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Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes August 22, 2017

Atmosphere Academy Charter School Building
22 Marble Hill Avenue
New York, New York 10463

Board Members Attending:

Mr. Mervin Burton
Mr. Jesse J. Greene, Jr.
Dr. Evan Powderly
Dr. Michael Lagas

Board Members Absent:

Father Thomas Lynch
Mr. Alan Dillon

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Colin J. Greene
Mr. Peter Markey
Mr. Christian Roman
Ms. Cheryl Sacco(by phone)
Mr. Ben Pah
Ms. Katherine Brennan
Ms. Elizabeth Nash

Agenda Item 1. Call to order.

At approximately 5:12PM the meeting was called to order by Dr. Powderly.

Agenda Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Powderly led those present with the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 3. Board Reports

Mr. J. Greene noted that the Finance Committee had meet 2 weeks earlier by teleconference. He proceeded to report on that call..

Agenda Item 4. Revision and Adoption of Agenda.

There were no revisions to the Agenda.

By motion of the board to adopt the Agenda.

Vote Aye: M. Burton, A. Dillon, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch

Agenda Item 5.1. Board Meeting Dates.

.Mr. C. Greene discussed meeting dates for the coming board and committee meetings.

Board meeting dates were set for September 27, 2017 and October 25, 2017 at 5PM.

Accountability Committee call was set for Friday September 1, 2017 at noon.

Finance Committee calls were set for Friday September 15, 2017 and the third Friday of each month thereafter.

Governance Committee call was set for September 15, 2015 at 12:30PM/

Agenda Item 5.2. Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. J. Greene and Ms. Cheryl Sacco discussed the Atmosphere minutes process and form. It was decided to send the July minutes to the board for review and have the board vote approval at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 5.3. Finance Update and 2017-2018 Budget.

Mr. Peter Markey discussed the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities for the month and year. Also the Projected Cash Balance. He noted major items on the schedules and major categories of spending. He also noted the expected profit for the school for the year.

He discussed the ongoing annual audit and the work his team is doing on this process.

Agenda Item 5.4. 2017 Student Achievement

Mr. C. Greene, Ms. Nash and Mr. Pah reviewed state test results with the board. They covered the performance of Atmosphere Academy and compared that to state results. They reviewed results grade by grade for Atmosphere. Overall they noted strong improvement in Atmosphere scores.

Agenda Item 5.5 Hiring Update

Mr. C. Greene reported on the hiring for the new school year. That process is mostly complete and is expected to be completed by the end of the week of the board meeting. He gave a general discussion of backgrounds and experience the school is hiring.

Agenda Item 5.6. Advisory Board Next Steps

Mr. C. Greene noted that the school expected to bring the design to closure by the end of September.

Agenda Item 5.7. Contracts

Mr. C. Greene reviewed the following proposed contracts and asked the board for approval of these commitment amounts:

Island School \$17,099
Konica Minolta \$57,612
Compufit \$60,000
Frost Valley \$19,140
Custom Ink \$17,098
Go Math \$15,463
Hertz (furniture) \$48,287

By motion of the board to authorize the signing of these contracts:

Vote Aye: M. Burton, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch, A. Dillon

Agenda Item 5.8 2017-2018 Start of Year Update

Mr. C. Greene, Ms. Nash and Mr. Pah discussed the school opening process, team building work and culture development. Mr. C. Greene also discussed the opening of the second building scheduled for early September

Mr. Roman discussed key elements of the advisory program, base line exams, and behavior rules and social interaction relationships.

Agenda Item 5.9 Curriculum Update

Ms. Katherine Brennan gave a curriculum update. She covered a broad range of topics. She covered the use of certain vendor products, class structure and instruction leadership. She also covered social studies, science programs, health and physical education. Honors class structure was addressed. New teacher skills were also addressed.

Agenda Item 6. Public Comments

There were no public attendees.

Agenda Item 7. No Consent Agenda Items

Agenda Item 8 & 9. Motion to Enter Executive Session

At 8:15PM the board moved to enter executive session to discuss the status of particular students, evaluation and/or termination of particular employees, and to discuss acquisition or lease of real property:

By motion of the board to enter executive session:

Vote Aye: M. Burton, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch, A. Dillon

Agenda Item 10 Executive Session

Agenda Item 11. Motion to Return to Public Session

The board moved to return to public session:

Vote Aye: M. Burton,, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch, A. Dillon

Agenda Item 13. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Agenda Item 13. New Business

There was no new business.

Agenda Item 15. Adjournment.

By motion of the board to adjourn.

Vote Aye: M. Burton, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch, A. Dillon

Meeting adjourned.