island Board of Trustees

June 1, 2022, 5:30-6:15 PM

In-person: AF Illuminar

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/8959180848>

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:43pm by Maryellen Butke. The following board members, constituting a quorum of the board, and AF staff were present:

Board members: Maryellen Butke, James Wiley, Natasha Tamba, John Igliazzi

AF Staff: Fatimah Barker, Beth Cocuzza, Lisa Margosian, Stephanie Keenoy, Neil Shah, Xanthe Jory, De-Lea Deanne Allen, Ken Paul, Jillian Fain, Cassidy McKee, Ketki Harale, Isabel Tañedo, Claire Shin, Kevin Loehla, Kiah Hufane

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Board business and Discussion

- A.** Executive Session to discuss principal performances, AF Envision Elementary School Principal candidate, and lease under negotiation.

The Board entered into executive session to discuss above matters, inviting Stephanie Keenoy, Ken Paul, Neil Shah, Kevin Loehla, Kiah Hufane, Claire Shin, Isabel Tañedo, Jillian Fain, Cassidy McKee and Ketki Harale to join.

Motion by James Wiley
Seconded by John Igliazzi
All in favor.

The Board exited out of executive session at 6:22pm.

Motion by John Igliazzi
Seconded by James Wiley
All in favor.

There were audio recording problems during the vote, but it was later noted for the record that the following resolutions were voted on and passed unanimously.

It was

RESOLVED, that the AF Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby approves Cynthia Louis-Dale to serve as AF Envision Elementary School Principal for school year 2022-2023.

Motion by James Wiley
Seconded by John Igliazzi
All in favor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the renewal of the following principals, with final compensation packages as incorporated in the FY22-23 budget:

- Nicole Gugliuzza, AF Illuminar Mayoral Academy Elementary School
- Andrew Walker, AF Illuminar Mayoral Academy Middle School
- Breonna Hudgins, AF Providence Mayoral Academy Elementary School
- Donovan Tracey, AF Providence Mayoral Academy Elementary School
- Aja Davis, AF Providence High School
- Mindy Rice, AF Promesa Mayoral Academy Elementary School

Motion by John Igliazzi
Seconded by James Wiley
All in favor.

B. Facilities Report

The Board then entered into discussions on large scale repair projects for the summer and ongoing facilities needs, talking through options available.

On matters for AF Promesa Elementary:

WHEREAS, Achievement First Rhode Island, Inc. (“AFRI”), specifically AF Promesa Elementary School, currently occupies certain premises located at the Charles N. Fortes School located at 234 Daboll Street in Providence, Rhode Island (the “Property”) pursuant to a License Agreement effective July 1, 2021 by and between AFRI and the City of Providence (the “License Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the Property consists of approximately 2.36 acres of land identified as Building 1, Lot 570 on Assessor’s Plat 43 of the City of Providence, consisting of one building totaling approximately 61,730 rentable square feet, as well as certain parking areas, exterior play space and other miscellaneous improvements (collectively the “Premises”);

WHEREAS, AFRI desires to extend the License Agreement on such terms and subject to such conditions set forth in the License Agreement Extension by and between the City of Providence and AFRI, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “License Agreement Extension”);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AFRI be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to extend the License Agreement with the City of Providence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of AFRI (each an “Authorized Officer”), be, and each of them, jointly or severally, hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and deliver the License Agreement Extension in the name of AFRI, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such changes thereto as deemed necessary or advisable by such Authorized Officer, such necessity or advisability to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Authorized Officer, be, and each of them, jointly or severally, hereby is, authorized and directed to do and perform or cause to be done and performed all such acts, deeds and things, and to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed and delivered, all such agreements, undertakings, documents, instruments or certificates, in the name of AFRI and to retain such counsel, agents and advisors and to incur and pay such expenses, fees and taxes as shall, in the opinion of such Authorized Officer executing the same, be deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate or carry out fully the purpose and interest of the foregoing resolutions, such necessity or advisability to be conclusively evidenced by the execution or performance thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all such actions heretofore or hereafter taken any Authorized Officer relating to and within the terms of these resolutions be, and they hereby are, adopted, affirmed, approved and ratified in all respects as the act and deed of AFRI.

Motion by James Wiley
Seconded by John Igliazzi
All in favor.

C. Treasurer Report

i. Financial Report and FY22-23 Budget

Mr. Wiley and Neil Shah, AF Chief Financial Officer, reported on financial statements through March 31, and draft budgets for 2022-2023 school year.

It was

RESOLVED, that the AF Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report and financial budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year as presented.

Motion by James Wiley
Seconded by John Igliazzi
All in favor.

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ii. Re-approve auditors

BE IT RESOLVED, that the AF Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby ratifies the re-appointment of CohnReznick to perform the financial audit of the 2021-22 fiscal year and prepare the IRS Form 990s.

Motion by John Iglizzi
Seconded by James Wiley
All in favor.

iii. Re-elect directors

BE IT RESOLVED, that the AF Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby ratifies the re-election of Mayor Jorge Elorza as Director until December 31, 2022.

Motion by John Iglizzi
Seconded by James Wiley
All in favor.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the AF Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby ratifies the re-election of the following directors with a one-year term ending June 30, 2023:

- Mayor Charles Lombardi
- Maryellen Butke
- James Wiley
- Macky McCleary
- John Iglizzi
- Natasha Tamba

Motion by John Iglizzi
Seconded by James Wiley
All in favor.

iv. Approve minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the AF Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from February 7, 2022, January 18, 2022 and December 6, 2021.

Motion by Natsha Tamba
Seconded by James Wiley
All in favor.

IV. Adjourn



Before adjourning, Fatimah Barker, outgoing CEO, thanked the Board for their leadership and being huge supporters of Achievement First. Ms. Barker also introduced Lisa Margosian, incoming CEO starting July 1. Ms. Margosian introduced herself, sharing her vision in this interim role.

Without no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion by James Wiley
Seconded by John Iglizzi
All in favor.

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