

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES BOARD MEETING – March 11th, 2016

2025 McKinley St, Hollywood FL 33021

The Meeting was called to order by Julia Valent at 6:45 pm. The following Board Members were present: Julia Valent, Mario Ruiz, Dr. Antonio Cruz and Dr. Agustin Lopez. Others present: Yatonda Ball, Dr. Steven Blinder, Samantha del Ponte, Ivan Hernandez, Justin Mathews, Heather Confer, Melissa March, Frances Bolanos, Fabio Galoppi, Lillian Afre, Frank Bolaños, Lisbeth Escalier, Adriana Wolf, Juan Salazar, Michael Ingicco and Patrick McNeece.

I. Student Presentations: Performance Band & Robotics Team

Dr. Blinder introduced the teachers and students. J. Valent thanked everyone for the excellent preparation and hard work that led to the inspiring performances.

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Finance Committee/Retirement Advisory Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Approve Revised Budgets for the CSP grants for Avant Garde Academy (AGA) Pleasant Hill (PH) and McKinley campuses; Approval of Revised Budgets for the CSP Grants for AGA PH and AGA McKinley campuses; Approval of Revised School Budgets for all campuses; Approval of the January 2016 Financial Reports to the District and the school's financial condition for all campuses; Approval of New or Amended Vendor and Management Companies Contracts with Vendors for all campuses; Approval of Form 990 Annual Filing; Approval of L.O.C. with CAM and Bank; Approve RFP's for Product and Service Contracts for all campuses; Approval of FF&E Orders for all campuses;
- B. Approval to proceed with New Charter School applications for May 1st and August 1st 2016 submissions
- C. Approval of revisions to AGA Employee Manual, Policy and Procedures
- D. Approval of Teacher Out of Field Assignments for all campuses
- E. Approval of AGA K8 Pleasant Hill Phase II expansion and LOI
- F. Approve MOU with Avant Garde Academy Foundation
- G. Approve Updated Enrollment Plans
- H. Accept School Review and Approve ESE, ESOL and Reading Plan of Action for all campuses
- I. Approval of Avant Garde Academy of Broward (6-12) and Avant Garde Academy K8

Broward Charter Amendments

- J. Approve Amendment to Management Agreements for Avant Garde Academy Osceola OBT and Avant Garde Academy K8 Pleasant Hill
- K. Approval of Staffing Matrix for 2016-2017 for all campuses
- L. Approval of AGA Foundation Scholarship Program
- M. Approval of Sublease, Ceremonial Ground Breaking and Press Release Announcing the Collaboration of AGA OBT with Discovery Education Services Inc. /Osceola Science Charter School (K-5)

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

IV. Open for Public Comment (regarding agenda items)

Several parents discussed the food program at the McKinley campus. M. Ingicco explained the food program objectives and requirements. M. Ruiz moved to schedule a food workshop and food tasting, seconded by A. Cruz, the motion passed.

V. School Reports

A. OBT CAMPUS (6-12 Charter, currently 6-11)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
- ii. US Naval Sea Cadet Program

B. PLEASANT HILL CAMPUS (K-8 Charter, currently K-8)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update

Y. Ball, H. Confer and M. March presented the school's update (OBT is 99% Minority & 88% FRL), including the school's positive fund balance, new football team and athletics program, and the successful and growing US Naval Sea Cadet Program. A. Cruz moved to accept the report and approve the commencement of the Sea Cadet program at the McKinley campus for the 2016-17 year, seconded by M. Ruiz; the motion passed.

C. HOLLYWOOD MCKINLEY CAMPUS (K-8 Charter, currently K-8)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
- ii. Food Service
- iii. Cambridge Program

S. Blinder presented the school's update, including the school's theatre play, the district's review and the school response, food service, school athletics and Cambridge program. A. Cruz moved to accept the report and approve the membership in the FHSAA and to adopt FHSAA bylaws as the rules governing the school's interscholastic athletics programs. The motion was seconded by A. Lopez and the motion passed. M. Ruiz moved to accept the school's response to the district review, seconded by A. Lopez; the motion passed. After the discussion regarding the Cambridge program, A. Cruz moved to institute the program for the OBT and PH campuses, seconded by M. Ruiz. The motion passed.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPUS (6-12 Charter, currently 6-8)

i. Student Enrollment, Campus data, Principal's Update

F. Bolanos provided the school report and school wide plan including the plans to transition the school to the McKinley campus.

A. Lopez moved to accept the school report, seconded by M. Ruiz; the motion passed.

A. Cruz emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong financial condition for all AGA schools.

VI. Update on AdvancEd Accreditation

H. Confer provided a report on the accreditation process for OBT and the successful initial review that took place on March 31st.

VII. Avant Garde Academy Ball

J. Valent provided a report on the planned fundraising gala to occur next year and the participation of parents. F. Galoppi expressed reported that the Finance Committee will assist with the gala. A. Cruz moved to approve the gala, seconded by A. Lopez; the motion passed.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

X. Board Members Comments

J. Valent thanked everyone for the school reports and performances.

A. Cruz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Ruiz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.