

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

August 23rd, 2018, 12p.m.
3024 NW 99 PL, Doral, FL 33172

Mission: Avant Garde Academy will provide a student centered learning environment that develops the whole child and provides them with the 21st Century skills to become responsible leaders in their community.

The meeting was called to order by Julia Valent at 12:08 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, Dr. Antonia Cruz, Dr. Agustin Lopez. Also, in attendance were: Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, Dr. Elaine Perez and Lillian Afre.

I. Approval of Minutes for July 19th, 2018

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by J. Valent. The motion passed.

II. Approval of July 2018 Financials Reports to the District for AGA K8 Broward (5015), AGA Broward (5791), AGA Osceola (0155), and AGA K8 Osceola (5791)

Board reviewed the July monthly financial reports to the Osceola District for schools OBT #0155 and PH #0161 and to the Broward District for schools Broward #5791 and Broward #5015. Discussion held among board members and administration regarding the financials. Broward is being underpaid due to transferring of students from the K8 to 6-12, working with the district to correct. OBT (0155) enrollment currently at 503, needs to be 640 for financials to be positive. Direct mail piece being sent out on 8-23 to boost enrollment.

A.Cruz made a motion to approve the financial reports. E.Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Management Agreement

Board reviewed and discussed the iSchools management agreement for OBT and the correspondence that was recently received. Board members cited the many reasons that constituted iSchool's default of the management agreement, as evidenced in the Osceola School District audit of OBT and its HR investigation. Also, in addition to the default items cited in the district audit report, iSchools failed to request board approval, did not provide the board with timely information, is responsible for declining student enrollment and revenues, low school grade performance, and did not implement the Charter Application. The board agreed iSchools is in default of the management agreement and it should be terminated. J. Valent made a motion to terminate the iSchools Management Agreement, A. Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of SRO Contracts for PH and OBT

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the SRO Contracts for OBT (0155) and PH (0161), seconded by T. Cruz. The motion passed.

V. Approval of Lorenzo Cobiella, Esq.

Board discussed retaining Lorenzo Cobiella Esq. to represent OBT (0155) in regards to the iSchools Management Agreement.

T.Cruz made a motion to approve Lorenzo Cobiella Esq., seconded by E.Gonzalez. The motion passed

VI. Approval of CAM Loan for OBT UNISIG Grant

Board discussed the need for funding to purchase the computers budgeted on the OBT (0155) UNISIG Grant. E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the CAM funding, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.

VII. Approval of RIF for OBT (0155) & PH (0161)

Board discussed that based on current enrollment numbers, which are lower than a RIF may be necessary for

OBT & PH. A. Cruz made a motion to approve the RIF for OBT & PH, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The motion passed.

VIII. Review of Monthly Cash Flow Statement for PH & OBT

Board reviewed and discussed the current enrollment numbers, projected enrollment, payables and monthly cash flow for PH & OBT.

IX. Review of PH & OBT School Reports

Dr. Perez presented the school reports. PH (0161) enrollment is 257 from initial 207 OBT (0151) enrollment is 503 from initial 479. More AP courses being offered this year to improve college acceptance. Time clocks have been set-up for staff at OBT & PH campuses.

X. Open for Public Comment (*regarding agenda items)

There were no public comments.

XI. Old Business

There was no old business.

XII. New Business

Aldo Lastra communicated that his work responsibilities would not allow him to serve on the board at this time and requested that his name be withdrawn from consideration.

XIII. Board Members Comments

There were no Board member comments.

J. Valent made a motion to adjourn, seconded by A. Cruz. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm