

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Held on September 12, 2015

At 5:00 pm at 308 Indian Trace, Weston, FL 33326

The Meeting was called to order by Julia Valent at 515 pm. The following Board Members were present: Julia Valent, President, Dr. Antonio Cruz, Treasurer and Mario Ruiz, Secretary. Others present: Fabio Galoppi, Jeffrey Lusky, Debbie Lusky, Sandra Ramos, Samantha del Ponte, Dr. Steven Blinder, Ada de Varona, , Heather Confer, Melissa March. Frank Bolaños and Lillian Afre.

I. Open for Public Comment (regarding agenda items)

There were no public comments.

II. Approval of Minutes

M. Ruiz moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by A. Cruz, the motion passed.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval or ratification of items related to the opening of school
 - i. Ratification of the delegated authority granted to the AGA school Principals and Management companies to execute the usual and customary school opening items, including necessary products & services for a timely and orderly school opening, in accordance with AGA's policies & procedures.
 - ii. Approval of revised 2015-2016 enrollment & budget for each campus/Charter, as applicable.
 - iii. Ratification of Principal's contract for all schools.
 - iv. Approval of Teacher Out of Field Agreements for all schools.
- B. OBT CAMPUS
 - i. Approval of July 2015 financial report to the school district and the school's financial condition
 - ii. Authorization to review and present annual audit to the district
 - iii. Ratification of vendor service agreements.
- C. PLEASANT HILL/POINCIANA CAMPUS
 - i. Approval of July 2015 financial report to the school district and the school's financial condition
 - ii. Ratification of September 9, 2015 response to the district.

- iii. Approval of first amendment to the management agreement with LBS Services, Inc.
- iv. Approval of \$175,000 Line of Credit with TCE Technologies, Inc.
- v. Ratification of vendor service agreements.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPUS

- i. Approval of July 2015 financial report to the school district and the school's financial condition
- ii. Authorization to review and present annual audit to the district
- iii. Ratification of vendor service agreements, including Chef for Kids, Sir Pizza of Weston and Partners in Speech.

E. HOLLYWOOD MCKINLEY CAMPUS

- i. Approval of July 2015 financial report to the school district and the school's financial condition
- ii. Ratification of Principal's contract.
- iii. Ratification of vendor service agreements, including Baypoint Financial, Preferred Meal Services, A1A Transportation.

F. Board Resolution for the Auditor confirming adherence to the Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest and Personnel policies.

A. Cruz moved to accept the consent agenda, seconded by M. Ruiz, the motion passed.

IV. School related updates

A. HOLLYWOOD MCKINLEY CAMPUS

- i. Phase 2 Expansion
- ii. Student Enrollment, Campus Opening, Principal's Update

S. Blinder reported that the school has 936 enrolled students and 450 on a waiting list. Also, that step to initiate the construction of phase 2 for the 16-17 school year are underway. The PTO has 40 parents participating, has set a fundraising goal of \$40,000 and is meeting on Monday September 21st at 630 pm. S. del Ponte stated that the EiE and Sim City program are very exciting and well received.

J. Valent mentioned that she would like to attend one of the parent meetings at the Hollywood school.

B. OBT & PLEASANT HILL/POINCIANA CAMPUS

- i. Student Enrollment
- ii. Pleasant Hill School Opening

M. March presented the school report for OBT. The school ended the year with almost 500 students and has opened this year with almost 700. Phase 2 of the building will include the gym and discussions are underway with the Landlord to commence pre-construction efforts. The US Naval Sea Cadet program is the largest in the nation and has a positive impact on student behavior.

M. Ruiz asked about the state of student safety and security and if the website had been updated and F. Galoppi asked what efforts are underway for social media and communications with parents. A. Cruz asked about the funding implications of the expansions. M. March responded that TCE is improving the security, students are participating in branding efforts and the Developer will fund the phase 2 expansion.

C. Championship Campus

F. Bolanos stated that enrollment had surpassed the projected number of 150 students and that there had been a successful school opening.

V. Old Business

F. Bolanos and J. Lusky mentioned that they were meeting on a regular basis to finalize any old business and ongoing issues. Also, that they have consulted individually with the Board Officers regarding these issues.

VI. New Business

J. Valent suggested that the November meeting be held in Osceola County on Wednesday November 11, 2015 at Noon. Moved by M. Ruiz and Seconded by A. Cruz, motion passed.

S. Blinder discussed the need for a mechanism to direct and route parent organization fundraising. M. March suggested that an Avant Garde Academy Foundation could facilitate that, as well as secure grants and oversee branding.

VII. Board Member Comments

J. Valent thanked everyone for all the hard work and successful school openings.

There were no additional board member comments.

A. Cruz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Ruiz, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.