

Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.
d/b/a
Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
Everglades Preparatory Academy
Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School
Summerville Advantage Academy
Santa Fe Advantage Academy

Doral International Math and Science Academy (f/k/a Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Summerville)

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: The Charter School at Waterstone
January 7, 2016

Present at Meeting

Nathaniel Grasch – Chairman

Bassema Iskandarani - Board Member

Shirlynn Webb – Board Member

Dalila Ruiz – Board Member

Mike Strader – CSA

Victoria Ramos – Principal

Archalena Coats - Principal

Aimee Leyva – Principal

Yesenia Cantillo – Principal

Nancy Roque – Principal

Dr. Rebecca Valdes – Principal

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Nathaniel Grasch. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. However, an automobile accident on the turnpike delayed multiple participants and the meeting start was delayed.

A. Opening Exercises

Nathaniel Grasch, Board Chairman, asked if there were any changes or revisions to the prior meeting minutes. There being none, Nathaniel Grasch requested a motion to approve the Governing Board

meeting minutes and run both meetings (Advantage Academy of Miami and The Charter School at Waterstone) simultaneously. Bassema Iskandarani made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and run the two meetings simultaneously, Shirlynn Webb seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports

Because of the lengthy delay to the start of the meeting, Mr. Grascch asked each Principal to submit their Principal report to Mr. Strader via electronic media so the board may move ahead with other items on the agenda.

Title 1 – A presentation was made regarding Title 1 for PGPA, PGPA HS, EPA, EPA HS and SAA.

D. Information Items

Mr. Strader informed the board that any question from a board member may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced at any time. Each board member receives a comprehensive monthly financial report.

Mr. Strader presented information regarding the construction status and progress for the new school in Doral. Mr. Strader informed board members that enrollment marketing had started.

Mr. Strader spoke about the lease agreement between the board and the Doral school’s landlord. He indicated that the lease was being presented for consideration by the board and a copy of the lease had been delivered to each board member with other board back-up documents. Mr. Strader answered board questions regarding the lease and its similarities to other leases with the same landlord.

Mr. Strader asked board members if there were any questions regarding the management agreement between the board and Charter School Associates, Inc. for management of the new Doral charter school. Mr. Strader responded to board questions regarding the term and fee(s) described in the agreement. Mr. Strader informed the board that the agreement was the same as the other agreements between the Board and CSA.

E. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Strader introduced the two items on the consent agenda. They were the agreements and proposals from the last board meeting for each school under Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc. Also on the consent agenda were additional names and specific waiver requests for faculty at various schools including Everglades Preparatory Academy. These persons and waiver requests are detailed in the attached Exhibit A.

Mr. Grasc asked for a motion to approve the consent items. Bassema Iskandarani made a motion to approve the consent items per the agenda and Shirlynn Webb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

1. Board Members approved Ms. Socas as the Board Liaison for Everglades Prep High School.
2. Board Members were asked if there were questions regarding Title 1 funding received by the schools making a presentation and the use of that funding. Board Members were asked to make a motion to accept the Title 1 report(s) and the revised budget for each school. Bassema Iskandarani made a motion to approve the Title 1 reports as presented and Shirlynn Webb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
3. Mr. Strader asked if there were further questions regarding the Doral facility lease. There being no more questions, Mr. Strader asked the board to make a motion to approve the lease. Bassema Iskandarani made a motion to approve the lease as presented and authorize the board chair to sign the lease. Shirlynn Webb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
4. Mr. Strader asked if there were further questions regarding the education management agreement between the board and CSA. Mr. Grasc asked again about the similarities and if there were any differences between the proposed Doral agreement and others with the board. Mr. Strader indicated that the agreement was the same as the AAM schools with the exception of the school name and location. Bassema Iskandarani made a motion to approve the management agreement as presented and Shirlynn Webb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

G. Board Member Reports

Mr. Strader said Helena del Monte was sorry she was not able to make the meeting as she was out of the country.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm