



ATMOSPHERE ACADEMY

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Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 24, 2018

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

Board Members Attending:

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

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Evan Powderly

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Colin J. Greene
Mr. Ralph Zattola
Mr. Ben Pah
Ms. Cheryl Sacco (by phone)
Ms. Camilla Gonzales

Agenda Item 1. Call to order.

At approximately 5:09 PM the meeting was called to order by Dr. Lagas.

Agenda Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Lagas.

Agenda Item 3. Board Reports

There were no board reports.

Agenda Item 4. Revision and Adoption of Agenda

Item 5.2 of the agenda, providing for parent and student feedback and insights around various aspects of the school, was deferred to a future meeting. There were no other revisions to the Agenda.

By motion of the board to adopt the Agenda.

Vote Aye: A. Dillon, M. Burton, J. Greene, M. Lagas.
Nays: none

Agenda Item 5.1. Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December board meeting were reviewed, changes requested and adopted, with changes, by the board.

By motion of the board to adopt the December 2017 Minutes.

Vote Aye: A. Dillon, M. Burton, J. Greene, M. Lagas.
Nays: none

Agenda Item 5.3 Staff

Ms. Carmilla Gonzales, manager of the Marble Hill building, was introduced to the board. She was recently promoted to Operations Associate and the new responsibility for the building. Mr. Pah explained her role. Ms. Gonzales then described her background and her history at Atmosphere.

She went on to explain her work with the attendance system and attendance reporting.

Mr. Pah and Mr. C. Greene reported on the strength of the operations team.

Agenda Item 5.4. Finance

Mr. Ralph Zattola reported on the financial performance of the school at year end 2017. He noted a small loss, without depreciation, for December and discussed the full year outlook. He also discussed the cash flow and cash needs of the school over the coming two months.

The board discussed the need to correct the rent reimbursement calculation with the Department of Education. Mr. J. Greene is to provide a calculation demonstrating the correct calculation to Mr. C. Greene and Mr. Pah.

Mr. C. Greene also discussed other calculations of reimbursement amounts that the school is pursuing.

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Mr. Pah updated the board on progress of the new gym floor in the Riverdale Jewish Center. The new floor installation is going well.

Mr. J. Greene discussed his matching grant proposal. The board discussed the need for charts and materials to explain the opportunity to contributors.

Agenda Item 5.5. Video

Mr. C. Greene reviewed the video promoting the school. It was well received by the board.

Agenda Item 5.6. Principal Report

Mr. C. Greene reported on the joint Martin Luther King Day events. A large number of SAR Academy and Atmosphere Academy students joined together to discuss MLK's work, his importance and the importance of Jewish community support of the civil rights movement in those years. Also, to recognize the community relationship between SAR, RJC and Atmosphere Academy.

Agenda Item 6. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item 7. Consent Agenda

There was no consent agenda.

Agenda Item 8. Motion to Enter Executive Session

At 6:52PM the board moved to enter executive session to discuss pending contracts, legal advice regarding real estate, real property leases and personnel matters.

By motion of the board to enter executive session:

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

Nays: none

Agenda Item 9. Executive Session

Agenda Item 10. Motion to Return to Public Session

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The board moved to return to public session at **7:37PM**.

Vote Aye: A. Dillon, M. Burton, J. Greene, M. Lagas
Nays: none

Agenda Item 11. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Agenda Item 12. New Business

There was no new business.

Agenda Item 16. Adjournment

By motion of the board to adjourn at 7:38PM

Vote Aye: A. Dillon, M. Burton, J. Greene, M. Lagas.
Nays: none

Meeting adjourned.