

Avant Garde Academy Foundation, Inc.
Minutes Annual Board Meeting
July 7, 2020 at 11:00am
Via Zoom Mtg ID 883-4692-6714 Password: 679259

VISION: It is the mission of the Avant Garde Academy Foundation to enhance the quality of the education program and educational opportunities with selected programs and projects to generate and distribute resources for the benefit of the students' families and staff of the Avant Garde Academy Broward schools and targeted communities.

MISSION: Avant Garde Academy Broward 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 at 11:05 am by J. Valent.

The following Board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, Ron Legler, and Amy Miller. Also, in attendance were Jennifer Lucas, Frank Bolanos. Frances Bolanos, Samantha Walker, Lorenzo Cobiella, Lillian Afre, Janeth Bucker, Sherry Edington.

- I. Approval of the May 21, 2020 AGA Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
A. Miller made a motion to approve the May 21, 2020 minutes, seconded by R. Legler; the motion passed.
- II. Open for Public Comments (regarding agenda items)*
There were no public comments.

Ms. Valent and F.J. Bolanos presented the importance of the Foundation's dedicated focus on the schools at the Hollywood campus. This will allow for the advancement of the educational program, while enhancing the charter operations and good governance.

- III. Approval of Consent Agenda: ACH Payroll & HR Agreement; Leading Bright Scholars (LBS) Management Agreement; Checking Accounts with TD Bank; AGA Broward Logo; Mission Statement; Broward Schools Policies & Procedures; Facility Lease Agreement with MG3; Resolution Regarding School Operations Agreements: Charter Agreements for the K5 (5015) & 6-12 (5791); and By-Laws.
A. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.
- IV. Approval of Mr. Juan Rivera as Principal of the Broward K5 (5791)
S. Walker advised the board Mr. Rivera has been with the school since it's opening. He has been a 4th and 5th grade teacher/lead, curriculum and testing coordinator, and AP of academics.

F. J. Bolanos added Mr. Rivera has always exhibited strong leadership skills and a positive attitude and that Mr. Rivera will further expand on the “one team” K-12 school leadership focus. F.C. Bolanos recognized Samantha Walker and AES for the tutelage and professional development provided to Mr. Rivera, which led to being able to hire from within. J. Lucas stated she was proud of the strong K-5 team that has been built.

R. Legler made a motion to approve the Juan Rivera as Principal (5791), seconded by E. Gonzalez; the motion passed.

V. Approval Broward K5 (5015) and Broward 6-12 (5791) 2020-21 Budgets

F. J. Bolanos advised the budgets were reflective of the detailed planning and analysis developed by the school’s leadership team. Due to Covid possible changes, enrollment, technology, and other adjustments may be necessary. J. Lucas shared that CSP and ESSER grants have been submitted which would cover some of the cost of the technology needs.

A. Miller made a motion to approve the 5015 & 5791 2020-21 Budgets, seconded by R. Legler; the motion passed.

VI. Election of Board Members & Officers

J. Valent explained that she and Dr. Cruz were following best practices and stepping down to allow for new members and new ideas. E. Gonzalez added that she too would be stepping down from the board for the same reason. E. Gonzalez made a motion to accept the resignation of Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez and Antonio Cruz effective July 7, 2020, seconded by A. Miller; the motion passed.

J. Valent presented Maria Diaz Kremer as a candidate for President and reviewed her experience and community service. E. Gonzalez made a motion to appoint Maria Diaz Kremer as Board President, Ron Legler as Treasurer and Amy Miller as Secretary, effective July 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by R. Legler; the motion passed.

F. Bolanos thanked the exiting board members for their assistance, passion, and dedication.

VII. Recap 2019-20 Foundation Financials

F. J. Bolanos recommended scholarship funds be transferred to the schools for disbursement, and schools apply for grants for the remaining funds.

R. Legler made a motion to approve scholarship funds be transferred to schools and schools apply for grants, seconded by E. Gonzalez; the motion passed.

VIII. Proposed 2020-21 Board Meeting Dates

R. Legler made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Board meeting dates, seconded by A. Miller; the motion passed.

IX. Old Business

There was not old business.

X. New Business

There was not new business.

XI. Board Member Comments

J. Valent suggested that the By-Laws be reviewed regarding virtual meetings.

F.J. Bolanos stated that the charter school boards usually followed State and District guidelines regarding this and other similar situations.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Miller; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.