

Avant Garde Academy Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
November 19th, 2020 at 3:00pm
8200 NW 41 St, Suite 200, Doral 33166
Via Zoom Mtg ID 84680496005 Passcode: 345119

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 Maria Diaz Kremer at 3:05 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Maria Diaz Kremer, Ron Legler, Marc Spiegelman. Also, in attendance Arlene Valdes, Juan Rivera, Samantha Walker, Jennifer Lucas, Justin Matthews, Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, Lillian Afre.

- I. **Approval of the September 29, 2020 AGA Foundation Board Meeting Minutes**
R. Legler made a motion to approve the September 29, 2020 minutes, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed

- II. **Open for Public Comments (regarding agenda items)**
There were no public comments.

- III. **Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Out of Field Teachers for 5015 & 5791, Approval Single Audit Engagement Letter; Approval 2020-21 School Wide Plan for 5015 & 5791; Approval of Gastesi & Assoc Retainer Agreement for 5015 & 5791; Authorize Board Chair to Negotiate Representation Agreement with Law Firms**

M. Spiegelman made a motion to move the Approval of Gastesi & Assoc Retainer Agreement from the consent agenda to the regular agenda to discuss. Seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed

R. Legler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed

- IV. **Approval of October 2020 Monthly Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)**
J. Matthews reviewed financials with board members.
M. Spiegelman made a motion to approve the October 2020 Monthly Financials, seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.

- V. **Approval of Draft Lease**
J. Matthews discussed the draft lease, this new lease would be beneficial for the school, it reduces the payments by \$4.6M over the life of the lease.

Additionally, the landlord will donate the facility (\$49M) at the end of the lease to the Avant Garde Academy Foundation.

M. Spiegelman made a motion to approve the Draft Lease, seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.

VI. Election of New Board Member(s) *

F. Bolanos presented information on board nominee Magda Orta is a lifetime educator with 30 years' experience, worked at the Dade County School Board, and had an educational talk show on Hispanic radio.

R. Legler made a motion to approve Madga Orta as a board member, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.

M. Diaz Kremer presented information on board nominee Mark Riedmiller. He has over 35 years of business knowledge and experience in management, HR, Marketing, and Sales.

M. Spiegelman made a motion to approve Mark Riedmiller as a board member, seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.

VII. School Reports

J. Rivera updated the board on AGA K-5, JJ Bootcamp implemented, ESE services have been provided to all needed students, need a para, a 3rd and 5th grade teacher.

Re-evaluations have been completed, 3rd grade testing will be done by Dec 18th, parent/teacher meetings have been completed. Physical attendance is increasing, and teachers are more confident with remote learning. 51% of the student population is one grade level behind due to Covid.

A. Valdes updated the board on AGA 6-12, their goal is to be an A school and receive Lighthouse Recognition around April/May. Created individual teacher goals, teachers feel the students are on track and will meet the test goals. Attendance for some remote students is an issue. Leader In Me is being implemented daily. Set up Mentors for all students, ESOL students have doubled in the last year. Started a Football team which will help with enrollment, basketball starts next week. New club started by students, Peer Tutoring.

VIII. Executive Session

Started at 4:20pm, ended at 4:40pm

Regular Board meeting resumed at 4:42pm.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business.

X. New Business

F. Bolanos discussed the Gastesi & Assoc Retainer Agreements for 5015 & 5791, which will help budgeting legal service fees.

M. Spiegelman made a motion to approve the Gastesi & Assoc Retainer Agreements, seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.

XI. Board Member Comments

M. Diaz Kremer thanked everyone for their work and time.

M. Diaz Kremer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pmpm.

*New board members will not serve in their official capacity or vote until they have completed the required background checks.