

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

August 21, 2019, 7:00 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 21st Century skills to become responsible leaders in their community.

The meeting was called to order by Julia Valent at 7:21p.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, Justin Matthews, Jimmy Parra, Rafael Mestre, Yolanda Garcell, Artur Glants, Marcia Griffin, Guillermo Moreno, Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, and Lillian Afre.

- I. Approval of Minutes for July 22, 2019
A. Cruz made a motion to approve the July 22nd, 2019 minutes, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The motion passed.
- II. Open for Public/Parental Comment (regarding agenda items) *
Jimmy Parra, PALS President, informed the board of the fund-raising projects planned for the year, current membership (130) and bank account balance (\$30K). They purchased 2 tubas and 30 music stands for the music department, in response to the request made to the board and PALS by Mr. Rodriguez. The other project PALS would like to fund this year is soundproofing the gymnasium. He requested the board also allocate matching funds to this project.
- III. Approvals for Broward campus: Approve hiring and contracts of K-5 Principal Fred Clermont and 6-12 Principal Dr. Arlene Valdes; Change in Position/Title of Samantha Walker (formerly Del Ponte) to Director of Operations K-12; Accept the resignation of Dr. Elaine Perez
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the hiring and contracts for Fred Clermont as principal for AGA Broward K-5 and Dr. Arlene Valdes as principal for AGA Broward 6-12, and the designation of Samantha Walker as Director of Operations, AGA Broward K-12; seconded by A. Cruz, the motion passed. A. Cruz made a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Elaine Perez and thanked her for her service; seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.
- IV. Broward campus presentation: K-12 Integration & Alignment
Arlene Valdez, Fred Clermont and Samantha Walker, presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation with the K-12 objectives for the 2019-20 school year and how they are going to accomplish them. The board asked several questions, reviewed the organizational chart and commended staff on the forward-thinking strategic plan.
- V. Broward Dribble Drive Against Cancer
Frank Bolanos presented the Dribble Drive Against Cancer Heat and benefitting the Miami Cancer Institute event and recommended that the school participate as a good community service.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the item, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed
- VI. Review, Discussion & Approval of July 2019 Financials to the District for all campuses.
R. Mestre from Building Hope presented/discussed the financials for Broward K-5 and Broward 6-12 and advised the Capital Outlay funds would probably not come in until October. J. Mathews expanded on the positive financial state of the schools. The Board asked several questions regarding cash flow management. Dr. Cruz asked about the status of debt retirement

of FFE&T. J. Mathews stated that all repayment plans were on schedule and the schools continue to be in a strong financial condition.

M. Griffin presented the financials for Victory Middle-high and Victory K8 and advised the board that she expects to receive Capital Outlay for Victory Middle-High in October. The Board asked several questions regarding the school's cash flow, the student count and district payments. The Board and staff discussed the status of the outstanding debt. The request for a sublease for Victory K8 for 35% of the total lease amount plus utilities and shared services was discussed. A. Cruz made a motion to approve the sublease for Victory K-8, seconded by A. Gonzalez, the motion passed.

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the July 2019 financials for schools #5015, 5791, 0155 and 0161, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The motion passed.

- VII. OBT campus: Approval of Victory Charter School & Victory Charter School K8 One Year Extension Agreement; SRO Contract and Technology Infrastructure MobileMe Contract
J. Valent presented the one-year extension document and process that was negotiated by the board's attorney L. Cobiella. F. Bolanos advised that the Victory Charter Extension Agreement had been updated to include clarification of several areas important to the school; the District paying for the 2 audits; and providing for a management response prior to the audit findings being sent to the district.
A. Glants presented the SRO contract with the Sheriff's office for \$75K. The contract is cancellable with a 30-day notice, if they can find another company that is compliant and less expensive. For less they can give a 30-day notice to the Sheriff's office. A. Glants presented the technology contract.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve Victory Charter School & Victory Charter School K8 One Year Extension Agreement; SRO Contract and Technology Infrastructure MobileMe Contract; seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed
- VIII. Principal's School Report for Broward & OBT campus
Y. Garcell discussed the Victory Enrollment: 6-12 at 548 and the K8 at 314 students for a total of 862 students.
S. Walker discussed Broward Enrollment: K-5 at 1053, the 6-8 at 607, and the 9-12 at 299, for a total of 1,959 students.
- IX. Discuss and Approve Board Meeting Dates for 2019-20
The board discussed and updated the Board Meeting Dates for 2019-20.
- X. Old Business
There was no old business.
- XI. New Business
There was no new business.
- XII. Board Members Comments
There were no Board member comments.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Cruz, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.