

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 29, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
11500 NW 41 ST, 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 7:20p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, and Dr. Antonio Cruz. Also, in attendance were: Dr. Elaine Perez, Guillermo Moreno, Jason Gines, Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, Lillian Afre, and Selinda Washington.

J. Valent read the School's mission statement.

- I. Executive Session
Dr. Cruz made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. It was seconded by E. Gonzalez and the motion passed. The Board went into executive session at 7:25 pm.

J. Valent called the regular meeting back to order at 7:45 pm.

- II. Approval of Minutes for April 26th, 2019
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the April 26th, 2019 minutes, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.
- III. Open for Public/Parental Comment (*regarding agenda items)
There were no public comments.
- IV. Approval of April 2019 Financial Reports to the District for all Campuses
F. Bolanos presented the financials that were developed by Building Hope to the Board. Dr. Cruz directed the board to the dashboard report and the differences between the budget and actual columns for all schools. He pointed out the areas that showed a miss between the projected budget expense and actual expense. The board discussed the issues and expenses that created that. Dr. Cruz reviewed and questioned the difference in the Broward K8 of \$75K. F. Bolanos confirmed with Kevin Lugar that it was due to revenues that needed to be transferred from the Broward High for its share of expenses at shared facility. J. Valent questioned PH Facilities Operation expense and K. Lugar explained that it was due to a booking entry for the school's SRO. E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the April 2019 Financial Reports, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.
- V. Auditor Selection
Board discussed the proposals and agreed to authorize Lillian Afre to further discuss and get clarification on the pricing and details with qualified candidates. E. Gonzalez made a motion authorizing L. Afre, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.
- VI. Approval of Charter Asset Management Loan for PH UNISIG Grant
Discussed approval of a CAM loan for the purchase of computers via the PH UNISIG Grant. Dr. Cruz made a motion to approve the CAM Loan for the PH UNISIG Grant, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The motion passed.
- VII. School Reports & Financial Updates

- A. BROWARD (K-8)
 - i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
E. Perez - Enrollment 1184; 350 new students enrolled and 267 applied and asked to enroll. FRL 64%; End of year testing has been completed. 3rd grade reading proficiency 64% on FSA.
- B. BROWARD (6-12)
 - i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
E. Perez; Enrollment 551. Testing and end of year events were successful. Enrollment and parent meetings will continue throughout the summer until the enrollment target is met.

The Board congratulated the Broward team on the strong results to date.

- C. PH OSCEOLA (K8)
 - i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
G. Moreno – Enrollment 276, testing completed, graduations were well attended, FSA 3rd grade reading results improved by 3 points. I-Ready numbers have also improved across all levels.
- D. OBT OSCEOLA (6-12)
 - i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
J. Gines - Enrollment 579; 379 students have recommitted, recruiting efforts continue. 99% of students were tested. Summer school offered for 23 students. Teacher evaluations completed, working on schedule for next year. Senior Graduation was a success and 12 students received scholarships to several universities, including Penn State.

- VIII. OBT & PH Renewals
Board discussed the impact of a one-year charter renewal and their desire to do what is in the best interest of the students. District recommended thinking outside the box and thus pursuing discussions with interested parties to either manage or assume governance of the schools. The Board reviewed the different options that are available and are in the best interest of students and staff. Discussion ensued on how to best communicate news and changes to parents and staff. Board also discussed hiring Gastesi and Associates to represent them in any and all negotiations with potential partners.
E. Gonzalez motioned to approve a Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), seconded by Dr. Cruz. The motion passed. Dr. Cruz motioned to approve the hiring of Gastesi & Associates, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The motion passed.
E. Gonzalez motioned to authorize J. Valent to further negotiate and sign on the Board's behalf, seconded by Dr. Cruz. The motion passed.
- IX. Old Business
There was no old business.
- X. New Business
There was no new business.
- XI. Board Members Comments
Erika Gonzalez appreciated everyone's special efforts to improve the lives of our students, as we approach the end of year.
A. Cruz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm