

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 6th, 2017, 4:30 p.m.
2025 McKinley St, Hollywood FL 33020

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm.

The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Mario Ruiz, Dr. Antonio Cruz and Dr. Agustin Lopez. The following people were in attendance: Shaquita Mills, Joel Mesa, Josiah Martinez, Tiffany Miller, Fabio Galoppi, Joann Soares, Frances Bolanos, Stacy Brown, Andrew Houghton, Dr. Dwayne Richardson, Ivonne Sardinias, Pamela Chapman, Melissa March, Lori Luis, Stacy McCrady, Jennifer Lucas, Samantha del Ponte, Julia Valent, Frank Bolanos, Jaime Parra.

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2016 Board Meeting. Seconded by M. Ruiz. The motion passed.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Finance Committee/Retirement Advisory Committee Recommendations:
Approval of Revised Budgets for the CSP grants for Avant Garde Academy Pleasant Hill (PH) and Hollywood McKinley (HWD) campuses; Approval of Revised School Budgets for all campuses; Approval of the current Financial Reports to the District and the school's financial condition for all campuses; Approval of New or Amended Contracts with Vendors for all campuses; Approval of Authorized Check Signers Resolution; Approval of PH & Orange Blossom Trail (OBT) campus expansion; Approval of New Charter School Applications for the Upcoming Charter Application Cycle
- B. Approval of revisions to AGA Employee Manual, Policy and Procedures, Faculty Handbook
- C. Approval to Update Enrollment Plans and Numbers; Approval of revised Staffing Matrix and Organizational Chart for 2016-2017 for all campuses
- D. Approval of Lottery Process
- E. Approval of revised Parent Contract
- F. Approval of Common Calendar for all AGA Schools
- G. Approval of PD Coaches shared by all campuses
- H. Approval of Board Training
- I. Approval of Uniform Policy for all campuses
- J. Approval of Website Rubric for all schools

A. Lopez moved to approve the Consent Agendas. Seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.

III. Open for Public Comment (regarding regular agenda items*)

There were no public comments.

IV. HR Presentation by ACH - Carol Siegel

C. Siegel presented an overview of the HR services that ACH provides & J. Valent stated that all AGA schools should be using ACH's HR services.

V. AGA Broward PALS Board Presentation

PALS Board President and officers of the PALS board of directors

provided an update on the school's parent organization. The Board and school leaders thanked the PALS board for their efforts on behalf of the students and school.

VI. Update on AGA system-wide programs

a) Avant Garde Academy Foundation Gala (Dinner-Auction)

The gala will be held on April 28th and J. Valent provided an update on sponsorships and fundraising uses and objectives. A. Lopez requested additional information on auction items that he and others could obtain.

b) US Naval & Air Force Cadets Program

c) Leader In Me

d) SimCity

e) Cambridge Program

g) AdvancEd Accreditation

h) Website Update

School leaders provided an update on the implementation of the system wide programs at their respective schools.

VII. School Reports

School leaders were asked at the end of their school report to answer the following question: "HOW DO WE KNOW WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK?"

The school report for the Hollywood campus was moved up to allow the parents, students and teacher (Mr. Manley) to present first.

A. HOLLYWOOD MCKINLEY CAMPUS (K-12 co-located charters, currently K-9)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
- ii. Official athletics logo
- iii. Robotics Team Success

Mr. Manley presented a report and video on the successes of the school's Robotics program and students. The students and school received the coveted robotics Strategy & Innovation Award and will compete nationally in May at Arkansas University.

School leaders provided an update on the learning gains, statewide assessments, Cambridge and the upcoming AdvancEd visit in the fall.

B. OBT CAMPUS (6-12 Charter, currently 6-12)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update (including Accreditation)
- ii. 2017 Graduating Class

School leaders reported that all graduating seniors participated in a presentation given by Valencia College and applied to the college for admission. Intensive coaching is being provided to teachers in the classroom. Over 150 parents participated in the school's FSA night. AdvancEd's accreditation team approved the school for accreditation, after a 2-day intensive site visit.

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

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
- ii. Mission Possible: Student Achievement Update, Student Culture, and Staff Culture Updates

The school's leader reported that the Pleasant Hill campus is an A school in the making and that the school's staff had produced a video titled "Mission Possible" to motivate students and staff and further strengthen the positive school culture. Math and other tutoring is taking place

after school and Saturdays. M. Ruiz requested and received an update on the efforts to increase student enrollment.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

F. Galoppi reminded the school leaders to add school news and successes to their respective websites.

X. Board Members Comments

J. Valent and M. Ruiz thanked the parents, students and school leaders for their best efforts in preparing for a successful FSA & Assessments cycle and everything they do for our staff, parents and students.

M. Ruiz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

*(Public comments participants may elect to speak on any regular agenda item for up to three minutes and for a total time on all items not to exceed six minutes)