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Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 10, 2018

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

Board Members Attending:

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

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Evan Powderly

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Colin J. Greene
Mr. Peter Markey
Ms. Elizabeth Nash
Mr. Bryan Fryer
Mrs. Katherine Brennan
Mr. Christian Roman
Mr. Daryl Jenkins
Mr. Nathan VanWhy

Agenda Item 1. Call to order.

At approximately 5:02 PM the meeting was called to order by Mr. Mervin Burton.

Agenda Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance .

Agenda Item 3. Board Reports.

Mr. J. Greene reported on the Finance Committee call of July 9, 2018. He reported that the committee received a report on the financial performance and financial condition of the school,

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and discussed cash needs and loans. Discussion was focused on contributions to the school, capital expenditures generally, investments needed to open the new facility this fall, payables management, and cash flow.

Mr. J. Greene reported on the Governance Committee call of July 9, 2018. This call covered student test performance, and school expansion ideas and options.

Agenda Item 4. Comments from the Public

There were no public attendees and therefore no comments from the public.

Agenda Item 5. Revision and Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was revised to report on student placement before financial discussion. As revised the agenda was adopted.

By motion of the board to adopt the Agenda:

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

Nays: none

Agenda Item 6.1. Board Minutes.

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and adopted later in the schedule after Mr. Dillon and Mr. Spitzer arrived.

By motion of the board to adopt the June 2018 Minutes.

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

Nays: none

Agenda Item 6.2. High School Placement

Mr. Christian Roman and Mr, Daryl Jenkins gave a report on where graduates of Atmosphere Academy will go for high school. The schools range from public schools, to charter schools and private schools. Many good opportunities with the Atmosphere credentials.

At 5:14PM Mr. Dillon joined the meeting.

They also reviewed the high school application and acceptance process indicating how many offers were received by students and how the process assured that all students had at least one offer.

At 5:21PM Mr. Spitzer joined the meeting.

It was noted that the class valedictorian had 10 offers. But even lower performing students got offers to decent schools in the city.

Mr. Spitzer suggested that each board member, and others, bring one high school contact to Atmosphere for future processes. Mr. Spitzer, Colin Greene and Peter Markey mentioned names of institutions where they have contacts.

Agenda Item 6.3. Finance Review.

Mr. Fryer reported on the progress of the annual audit. He noted updates needed to financial policies for future meetings to consider.

He then reviewed the financial statements for the school including the activity report, the balance sheet and the year end projected results. Key focus items were payables, profit and cash flow improvement opportunities.

Ms. Nash discussed the Special Education billing and collection process, and the cash flow impact.

Agenda Item 6.4. After School Program.

Mr. Roman went through the history of the two year old program. He explained how the original vendor had performed and why the school is making a change. Management at the original vendor was not effective. Because of the low income of the Atmosphere population this service is free for Atmosphere.

Agenda Item 6.5. PTO Policy.

Mr. C. Greene reviewed the PTO policy with the board. After discussion it was adopted by the board.

By motion of the board to adopt the PTO Policy.

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

Nays: none

Agenda Item 6.6. Lease Amendment.

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Mr. J. Greene reviewed the recent lease amendment for the 5959 Broadway facility. This covers new HVAC design and kitchen facilities the school needs. The board approved this amendment.

By motion of the board to approve the lease amendment for 5959 Broadway.

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

At 6:17PM Mr, Dillion left the meeting.

Agenda Item 6.7. State Test results and Atmosphere Future.

Mr. C. Greene, Ms. Nash and Mrs. Brennan reviewed the state test results for this past year. Student improvement has been strong which enables Atmosphere to consider expansion and growth opportunities, An extensive discussion followed considering all options.

Agenda Item 7. No Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 8. No Executive Session was held.

There was no executive session.

Agenda Item 9. Unfinished Business.

There was no unfinished business.

Agenda Item 10. New Business.

There was no new business.

Agenda Item 11. Adjournment.

At 7:25PM the board voted to adjourn.

By motion of the board to adjourn.

Vote Aye: M. Burton, J. Greene, M. Lagas., Mr. J. Spitzer
Nays: none