

**Achievement First Hartford Academy
Jumoke Academy**

Joint High School Committee Meeting

March 28, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

AF Hartford Academy High School, Conference Room
305 Greenfield Street, Hartford CT

The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by John Motley.

Todd Cooper, Jumoke Academy Board - Yes	Marshall Ruben, AFHA Board - Yes
Melanie James, Jumoke Academy Board - No	John Motley, AFHA Board - Yes
Thomas Smith, Jumoke Academy Board - Yes	Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes
Frank Williams, Jumoke Academy - No	Emily Banks, AF Hartford High - Yes
Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy - Yes	Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Nichelle Woodson, Jumoke Academy - No	Nick Lebron, AF Network Support - No
Justin Pistorius, Jumoke Academy - No	Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: Giana Gleason, Public Policy Fellow at the Zoom Foundation

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by John Motley.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Reports

Principal Report - Emily Banks

All scholars have received a college acceptance and some to very selective colleges and universities. There is a bell at the front door that allows the scholars to announce their acceptances and have some control in the messaging.

Marshall Ruben encouraged us to consider ways to promote and celebrate this accomplishment. Our scholars are eligible for Hartford Promise (\$20K) and UCONN matches that amount. May 24th at 10:30am is Senior Signing Day and it will be held at the Bushnell.

Mock AP exams are going well. Up from two last year, they now offer seven AP courses. The culture in the school is that scholars want to take them. AP study sessions are well attended (60 scholars attended a study session on a day when there was no school - and it was raining!).

Emily Banks shared that they are working on staff retention.

The school is working on helping differentiate the experience for seniors who want to feel like there are privileges associated with being a senior. Clearly, they won't be getting a detention in college, for example but they want to keep enough structure so that students do not get into trouble in senior spring, especially.

The Committee engaged in a conversation about the balance between maintaining high standards with accommodating the real demands of a rigorous program - time management, homework quantity. These are conversations taking place at all high schools with college-bound students and at AF Hartford High, they have been interviewing scholars to determine what sorts of distractions they're facing

Financial Report: \$2K surplus, up from a \$10K deficit. The forecast looks good.

IV. Board Business

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from January 28, 2016.

Moved by Barry Jacobson

Seconded by Marshall Ruben

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Moved by Marshall Ruben

Seconded by Barry Jacobson

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School COmmittee hereby nominates Barry Jacobson as the new Chair.

Moved by John Motley

Seconded by Marshall Ruben

All in favor

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm by John Motley.