

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

February 10, 2020

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 January 13, 2020, beginning at approximately 6:30 pm. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: Sidney Burke, Gene Johnson, Tamara Houston, Jim Killoran, and Patrick Smith. Stephanie Edwards was not present.

Also present at the meeting were the following School employees: Debra Stern, Karl Eason, Phil Salmon, Jamel 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. Mission Moment. Mrs. Stern described to the Board the Data Wall that has been added at the School, which currently celebrates the scholars from each class who had the top 5 scores on the School’s interim assessments.

3. ED Priority Goals. Mrs. Stern distributed to the Board revised priority goals for the Board to consider and discuss at the next Board meeting.

4. Data Analysis. Mr. Eason presented an updated Board data dashboard (including information regarding increased student applications, suspensions, and demographics, and student and staff attendance). He also presented initial analysis regarding “The Amani Effect” (in this analysis, academic performance of 4-year students over time).

5. Instructional Update. Mr. Scott provided an instructional update, including a discussion of interim testing data, the analysis that the staff has done regarding standards students showed weakness on during interim testing, weekly data meetings, and scheduled re-teach weeks. Mr. Scott also discussed the change in the teacher evaluation rubric used by the School (from the Danielson model to a charter school model based on one used by Uncommon

Schools), which also aligns with what the School has been doing in its professional development. Members of the Board discussed these matters with Mr. Scott and Mrs. Stern and asked various questions of them, which were answered.

6. Financial Update; Evaluation of Non-Instructional Staff. Mr. Salmon provided an update regarding the School's financial performance for the school year to date, including a discussion of the material variations versus the School's budget. Mr. Salmon also described the evaluation process for non-instructional staff.

7. Operations Update. Mr. Tanner provided an update of various operational matters, including the results of the administrative review of the School's lunch program and the replacement of the cafeteria floor (final adjustments to be made in the near term).

8. Fundraising. Mrs. Stern provided an update on the School's fundraising efforts and plans for future fundraising.

9. School Culture / Events. Mrs. Stern provided an update on upcoming School events, including Open Houses, the School's basketball teams, and the upcoming Cabaret fundraiser.

10. Items for Future Meetings.

- Board self-evaluation planning.
- ED priority plan.

11. Approval of Prior Minutes. The minutes of the Board meeting held on January 13, 2020, were reviewed and unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney Burke
Secretary for the Meeting

APPROVED:

Gene Johnson
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

[Board materials attached]

EXHIBIT B

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