

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES TO THE REGULAR MEETING

November 11, 2015

2880 Orange Blossom Trail, Kissimmee, FL 34741

The Meeting was called to order by Julia Valent at 12:10 pm. The following Board Members were present: Julia Valent, President, Mario Ruiz, Secretary and Dr. Agustin Lopez, Board Member. Others present: Jennifer Lucas, Justin Mathews, Heather Confer, Melissa March, Russ Borden, Jim Angleton, Lillian Afre, Tiffany Hughes, Yatonda Ball, Dr. Steven Blinder, Frank Bolaños, Patrick McNece, Michael Kesti, Jeffrey Lusky and Debbie Lusky.

I. Public Comment (regarding agenda items)

There were no public comments.

II. Approval of Minutes

M. Ruiz moved to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2015 meeting, seconded by A. Lopez, the motion passed.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Ratification of approval of expenses related to the participation of school personnel at the annual Florida Charter School Conference.
- B. Approval of revised budgets, expenses and reimbursements for the CSP grants for AGA K8-Pleasant Hill and AGA K8-Hollywood
- C. Approval to repay the \$25,000 Pleasant Hill start up loan to Edu-Pro at the revised terms negotiated by iSchools.
- D. Approval to request a line of credit to cover short term cash flow needs
- E. Approval of edits to the employee manual regarding employee Paid Time-Off (PTO).
- F. Approval of September 2015 financial report to the school district and the school's financial condition for the OBT, Pleasant Hill, Hollywood and Championship campuses.
- G. Approval or ratification of vendor service agreements for all campuses.
- H. Approval of teachers to teach out of field as requested by the Principals of all campuses
- I. Ratification of 2014-2015 annual audits of the AGA-OBT campus and AGA at Championship campus

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

IV. Update on Arts Integration

OBT is having a musical theatre and club in the Spring. PH is having an art show in December. Hollywood/McKinley campus is integrating arts throughout the curriculum.

V. Update on AdvancEd Accreditation

OBT has initiated the process. L. Afre will coordinate a conference call to look for common strands throughout all campuses.

VI. School Reports & Actionable Items

A. OBT CAMPUS

- i. Education Symposium on November 19, 2015
L. Afre provided a report on the symposium.
- ii. Approval to proceed with the expansion plans and creation of a K-5 application
- iii. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
T. Hughes presented the school report and expansion plans.
M. Ruiz made a motion to receive the school report and approve the expansion plans, a K-5 application and the potential temporary co-location of another K-5 charter at OBT. The motion was seconded by A. Lopez and passed.

B. PLEASANT HILL/POINCIANA CAMPUS

- i. Authorization for iSchools to continue negotiations with the Pleasant Hill landlord and Bank
- ii. Approval to proceed with the expansion plans and creation of a 9-12 application
- iii. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
Y. Ball presented the school report. The expansion plans to accommodate the full charter enrollment at the adjacent property were presented and discussed.
M. Ruiz made a motion to receive the school report and approve the expansion plans to the adjacent property, a 9-12 application and the negotiations with the Pleasant Hill landlord and Bank. The motion was seconded by A. Lopez and passed.

C. HOLLYWOOD MCKINLEY CAMPUS

- i. Approval of Phase 2 Expansion, Lease Amendment & relocation of the 6-12 charter to the McKinley site.
- ii. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update

S. Blinder presented the school report. J. Mathews and Frank Bolanos presented the new plans to expand the K-8 and relocate the 6-12 charter. M. Ruiz made the motion to accept the school report and approve the phase 2 expansion, lease amendment and relocation of the Avant Garde

Academy of Broward (6-12) charter from the Championship Davie site to the McKinley site and the combined enrollment for both charters.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPUS

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus data, Principal's Update
 - a. Approval of teachers to teach out of field: Jacqueline Cassady-Technology, Eduardo Rodriguez- Gifted, Marilyn Davis- ESOL, Yolanda Shaw- Science
 - b. The school is currently reviewing the results from the 2014-2015 standardized testing.

F. Bolanos presented the school report and the request to relocate the 6-12 charter to the McKinley site.

M. Ruiz made the motion to accept the school report and relocation of the Avant Garde Academy of Broward (6-12) charter from the Championship Davie site to the McKinley site. A. Lopez seconded the motion and the motion passed.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

VII. Board Member Comments

M. Ruiz discussed the importance of enrollment, financial integrity and academic achievement. J. Valent thanked everyone for the school reports and performance.

A. Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Ruiz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Submitted by Mario Ruiz, Board Secretary.

Approved by,

Julia Valent
Board President