



**Minutes**  
**AF Bridgeport Academy**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/8424626361>

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 5:00-5:30 pm

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Raj Lakra at 5:04 pm.

Attendees:

The following board members, constituting a quorum, were in attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present
Rajeev Lakra	Y	Debra Hertz	N
Michael Strambler	Y	Kimberly Bruce	N
Dewey Loselle	Y	Ruben Felipe	Y
Marlene Macaуда	Y	Ebrima Jobe	N
Dick Kalt	Y	RoAnne Thomas	N

AF Staff: Sulafa Bashir

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Board Discussion**

- a. Proposed Executive Session: Personnel discussion regarding board approval of principal renewal offers for the 2023-24 school year

Mr. Raj Lakra introduced the main top of discussion on approving principal renewals and asked if the board members present had any questions about either principal. There were no questions. Mr. Lakra subsequently took the board through the following resolution.



It was:

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the renewal of the following principals, with a final compensation package to be incorporated in the FY24 Budget to be reviewed and approved in May 2023:

1. Shalia Garnett, AF Bridgeport Academy Elementary School
2. Stephanie Fox, AF Bridgeport Academy Middle School

Motion by Dick Kalt  
Second by Marlene Macaуда  
All in favor.

b. Healthy Food Certification

Mr. Lakra then turned to the second topic around the healthy food certification as required by CT State. Mr. Lakra asked if there were any questions about the resolutions then took the board through the vote.

It was:

- RESOLVED that, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors 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, 2023, through June 30, 2024. 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.
- RESOLVED that, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors 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;

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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 and must be the same place as the food sales.

Motion by Mike Stambler  
Second by Marlene Macaуда  
All in favor.

Mr. Raj Lakra updated the board members on the Charter renewal, There were questions and comments from the board members around teacher certification and absenteeism metrics.

Mr. Lakra took the board into executive session to discuss these topics in greater detail.

Motion by Dick Kalt  
Second by Ruben Felipe  
All in favor.

The board entered executive session at 5:12 pm and exited at 5:28 pm

#### **IV. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Raj Lakra at 5:30 pm.

Motion by  
Second by  
All in favor.