

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

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

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Board of Governors**

**04/24/2018**

**The Board of Governors of the Amigos Por Vida – Friends for Life Charter School (“School”) met in a Regular meeting 04/24/2018 at the school, 5503 El Camino Del Rey Street, Houston, Texas 77081. The meeting notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act.**

**The Following Board Members were present:**

- **Silvia Graves, President**
- **Omar Velez, Vice- President**
- **Rose Mary Valencia, Board Member**

**Also present were:**

- **Freddy Delgado, Principal/Superintendent**
- **Bill Dinkel, Chief Financial Officer**
- **Kakoli Mukerji, Assistant Principal**
- **Maryury Fernandez, Assistant Principal**
- **Jessica Hernandez, School Secretary**

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Graves called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

**2. Hearing of Citizens**

There were no citizens present.

**3. School Updates**

Mr. Delgado explained the school updates. He began by informing the Board about our Texas Education Agency (TEA) school visit. He explained the process of their visit, in which they randomly chose teachers to interview, as well as an hour interview with himself. At the end of their visit, they seemed to be very impressed with our school and decided to set us up with a partnership with the Workforce Commission. Mr. Delgado stated that we are scheduled for a conference call to see what the partnership is about. Ms. Graves stated that

we didn't order any this year). Mr. Dinkel explained that the big savings is in lunches because we serve more lunches than breakfast. He stated that we saved about \$2K from last year. He moved on to explain the comparison page: last year's bid summary then this year from preferred meal service. He stated that it is still less than last years, only thing is that we want the current servers we have now. He explained that Preferred Meals is working with YES prep to prepare new options for meals because we still have a lot of food that goes to the trash. They will be providing more items per meal, but limited to what the kids like. He is recommended to extend contract for one more year. Ms. Valencia moved to extend another year, Mr. Velez seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **6. Discuss and Consider Teacher Retention Bonus**

Mr. Delgado started by stating that we want to try to keep our teachers. He stated that this (the Retention Bonus draft) is still in the grey area but it is based on how they (the teachers) perform. Mr. Delgado informed the Board members that the Retention Bonus Amount is tentative at the moment, something to show the teachers. He asked the Board Members for suggestions. Ms. Graves asked if this is something other charter schools offer? Mr. Delgado stated that they (other charter schools) have a hiring bonus on their contract in which if they stay a full year and meet the requirements, they are awarded that bonus. He explained that our teachers must meet a certain requirement to be able to qualify for the bonus. Mr. Delgado explained that we are offering more than HISD, and that roughly about 15 teachers will receive the bonus. Ms. Valencia moved to accept the Teacher Retention Bonus. Mr. Velez seconded. All were in favor, motion accepted.

#### **Information Items:**

#### **7. Financial Update as of 03/31/2018**

Mr. Dinkel started by stating that our cash as of 3/31/2018 is at \$2,707,000.00, it is down a little from last month but it is still more than what we started the fiscal year. One of the catches is that we had an April 1<sup>st</sup> payroll which was about \$80K. Ms. Valencia said we are doing good. Mr. Dinkel reviewed the statement with the Board members. He stated that individual checks down to \$100/check. "TRS" is the Memorial Hermann Health Insurance. Preferred Meal send a weekly invoice of about \$7000. There is a catch-up on Ambassador services. They sent us an invoice, which we had to send it back for adjustments, so we are paying the January invoice in March. Blessington Farms was a field trip that PK classes took and it is tied in to the curriculum. RTI supplies for RTI students. Region 4 checks, are for teachers that attend professional development. The Board Members stated that they are pleased with the statement overview. Mr. Dinkel presented the Actual vs Budget comparison as of 3/31/2018, we are currently 5% ahead of budget for the state attendance funding that we get. Total Revenue is about \$141,000 above budget. We are under budget for expenditures, and we are up under 1% for food purchases. We are over budget for plant maintenance, and that includes the air conditioning contractor transfer. He closed by informing that there was nothing way out of line. Mr. Dinkel asked if anyone had any questions? Ms. Valencia asked about our Fleece jackets, she wanted to know if we will we order some more. Mr. Delgado said yes, especially for the little ones. The Jacket is now part of the uniforms, but for the coming year we were looking into another style option, because the older kids seem to like

the hoodie version best. Ms. Valencia stated that she supports this, as long as we control what kind of hoodies.

### **8. New Business**

Mr. Delgado began by stating that he had reached out to Charter School Association, and they have agreed to meet on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. At this time, they will walk the building to see and discuss the information of requirements in order to expand our campus. He mentioned that he is just getting the information for what will be required and once the data has been collected, we will be able to present it to the Board. Ms. Graves asked about Art & Music Teacher? Mr. Delgado stated that we have a current music teacher on-board and we have an art company working with us. Ms. Graves added that we would like to see some type of performances throughout the year to show what the students' have been learning. Mr. Delgado informed her that this was the plan for the upcoming school year, adding that this is the first year the music teacher worked with the students and she has already put in place what programs they will be doing next year.

### **9. Adjourn**

Ms. Valencia moved to adjourn this Board Meeting. Mr. Velez seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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**Silvia Graves, Board President**

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**Lydia Tamez, Board Secretary**