

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

June 22nd, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Via ZOOM Mtg ID 82111285086

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 6:11 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, and Dr. Antonio Cruz. Also, in attendance Jeffrey Hernandez, Marcia Griffin, Artur Glants, Guillermo Moreno, Jazmin Burgos, Frances Bolanos, Frank Bolanos, and Lillian Afre.

- I. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2020

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the May 21, 2020 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 Broward #5791 & #5015 May 2020 Financials; Approval of Internet Safety Policy and Technology Protection Measures for Broward #5791 & #5015; Approval of Broward 403B Plan Audit Engagement; Approval of 2020-21 Budgets for Broward #5791 & #5015

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

- IV. Approval of Osceola #0155 and #0161 May 2020 Financials

M. Griffin advised #0161 had \$197K fund balance improvement from last year and \$531K in outstanding liabilities from last year. She advised that she contact the school's attorney to determine the correct way to treat the large outstanding liabilities; #0155 will qualify for Capital Outlay for next year.

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the May 2020 Financials, seconded by E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

- V. Approval of Osceola #0155 2020-21 Budget

E. Hernandez made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Budget, seconded A. Cruz. The motion passed.

VI. Approval of Osceola #0155 Charter Renewal Contract

J. Hernandez reported that the district granted a 3-year renewal. He advised that the school's attorney had reviewed the contract and had no issues.

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the Charter Renewal Contract, seconded E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

VII. Approval of Osceola #0155 Jazmin Burgos Principal Contract

J. Hernandez discussed Jazmin Burgos, previously the Assistant Principal of Curriculum. She is well liked and respected by the staff, students, and parents, promoting her will provide consistency. Plans to send out letters and video to inform everyone of the changes.

E. Hernandez made a motion to approve Jazmin Burgos Principal Contract, seconded A. Cruz. The motion passed

VIII. Approval of Osceola #0155 Termination of Lease Agreement with ESJ

J. Hernandez advised after negotiating with Landlord ESJ they agreed to Terminate Lease and Forgive \$64,249.55 owed effective 6-30-20.

J. Hernandez informed that the school attorney L. Cobiella had reviewed the agreement.

E. Hernandez made a motion to approve the Termination of the Lease Agreement with ESJ, seconded A. Cruz. The motion passed

E. Hernandez made a motion to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate a Sublease with VCS K5, seconded A. Cruz. The motion passed.

IX. Approval of Osceola #0155 Negotiation of School Resource Officer Contract

J. Hernandez advised the SRO rate is staying the same at \$75K, will negotiate a 60/40 cost split with VCS K5, as only one SRO is required per building.

E. Hernandez made a motion to authorize Negotiation of School Resource Officer Contract with VCS K5, seconded A. Cruz. The motion passed.

X. Approval of Osceola #0155 Mental Health Plan

E. Hernandez advised they would like to surrender the Mental Health Plan funds to the District and have them supply the services.

E. Hernandez made a motion to authorize the Mental Health Plan, seconded A. Cruz. The motion passed.

XI. Approval of Osceola #0155 Threat Assessment Plan

J. Hernandez advised the proposed emergency plan is in compliance.

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the Threat Assessment Plan, seconded by E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

XII. Approval of #0155 Cares Act ESSER Funds Proposal

M. Griffin advised the school qualified for \$121K in ESSER funds, proposal \$97K for 180 IPADS and \$24K for T-Mobile Hotspots (\$240 per student).

A. Cruz made a motion to approve the Cares Act ESSER Funds Proposal, seconded E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

XIII. Approval of #0155 Transportation Company

M. Griffin informed bids were received from A&S Transportation (\$325 per bus per day/non-AC) and Chattanooga Bus Co. (\$267 per bus per day/with AC) and recommended the Chattanooga Bus Co.

A. Cruz made a motion to authorize the Board Chair to sign contract with Chattanooga Bus Co., seconded E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

XIV. Osceola School Update

J. Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding information on the Board Update Memorandum. No questions.

XV. Review Proposed Board Meeting Dates For 2020-21

Item moved to the next board meeting.

XVI. Election of Board Members & Officers

J. Valent advised she would be stepping down as Board President effective 6-30-20 and recommends E. Hernandez as the new Board President.

A. Cruz also advised the Board he would be stepping down as Treasurer effective 6-30-20.

A. Cruz made a motion to appoint E. Hernandez as Board President effective 7-1-20, seconded E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

E. Hernandez recommended Marcelo Bianchi for Treasurer/Secretary; he has extensive experience in business and marketing.

A. Cruz made a motion to appoint Marcelo Bianchi as Treasurer/Secretary effective 7-1-20, seconded E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

F. J. Bolanos recommended J. Valent be named President Emeritus for her service and dedication throughout these many years.

XVII. Old Business

There was no old business.

XVIII. New Business

M. Griffin advised board due to ACH Corp payroll error \$12, 683.62 had to be transferred from VCS to VSC K8.

E. Hernandez made a motion to approve the transfer of funds, seconded A. Cruz. The motion passed

E. Hernandez asked board to consider amending Bylaws to have Virtual Board meetings permanently moving forward.

XIX. Board Member Comments

J. Valent, E. Hernandez and T. Cruz all commended and thanked the Victory Charter School team for all their work and positive changes made throughout the school year.

E. Hernandez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by A. Cruz. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm