

**AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

October 17, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

2025 McKinley St, Hollywood FL 33020

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

The meeting was called to order by Julia Valent at 5:17 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, and Dr. Antonio Cruz. Also, in attendance were: Fred Clermont, Arlene Valdes, Samantha Walker, Jennifer Lucas, Marcia Griffin, Artur Glants, Yolanda Garcell, Frances Bolanos, Frank J. Bolanos and Lillian Afre.

I. Approval of Minutes for September 27, 2019

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the September 27, 2019 minutes, seconded by J. Valent. The motion passed.

II. Open for Public/Parental Comment (regarding agenda items)\*

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Agenda: Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Tools; Best & Brightest Teacher & Principal; Salary Allocation Schedule; Out of Field - Lorna Harrison Bent; Teacher of the Year Campaign.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Consent items, seconded by J. Valent. The motion passed.

IV. Broward

- a. Review and Approval of September 2019 Financials to the District
- b. Charter Renewal #5015 and School Reports
- c. Soccer Field Update

Discussed and reviewed the September 2019 Financials; F. J. Bolanos pointed out the revenues are still running low because the FTE count will not be updated until November.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the September 2019 Financials, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.

J. Lucas presented and the board reviewed the Charter Renewal application for charter 5015. F.J. Bolanos presented the use of the AGA Foundation for the Broward charters.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Charter Renewal #5015 and the board resolution to request the use the AGA Foundation for the Broward charters, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.

F. Bolanos updated the board on the changes that were made to the soccer field proposed agreement that ensures the school is protected and has additional access to the field.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the documents needed by the landlord MG3 and to proceed with the negotiations, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.

F. Clermont discussed the strategic walkthroughs that are being done daily and feedback that is being provided. He also shared a video presentation of the teacher recognition that is being done weekly. J. Valent mentioned the importance that teachers feel appreciated.

A. Valdes discussed the Professional Development program that has been created that includes, Coaching Cycles, PLC's, Chat & Chews and New Teacher Mentor Program.

V. Osceola

- a. Review and Approval of July Revised, August and September 2019 Financials to the District
- b. Charter Renewal #0151 & #0161 and School Reports

M. Griffin discussed the financials and advised VCS is doing well financially and Capital Outlay for \$300K was approved. VCS K8 continues to struggle due to the rent payable contingent liability, however on current liabilities the school would be fine. VCS K8 has also started a payment plan to pay back the intercompany loan received from VCS. F. Bolanos asked about Oct FTE, M. Griffin advised VCS K8 count is 258 and new payment will be \$22K, VCS count is 612 and new payment is \$34K.

A. Glants discussed the Charter Renewals changes they made; the board praised the great job they had done on the applications.

A. Glants advised they will be starting the recruiting process earlier this year and also revamping the website to assist with recruiting and lead tracking.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business

VII. New Business

A. Valdes discussed the need for bleachers, which would help with security at games as well as create more of a high school experience for the students. Advised the board the cost is \$23K and that PALS agreed to pay half the cost.

J. Valent suggested they also request a grant from the AGA Foundation to assist with the purchase of the bleachers.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the purchase of bleachers; seconded by J. Valent. The motion passed.

VIII. Board Members Comments

There were no board member comments

J. Valent made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.