

Avant Garde Academy Foundation, Inc.
Minutes Regular Board Meeting
September 18th, 2023, 4:00pm
2025 McKinley St, Hollywood FL 33020
Meeting ID 837 6822 2862 Passcode: 709022

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 4:00pm. The following board members were in attendance: Maria Diaz-Kremer; Ron Legler, Marc Spiegelman, and Mark Riedmiller. Also, in attendance were Justin Matthews, Jennifer Lucas, Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, Samantha Walker, Juan Rivera, Jason Ratner, Lillian Afre, Abby Serafini, and Josie Newton.

- I. Approval of the June 26th, 2023, AGA Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
R.Legler made a motion to approve the June 26, 2023, Board Minutes, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.
- II. Open for Public Comments (regarding regular agenda items)
There were no public comments.
- III. Consent Agenda: Approval of Debt Forgiveness from AGA Broward 6-12 (5791) to AGA Broward K5 (5015); Approval of School Safety Policies & Procedures & Board Resolution for AGA Broward 6-12 (5791) & AGA Broward K5 (5015): Behavior Threat Assessment, Threat Assessment Teams, Internet Safety; Parent Reunification Plan, Notification of Involuntary Examinations, & Discipline Incidents; Approval of Out of Field Teachers for AGA Broward 6-12 (5791) & AGA Broward K5 (5015); Approval of Teachers and Principals Evaluation Systems for AGA Broward 6-12 (5791) & AGA Broward K5 (5015); Approval of Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Distribution Plan
R. Legler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.
- IV. Approval of June & July 2023 Monthly Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)
J. Matthews reviewed the July Monthly financials with the board, explained deficits are normal at this time of year due to start of school year curriculum and computer expenditures.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the June & July 2023 Monthly Financials, seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.

V. Approval of 2022-23 Financial Audits for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)

J. Matthew reviewed the Audits with the board, there were no findings.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Financial Audits, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.

VI. Approval of Referendum Funds Bonus for Qualified Employees

J. Matthews shared with the board that AGA is following the same guidelines as the district in the distribution of funds to the teachers to ensure AGA teacher salaries remain competitive.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the Referendum Funds Bonus for Qualified Employees, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.

VII. Approval of Executive Director & Senior Director of International Innovations & Solutions Position

Frank Bolanos shared with the board how this position will allow AGA to address the global vision for the school.

R. Legler made a motion to approve the Executive Director & Senior Director of International Innovations & Solutions Position, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.

VIII. School Reports

J. Rivera presented the school report for K-5.

J. Ratner presented the school report for 6-12.

IX. Old Business

M. Spiegelman inquired on the status of the soccer field. Frances Bolanos advised they are still waiting on zoning approval.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Board Member Comments

M. Diaz-Kremer welcomed J. Ratner to the team and congratulated the staff for the successful opening of the school year.

M. Spiegelman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Riedmiller. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09pm.