

**Achievement First Hartford Academy**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, February 29, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
305 Greenfield Street, Hartford

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 5:34 pm by John Motley.

John Motley, AFHA Board - Yes

Lankford Wade, AFHA Board - Yes

Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes

Nyema Pinkney, AFHA Board - No

Marshall Ruben, AFHA Board - Yes

Angela Scott, AFHA Board - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Morgan Barth, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Pete Cymrot, AF Network Support - Yes (phone)

Public: Mr. William Schedl, Mr. Jose Rendon, Mr. Ja Hannah, Hon. David Dee, Mr. Jeffrey Digel

**II. Open Session For Public Comment**

No public comment.

**III. Board Business**

Mr. John Motley introduced Kerri-Ann Thomas to the board members at which time she interacted with members of the board, especially those who had not participated in her interviews. Ms. Thomas is the candidate nominated by Achievement First, to serve as the next AF Hartford Elementary School Principal, effective July 1, 2016. Because she had to catch a train back to New York City, Mr. Motley wanted to be sure she had time to meet the board members and know the result of the board's decision before departing.

Mr. Motley asked Ms. Thomas to leave the room so as to have a discussion about the strengths of her candidacy and vote.

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Board of Directors hereby approves Kerri-Ann Thomas as the principal of AF Hartford Elementary School effective July 1, 2016.

Moved by: Angela Scott

Seconded by: Barry Jacobson

All in favor

Ms. Thomas returned to the room and was congratulated by the board chair.

#### **IV. Reports and Discussion**

##### **A. AF Hartford Schools and Renewal Update (John Motley)**

John Motley and Barry Jacobson shared a report of the renewal hearing which had 30 speakers, including parents, board members, community leaders and outstanding scholars. There was no opposition at the hearing.

##### **B. School Leader Appreciation (John Motley)**

Sarah will be in touch with board members about identifying a gesture for School Leader Appreciation Week.

##### **C. Finance Committee Report (Lankford Wade)**

Lankford Wade provided the finance committee report which was originally drafted for the January board meeting. Because there wasn't quorum at the January meeting, the board reviewed the financials from that time so as to approve today.

#### **V. Board Business (con't)**

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 16, 2015.

Moved by: Lankford Wade

Seconded by: Barry Jacobson

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Moved by: Barry Jacobson

Seconded by: Marshall Ruben

All in favor

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Board of Directors hereby approves the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented.

Moved by: Barry Jacobson

Seconded by: Marshall Ruben

All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Board of Directors hereby approves the updated Fiscal Policies and Procedures as presented.

Moved by: Angela Scott

Seconded by: Marshall Ruben

All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Board of Directors hereby approves the updated Behavior Policy as presented.

Moved by: Angela Scott  
Seconded by: Marshall Ruben  
All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the school and its designees to update the Family Handbook.

Moved by: Lankford Wade  
Seconded by: Angela Scott  
All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Board of Directors hereby elects the following new members of the board of directors with terms limits specified below,

- Mr. William Schedl, Teacher Representative, June 30, 2017
- Mr. Jose Rendon, Parent Representative, June 30, 2017
- Mr. Ja Hannah, Parent Representative, June 30, 2017
- Hon. David Dee, Director, June 30, 2019
- Mr. Jeffrey Digel, Director, June 30, 2019

Moved by: Marshall Ruben  
Seconded by: Barry Jacobson  
All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Board of Directors hereby accepts the nomination of Barry Jacobson to serve as Vice Chair of the AF Hartford Academy Board of Directors.

Moved by: Angela Scott  
Seconded by: Jose Rendon  
All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Board of Directors hereby accepts the resignations of the following Directors:

- Ms. Colleen Palmer
- Ms. Nyema Pinkney
- Mr. Lankford Wade

Moved by: Angela Scott  
Seconded by: Marshall Ruben  
All in favor  
John Motley abstained

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm by John Motley  
Moved by Marshall Ruben.