

ADVANTAGE ACADEMY OF HILLSBOROUGH, INC.
d/b/a Advantage Academy of Hillsborough
d/b/a Bell Creek Academy
d/b/a Bell Creek Academy High School
d/b/a Channelside Academy of Math and Science
d/b/a Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science
d/b/a Independence Academy
d/b/a Orange County Preparatory Academy
d/b/a Riverview Academy of Math and Science
d/b/a Sunlake Academy of Math and Science
d/b/a Valrico Lake Advantage Academy
d/b/a Big Bend Academy of Math and Science (opening TBD)

Board Meeting

1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021

Location: Independence Academy 12902 E US Hwy 92 Dover, FL 33527;

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers, Chairman, via CMT
Charles Harris, Vice-Chairman
Jennifer Dean, Board Member
Detria Elsner, Board Member
Marcy Ringdahl, Principal
Dr. Margaret Fahringer, Principal
Lauren Herbert, Principal, via CMT
Cristina Fuentes, Principal
Jack Burkett, Principal
Dr. Judy Moore, Principal
Keith Miller, Principal
Teresita Nieves, Principal
Brittany Deen, Principal
Katie Gray
Keema Penn
Leslie Bennett
Melissa Dailey
Hallie Prokaski
Laura Harris
Brian Strader, Charter School Associates
Michael Strader, Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Charles Harris.

A. Opening Exercises

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Harris asked the board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting (September 9, 2021) and to approve or amend as needed. Ms. Dean motioned, Ms. Elsner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

C. Principal's Report

Principals from each school provided a report on recent school activities, enrollment, staffing and highlights since the previous meeting

D. Information Items

1. FY 21 Audit Report; FY 21 990- Mr. Strader presented the board with a summary for each school audit and referred board members to the audit packets previously sent. In summary, there were no findings and the organization is in a strong financial position. Mr. Strader recommended the board authorize the chair to execute and submit the 990 once prepared by the auditor.
2. School Monthly Financial Reports – August, September – FY 22 – Mr. Strader presented information on finance reports (August, September – FY 22) as provided to the board.
3. Independence Academy Charter Renewal- Mr. Strader advised the board the IA charter renewal agreement had been reviewed by board counsel and submitted to the District. The District voted for approval of the renewal.
4. Education Service Provider Agreement(s) – Independence Academy Renewal- Mr. Strader advised the board that CSA's ESP agreement's current term is commensurate with the expiring charter. A renewal option is defined in the agreement should both parties wish to renew beginning with the charter renewal and concluding at the end of five years or the length of the charter, whichever occurs first. Mr. Strader will present a renewal agreement to the board attorney.
5. Big Bend Academy – development progress- Mr. Strader updated the board on site selection progress and entitlement for BBAMS. Mr. Strader advised Building Hope and Element Construction were potential partners for the project.
 - a. charter agreement- The BBAMS Charter Agreement (Contract) was approved by SDHC.
 - b. proposed opening date- Proposed opening date would be FY24
6. Riverview Academy High School – development progress- Mr. Strader advised the Board that construction progress on RAHS had begun and that lease negotiations were ongoing with the landlord in regards to the expansion.
 - a. charter agreement- The RAHS Charter Agreement (Contract) was approved by SDHC.
 - b. proposed lease amendment- Lease negotiations are ongoing in regards to the occupation of additional classrooms in excess of Phase 2, as previously agreed.
 - c. proposed opening date- FY23
7. Teacher certification waivers, Exhibit A- The board reviewed certification waivers prepared by each principal.

E. Consent Items

1. Ratify FY 21 Audit Report for each AAH school
2. Approve FY 22 Finance Reports; August 2021, September 2021
3. Ratify Charter Agreements; Independence Academy, Big Bend Academy, Riverview HS Academy
4. Ratify Annual Report for the 401(K) Retirement Plan- moved to Information Items.
5. Ratify Compliance Reporting, DAC Bond
6. Approve Teacher Certification Waivers, Exhibit A

Mr. Harris asked for a motion to approve items 1-6 on consent agenda. Ms. Dean moved to approve items 1-6 and Ms. Elsner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Board Discussion and Action

1. Education Service Provider Agreement, revision and renewal

G. Board Report(s)

1. None

H. Adjourn

1. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is Chairman of Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation and the individual charter schools sponsored by said corporation.

The board meeting minutes of the Corporation for November 18, 2021 were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 23rd, 2022 where the meeting minutes were adopted and approved.

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By: 
Patricia Rogers, Chairman