

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
AMANI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

(and Board retreat)

September 29, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “**Board**”) of the Amani Public Charter School (the “**School**”), was held at the School’s facility at 60 South Third Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY on September 29, 2018, beginning at approximately 7:00 pm. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: Sidney Burke, Derrick Dunlap, Robert Jones, and Jim Killoran. Laura Francis and Edward Green were not present.

Also present at the meeting were the following School employees: Debra Stern, Sandra Bynum, Jamell Scott, and Bruce Tanner.

Mr. Burke presided as Chair of the meeting and recorded the minutes as secretary for the meeting.

Attached as Exhibit A are the materials provided to the Board at or prior to the meeting.

After noting that a quorum was present, the Chair called the meeting to order.

1. Public Comment. The Chair opened the floor for public comment. No one from the public chose to speak.

2. School Snapshot. Mrs. Stern and the other staff members presented the School Snapshot to the Board, including a discussion of student enrollment, demographics, attrition, attendance, and discipline; special education; assessment data; and staffing changes, attrition, and attendance. Members of the Board asked various questions, which were answered.

3. Data Analysis. Mrs. Bynum provided a detailed analysis of student academic data, including the results of the STAR testing from the beginning of the school year and longitudinal data showing performance over time. Mrs. Bynum also discussed with the Board how these data were being used to influence instruction. The Board discussed this data and analysis in detail with Mrs. Bynum and Mrs. Stern, and asked various questions, which were answered. The Board also requested certain additional data analyses for future presentations.

4. Board Retreat / Pasek Consulting. Dan Pasek joined the meeting, and reported to the Board regarding the renewal process, SED’s recent votes regarding renewal applications, and expectations regarding the renewal process and potential outcomes for the School. The Board

had an extensive discussion with Mr. Pasek regarding the School's academic performance during the latest renewal period, approaches that certain other schools have taken in their renewal process, and the pros and cons of taking a similar approach. After discussion, the Board unanimously authorized the School's senior staff, in their discretion, to communicate and negotiate with SED regarding the School's renewal, including such performance metrics as the School's senior staff may approve.

5. Finance. Mrs. Stern noted that drafts of the Schools audited financial statements and the auditor's report to the finance committee had been provided to the Board, and that these were expected to be discussed with the School's auditor at the next Board meeting.

6. Items for Future Meetings.

- Test results / data
- Prospective Board members
- Staff compensation strategy [October]
- ED self-evaluation and Board evaluation of ED performance

7. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney Burke
Secretary for the Meeting

APPROVED:

Jim Killoran
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

[Board materials attached]

EXHIBIT B

Resolutions of the
Board of Trustees (the “**Board**”)
of the
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None.