

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

March 30th, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Via Conference 712-770-5505 access code 203-869-835

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 6:04 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, and Dr. Antonio Cruz. Also, in attendance was Dr. Arlene Valdes, Samantha Walker, Jennifer Lucas, Justin Matthews, Jeffrey Hernandez, Marcia Griffin, Artur Glants, Guillermo Moreno, Frances Bolanos, Frank J. Bolanos, Lillian Afre

- I. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2020 and Special Board Meeting of March 2, 2020

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.
- II. Open for Public/Parental Comment (regarding agenda items*)

There were no public comments.
- III. Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Osceola #0155 & #0161 February 2020 Financials; Approval of Broward #5791 & #5015 February 2020 Financials; Approval of AES Bridge Loan; Acceptance of Broward 2019-20 Title 1 School Wide Plans; Acceptance of Broward 2020-21 School Level Parent Family Engagement Plans (PFEP); AGA - 5791 & 5015 Amendment to Charter School Agreement

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the consent items, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The motion passed.
- IV. Update of School Response to Temporary Closure
 - a. COVID19 Update
F. J. Bolanos provided a general update, including that the school closure was extended thru April 30th.
 - b. Osceola
G. Moreno advised they started their virtual learning preparations on March 9th and thru the use of ZOOM and Google Classroom today was their first day of virtual learning. It went very well, they had 72% attendance. Conducted virtual teacher walk-thru via ZOOM and the teachers were doing

well. Last week over 700 families picked up learning packets at the school and 200 computers were provided for use at home. All teachers were given Google numbers to use to communicate with parents and students. Very proud of how well all the teachers responded to this challenge and how hard they worked to get prepared for virtual classes.

c. Broward

Dr. Valdes advised it was very inspiring to witness the teacher unity that was demonstrated during this difficult time. The teachers worked all thru Spring Break to ensure they would be ready for virtual learning starting today. Computers have been distributed to students, using USA Test Prep, Google Classroom and teacher websites to conduct virtual learning. S. Walker stated the teachers were very happy with the amount of communication and support received from administration. School website has been updated to provide COVID19 updates and information. Gym bleachers were delivered and installed.

d. Streamline Check Signing Policy During COVID19 Crisis

Due to the social distancing directives and guidelines staff is requesting that flexibility be granted during the pandemic crisis regarding check signing and vendor payments requirements.

Dr. Cruz made a motion to allow executive staff with flexibility regarding check signing and vendor payments, during the COVID19 crisis, in compliance with State and Local directives regarding social distancing and stay at home orders. E. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

J. Hernandez presented that the landlord at OBT was sending a lease amendment request. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed lease amendment. J. Valent questioned if a 20-year lease was desirable for the school, at this point in time, with everything that was going on. E. Gonzalez and Dr. Cruz shared the same concern as to the timing and the term of the lease.

VII. Board Members Comments

J. Valent thanked and congratulated the management companies, principals, teachers and staff for all the great work they've done to prepare for virtual learning during this difficult time.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Cruz. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.