

## **Amigos Por Vida – Friends for Life Public Charter School**

### **An Amigos Por Vida – Friends for Life Housing and Education Corporation School**

#### **Regular Board Meeting (4/12/2019)**

**The Board of Governor of the Amigos Por Vida – Friends for Life Public Charter School met in Regular Meeting 3/19/19 at school, 5503 El Camino Del Rey Street, Houston, TX 77081. The meeting notice was posted in accordance with Texas Open Meeting Act.**

#### **The Following Board Members were present:**

- Silvia Graves, President
- Rose Mary Valencia, Board Member
- Lydia Tamez, Secretary

#### **Also present:**

- Freddy Delgado, Principal/Superintendent
- Kakoli Mukerji, Assistant Principal
- Bill, Dinkel, CFO

#### **1. Call to order**

Ms. Silvia Graves, Board President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

#### **2. Hearing of Citizens**

There were no citizens present.

#### **3. School updates**

##### **April Events**

- 03 Faculty Meeting
- 10 Breakfast with the Principal/ PTO Meeting
- 09-10 STAAR Testing 4 & 7 writing; 5 & 8 Math and reading
- 17 & 24 Campus Needs Assessment – community and all staff are invited to talk about what the school is doing well and wants to needs to improve. Meetings are voluntary, dinner is provided. There are 3 areas to focus on for the upcoming school year.
- 16 Board Meeting

- 26 Volunteer recognition breakfast and PTO nominations
- 29 Book Fair through May 3, 2019

### **Upcoming Events – May**

- 01 Faculty Meeting
- 01-03 Book fair Continues
- 06-10 Staff Appreciation Week
- 13-16 STAAR Tests
- 17 STAAR Make-Ups
- 21 Kindergarten Promotion – will take place in the afternoon so parents are able to take their child home afterwards instead of early morning.
- 21 Board Meeting
- 24 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
- 24 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Dance 7:00 Pm – 12:00 Am – teachers are to have enough chaperones and security will be present as well.
- 30 Field Day/ Last Day of School

### **Action Items:**

#### **4. Discuss and Consider Board Minutes from 3/19/19**

- Board meeting minutes are to be corrected as to which member motioned and which seconded the motion. Mrs. Tamez moved to approve the board minutes for 3/19/19, Mrs. Valencia seconded and the motion passed.

#### **5. Discuss and Consider Budget Amendments for 2018-2019**

- Mr. Dinkel stated that there is still an open position for an assistant principal and a budget was set aside for that. Enrollment is down therefore it was reduced by 3%. Instruction positions were open that were not filled such as a third 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Plant maintenance and operations budget increased to \$84,000. Loan interest was adjusted accordingly. Change in Loan Interest was fixed and \$71,00 was added because of the tax cut in jobs for non-profits who had loans. Change in net assets proposed \$138,313. Net cash flow excess flow was \$87,755.
- Mrs. Tamez moved to approve the proposed action amended budget for 2018-2019. Mrs. Valencia seconded and the motion passed.
- See attachments

#### **6. Closed Session**

- Closed session began at 7:48 pm – 8:34pm

**7. Discuss and Discuss growth of Amigos Por Vida Public Charter School**

- Mrs. Valencia asked for a page of talking points which was given, she also provided edits.

**8. Review and Discuss APV's 990 Tax Return for Exempt Organizations for 2017-2018**

- This was sent to board members via email for electronic signatures
- Extension was filed that is due July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Board members noticed that the janitorial expenses were high. Mr. Dinkel stated that the supplies are what is expensive.
- The board had no objections to the tax return that will be filed as is.

**9. Review and Discuss Current Year (2018-2019) Certified Teacher Salaries**

- Mr. Dinkel stated that certified teachers are paid more than HISD. HISD has frozen their salaries and do not give a stipend anymore to ESL teachers.
- Mrs. Mukerji stated that APV does give stipends to teachers who are certified in ESL and bilingual. However, the bilingual stipend is given to those teachers who actually teach bilingual classes. Teachers do not get both.
- Bilingual \$3,500 stipend. Mr. Delgado explained the process of the bilingual certification tests. ESL gets a \$1,000.
- 2020-2021 numbers are subject to change accordingly.

**10. Legislative Update On School Funding Proposals**

- Mr. Dinkel explained that a \$5,000 raise is still being debated in Texas legislature. The House proposed a \$3,000 raise with \$2,000 being based on merit. However, due to pressure, they dropped the merit based. The Senate wants a \$5,000 for teachers and librarians, the House did not mention librarians only teachers. Additionally, the House Committee would want a raise for all staff except administrators along with Pre-K full day funding. \$890 per student funding increase.
- Both House and Senate recommend passing a \$9 billion spending bill. Both agree on property tax relief of \$2.7 billion.
- Texas State legislative session ends May 27, 2019
- TRS has an unfunded liability of 46 billion. The Senate plan would give retirees a check of no more than \$500 per month. The House Committee plan wants to give them a 13 month check of up to \$2,400

**11. Financial Update as of 3/31/2019**

- Original vs. Actual budget update was provided to the board; this is not with the amended budget.
- The school secretary position is still open and would start on August 1, 2019. Mr. Delgado stated that starting the position so late he runs the risk of losing candidates. Interviews have taken place.

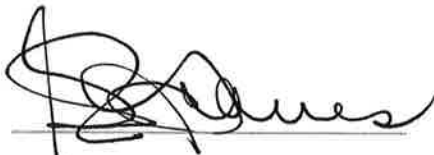
- Check register for March. Mrs. Mukerji stated that APV obtains their substitutes from Kelly Services which is an independent company with their own pool of subs.
- Bellwether Education Inc. Mr. Dinkel stated there is grant money that is pending and could offset that amount of \$5000.

#### **12. Miscellaneous**

- Mr. Delgado stated that all students are set to return for next year 2019-2020. The zip codes were bought for areas surrounding APV and postcards were sent out notifying the community that enrollment is open.
- Mold remediation bill is \$10,000 less than what was given in March. Mr. Dinkel stated he is still working on closing the account and was provided with an itemized invoice. The company was going to charge \$10,000 in sales tax, however, they have been provided with APV's documents on tax exemptions.

#### **13. Adjourn**

- Mrs. Valencia moved to adjourn and Mrs. Tamez seconded. Motion passed and the next meeting will be May 21 at 6:30pm



Silvia Graves, Board President



Lydia Tamez, Board Secretary