



Executive Director Report
March 2021

MISSION MOMENT

Agenda - April
Amani Board Minutes - March

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Restore*Refocus*Reimagine Timeline for Spring	<u>Eagle Academy</u> <u>Summer School Is For Everyone</u>
Executive	Priorities Board on Track Presentation - Building Board Capacity <u>Preparing for your Renewal Webinar Notes</u>
Operations	HVAC Update Surveillance Testing Updates- waiting for MOU from MV Neighborhood Health Center Facilities Committee
Finance/HR	Enrollment Budget
Instructional	Data report Math Updates
Upcoming Events	Next Board meeting: May 10, 2021 NYSED ½ day Visit
Committee Reports and Next Meetings	Educational Accountability - Monday, May 3, 2021 @5pm

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

March 8, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “**Board**”) of the Amani Public Charter School (the “**School**”), was held via videoconference (in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic) on March 8, 2021, beginning at approximately 4:30 pm. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: Sidney Burke, Stephanie Edwards, Tamara Houston, Gene Johnson, Jim Killoran, and Patrick Smith.

Also present at the meeting were the following members of the School’s staff: Debra Stern, Phil Salmon, Jamell Scott, Bruce Tanner, and Lorice Townsend. Sidney Burke presided as Chair of the meeting, and Stephanie Edwards recorded the minutes as Secretary.

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

1. Roll call/ Call to order. After noting that a quorum was present, the Chair called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment. The Chair opened the floor for public comment. No one from the public chose to speak.
3. Mission Moment. Ms. Stern shared a video of Mr. Scott’s announcement of the winner of the iReady challenge and delivery of the Xbox prize.
4. Reopening Plans. Mrs. Stern discussed the School leadership’s plans for beginning a return to in-person learning, with fifth and eighth grades coming in-person for 4-5 days during the course of June, and remote learning otherwise continuing.
5. Finance. Mr. Salmon reported to the Board regarding the School’s financials for the year to date. Members of the Board asked various questions, which were answered. He also reported on recruitment (where numbers are similar to 2019, down from 2020), marketing efforts to sub-groups, and the School’s ongoing process to collect data on what marketing efforts were most effective.
6. HVAC Project. Mr. Tanner provided an update to the Board regarding the potential HVAC upgrade for the School. The next stage would require \$20,000 for design/build work. Members of the Board asked numerous questions, which were answered.
7. Formation of Facilities Committee. The Board discussed the need for a Facilities Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously (a) approved the formation of a Facilities Committee, initially consisting of Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Killoran, (b) authorized the Facilities Committee to act, to the fullest extent a Board committee may act permitted by law, with

respect to any matters related to the School's potential HVAC project and any future facilities-related projects.

8. Academics. Mr. Scott reported to the Board regarding various academic matters, including the School's success in winning the Mt. Vernon Black History challenge, high flyers, second quarter honor roll, potential future incentives/competitions to encourage academic effort, an analysis of academic performance, and a report on student absenteeism. He also discussed his goals in terms of academic performance for the year, how performance is trending at this point in the year, and examples of analysis of high performance that is being rolled out to other classes.

9. Approval of Prior Minutes. The minutes of the Board meeting held on February 8, 2021, were reviewed and unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie E. Edwards
Secretary

APPROVED:

Sidney Burke
Chair