

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

May 13, 2019

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 May 13, 2019, 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, and Robert Jones. Gene Johnson and Jim Killoran were not present.

Also present at the meeting were the following School employees: Debra Stern, Sandra Bynum, Phil Salmon, 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. Finance Update; Initial Discussion of 2019-2020 Budget. Mr. Salmon provided an update to the Board regarding the School’s financial position and projections for the remainder of the School year, highlighting where there were material variances from the original budget. He also discussed with the Board the current draft of the School’s budget for the upcoming school year, including an explanation of the key drivers of changes to the budget as compared to the current school year. Members of the Board asked various questions regarding the School’s finances for the current and upcoming school years, which were answered.

3. SED Corrective Action Plan. The Board provided feedback and discussed with Mrs. Stern and the rest of the School staff the draft corrective action plans that were distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting.

4. School Update. Mrs. Bynum and Mrs. Stern provided an update regarding various academic and other events, including a discussion of testing opt-out data and the School’s approach to opt-outs, the testing schedule for the remainder of the school year, upcoming academic events, and other upcoming events at the School. Mrs. Stern suggested that we defer a discussion of fundraising to the next Board meeting. Members of the Board asked various questions regarding these matters, which were answered.

5. Approval of Prior Minutes. The minutes of the Board meetings held on April 8, 2019, were reviewed and unanimously approved.

At this point, all of the Staff left the meeting except for Mrs. Stern and Mr. Salmon.

6. Personnel Matters. Mr. Salmon discussed with the Board two separate personnel matters. Mrs. Stern reported that the security review that had occurred earlier in the day had been productive and gave school staff confidence in the School's security procedures. Members of the Board discussed and asked various questions regarding these matters, which were answered.

7. Items for Future Meetings.

- Fundraising: School staff to consider re-engaging with fundraising consultants and report back to the Board, as part of a broader discussion with the Board about fundraising strategy.

8. 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.