

Avant Garde Academy Foundation, Inc.
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
June 13th, 2022, at 2:00pm
2025 McKinley St, Hollywood FL 33020
Meeting ID 818 5376 2390. Password 194989

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 Marc Spiegelman at 2:02pm. The following board members were in attendance: Ron Legler, Mark Riedmiller, Marc Spiegelman. Also, in attendance were Lorenzo Cobiella, Justin Matthews, Marcos Rodriguez, Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, Samantha Walker, Arlene Valdes, Juan Rivera, Lillian Afre, Luciana Tiktin and Yehuda Tiktin.

- I. Approval of the March 21, 2022, AGA Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
R. Legler made a motion to approve the March 21, 2022, Board Minutes, seconded by M. Riedmiller. The motion passed

- II. Open for Public Comments (regarding agenda items)

F. Bolanos and L. Cobiella reviewed the protocol and guidelines for Public Comments.

M. Rodriguez former music director expressed displeasure because his contract was not renewed and his discontent with former supervisor. Shared with the board the growth of the program under his guidance and awards received.

M. Spiegelman thanked M. Rodriguez for his contributions to the school and wished him success in his new endeavors.

L. Tiktin (parent) and Y. Tiktin (student) expressed concern about Mr. Rodriguez not returning next year and wanted the board to reconsider the decision. M. Spiegelman explained the board oversees the policies and procedures of the school and the principal oversees the day-to-day operations. M. Spiegelman thanked them for their feedback and attendance. F. Bolanos recommended setting up an appointment with the principal to discuss the direction the music program is taking next year.

III. Consent Agenda: Approval of 2022-23 Salaries; Approval of 2022-23 Early Bird Budgets for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791); Approval of Debt Forgiveness Transfer Between AGA Broward 6-12 (5791) & AGA Broward K5 (5015); Approval of Out of Fields; Approval of Policy & Procedures Updates; Acceptance of 403B Audit; Acceptance of Audit Engagement Letters for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791); Approval of Teacher Incentives; Approval of Studio Sublease

F. Bolanos introduced the item and reminded the board they can pull any item to the regular agenda if needed.

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

IV. Approval of April 2022 Monthly Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)

J. Matthews reviewed the April 2022 Monthly financials and answered questions.

R. Legler made a motion to approve the April 2022 Monthly Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791); seconded by M. Riedmiller. The motion passed.

V. Review and Approval of Cognia Accreditation Renewal Process

J. Matthew covered the board on the new Cognia accreditation standards for continuous improvement. Discussed the timeframe and required training attended for accreditation renewal submission.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the Cognia Accreditation Renewal; seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed

VI. HB 1421 - New Requirements for School Safety

J. Matthew reviewed with the board the new School Safety Requirements. Advised the board there is also a Mental Health component change expected, he will notify them once passed. The school will work on improving the current Reunification plan.

S. Walker advised a police officer will have to be on campus for drills because the school has a guardian not an SRO.

VII. Review Maintenance RFP's and Approval of New Vendor

L. Afre reviewed with the board the 5 proposals received for the Maintenance RFP. Based on a comparison of services, years of service, their current customers and cost AK Building Services was recommended.

M. Spiegelman made a motion to approve the recommended vendor; seconded by M. Riedmiller. The motion passed

VIII. Election of Board Officers

Election of board members conducted, Maria Diaz Kremer – President,

Mark Riedmiller – Treasurer, Marc Spiegelman – Secretary and Ron Legler - Member.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the election of board members; seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed

IX. School Reports

Valdes presented the school report for the AGA 6-12 and shared with the board the successes and challenges faced in 21-22 in academics, sports and extra curriculars. She was very proud to announce that 80% of the seniors were accepted into colleges and received their first National Merit. Valdes also reviewed the projected enrollment and new plans for the 22-23 school year.

J. Rivera presented the school report for the AGA K5, expressed it had been a very challenging year due to learning regression, social and emotional issues. However, despite that they made significant academic improvement and is looking forward to FSA results. He was very pleased with the results of their Smart Goals. Also had a 12% increase in parents volunteering. For next year he will be adding gifted for grades 3, 4 and 5.

X. Old Business

There was no old business.

XI. New Business

There was no new business.

XII. Board Member Comments

M. Spiegelman thanked the principals for their great work during a challenging year. He looks forward to their accomplishments next school year.