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Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 11, 2017

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

Board Members Attending:

Mr. Mervin Burton
Mr. Alan Dillon
Mr. Jesse J. Greene, Jr.
Dr. Evan Powderly
Dr. Michael Lagas (by phone)

Board Members Absent:

Father Thomas Lynch

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Colin J. Greene

Mr. Christian Roman
Mr. Carl A. Kieper

Ms. Katherine Brennan
Ms. Elizabeth Nash

Agenda Item 1. Call to order.

At approximately 5:25PM 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 would meet in July and August by teleconference.

The board discussed dates for the Accountability Committee and Governance Committee meetings.

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Discussion of an advisory board for the school also progressed. The staff will review the school's bylaws in preparation for that.

The next board meeting was scheduled for August 22, 2017

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 Items 5.

None

Agenda Item 6.1. Board meeting dates.

This was discussed under Agenda item 6.1.

Agenda Item 6.2. Approval of Minutes

March and April Board minutes were reviewed by the board. Minor changes were made and agreed to.

By motion of the board to adopt the revised minutes:

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

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch

Agenda Item 6.3. Finance Update and 2017-2018 Budget.

No review or discussion was held.

Agenda Item 6.4. Hiring Update

Mr. C. Greene noted that most staff will be returning in the fall. He also reviewed open positions with the board.

Agenda Item 6.5 Intervention Program

Ms. Nash explained to the board how the intervention program will be applied to students at different levels. She also reviewed its structure and how certain purchased teaching tools will be used. She then reviewed teacher training and number of sessions of math and English that will be applied.

By motion of the board to adopt the intervention program:

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

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch

Agenda Item 6.6. Advisory Board

Mr. C. Greene and Ms. Nash led a discussion about candidates for the advisory board. The board asked the staff to prepare a definition of the roles and responsibilities of the advisory board for review with the trustees.

Agenda Item 6.7. Character Building Advisory Program

Mr. Roman reviewed his programs for character building, community service and career exploration. He discussed the amount of time committed to these programs, their goals and objectives.

Agenda Item 6.8 Policies and Training

Mr. C. Greene reviewed certain policies and handbook work that needs to be completed and communicated to the staff. He also noted certain training programs that are planned and that some staff had been sent out for training paid for by the school.

Counsel was asked to send language needed for some of this work.

There was also a discussion of school trips and the responsibility of students and parents.

Training programs were also discussed. Mr. Dillon suggested looking at the Hudson Links program and Dr. Lagas noted IBM management training programs.

Mr. C. Greene reviewed leadership work underway at the school which will include new consulting advice to the school.

Agenda Items 6.9 through 6.11. Not addressed at this meeting.

Agenda Item 6.11a. Contracts

Mr. Greene presented the proposal to enter into contracts for Math 180 and Read 180 for \$100,015.

By motion of the board to approve the commitment to these contracts:

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Vote Aye: M. Burton, A. Dillon, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.
Nays: none
Absent: T. Lynch

Agenda Item 7. Public Comments

There were no public attendees.

Agenda Item 8. No Consent Agenda Items

Agenda Item 9 and 10. Executive Session

At 7:34PM the board moved to enter executive session to discuss evaluation and/or termination of particular employees, to discuss certain contracts and to discuss acquisition or lease of real property:

Vote Aye: M. Burton, A. Dillon, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.
Nays: none
Absent: T. Lynch

Agenda Item 11 Executive Session

Agenda Item 12. Motion to Return From Executive Session

At 8:34PM the board moved to return from executive session:

Vote Aye: M. Burton, A. Dillon, J. Greene, E. Powderly, M. Lagas.
Nays: none
Absent: T. Lynch

Agenda Item 13. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Agenda Item 14. New Business

There was no new business.

Agenda Item 15. Adjournment.

At 8:35PM the board moved to adjourn. By motion of the board.

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

Nays: none

Absent: T. Lynch

Meeting adjourned.