

Twin Cities International Elementary School

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 3:21 pm, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Avenue North, Room 120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401.

Board Members Present: Mr. Abdikarim Mohamed, Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Ms. Christena Pulver, Mr. Osman Mohamed, Mr. Ibrahim Aden and Ms. Wesam Shaker.

Absent: Ms. Kristin Kjolsing, Ms. Jessica Wrobleski and Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Randal Eckart, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School. Mr. Tom Black, Authorizer Representative of Century College. Mr. Mohamed Aden, Business Representative for Twin Cities International Elementary School.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Authorizer Representative, Dr. Jim Gross. Mohamed Egeh, Business Manager for Twin Cities International Elementary School.

Also Present: Board Clerk Ms. Bethany Forsberg and Mr. Ali Muse

1.0 Open Meeting

Chair opened the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Chair acknowledged those present and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Approve Agenda

Time was given to review the agenda for the meeting.

No corrections were noted.

Ms. Christena Pulver made a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Abdirashid seconded.

Motion Carried.

3.0 Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on April 16, 2011

Time was given to review the minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on April 16, 2011.

No corrections were noted.

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Ms. Christena Pulver seconded.

Motion carried.

4.0 Treasurer's Report (10 min).

a. YTD-May 2011

This agenda item was tabled due to Mr. Abdurizak Hassan being absent.

The board will be updated with the treasurer's report at the meeting held in September 2011.

b. 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Mohamed Aden noted:

The revenue for the 2011-2012 school year will be split up into 3 categories: state aid, federal aid and local sources.

Most of the money TIES receives comes from the state which is projected to be \$6,995,474.

30% of this money will be held back by the state for the upcoming fiscal school year.

Exact numbers will be posted on the Minnesota Department of Education's website in September 2011.

TIES will be receiving \$1,950,223 from the state which will be given in installments throughout the year.

After the books are closed for the 2010-2011 school year, TIES has an estimated \$2,422,000 that will be left over to start the new fund balance for the 2011-2012 school year which begins on July 1st, 2011.

The projected fund balance for June 2012 is \$2,132,932.

TIES will revise its budget in 6 months as required by the state to allow for adjustments and new circumstances.

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 preliminary budget.

Ms. Christena Pulver seconded.

Motion carried.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Charter School Authorizer Remark's

Mr. Tom Black thanked the board for having him present at today's meeting.

Mr. Tom Black noted:

As Century College is approaching its last month of authorizing, he is having bittersweet emotions. On behalf of Dr. Jim Gross and himself, he feels thankful that the relationship between TIES and Century College has been very positive for both institutions and

believes that this positive relationship will carry over when Concordia College becomes the new authorizer. He is also saddened that this relationship has come to an end but wishes TIES, MIMS, Ubah Medical Academy and the community as a whole the best for the future.

5.2 Director's Report

Dr. Eckart reported:

The Star Scholar Assembly was held on June 3rd, 2011. Students from grades kindergarten-4th were recognized for their achievements. Approximately 85 awards were given out to students and roughly 25 parents were able to attend.

Kindergarten graduation will be held on Monday, June 6th, 2011 at 8:30a.m. Students will be given caps and gowns and will walk across a stage to receive their certificates. During the ceremony, there will also be music and a photo slide show displayed. Somali T.V. will attend to take pictures of the event which will be shown on their television channel.

Dr. Eckart projected that there will be a positive turnout and in order to accommodate for the large number of students and their families in attendance, the ceremony will be split up into two parts.

Dr. Eckart announced that almost all of TIES' 120 kindergarten students are reading above grade level, writing and journaling which he believes will positively impact later achievement especially in 3rd and 4th grade. He attributed the success to new brain research findings, a new teaching methodology and measuring student growth more accurately.

The Rotary Club also visited TIES recently to pass out dictionaries to all 3rd grade students.

Dr. Eckart noted that both playgrounds at TIES are surrounded by asphalt in order to cushion falls while students are playing. Unfortunately, one of the playgrounds at TIES was out of service last week due to repairs being done to the asphalt after surrounding gravel has worn holes into it. In order to prevent future repairs, Dr. Eckart is getting estimates on the cost of covering all of the gravel areas with asphalt and will bring back estimates to the board when they become available.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Update Board Goals

Ms. Christena Pulver noted that changes have been made to the current board goals with regard to updating the mandated policies for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading.

6.2 Annual Meeting

Ms. Christena Pulver stated that the annual meeting will be held today, June 4th, 2011 at 5:00p.m. in TIES' cafeteria. Ms. Bethany Forsberg, Mr. Ibrahim Aden and Ms. Wesam Shaker are running for the open teacher positions on the board during this election. She hoped that many community members would be able to attend.

6.3 Policy Committee

There were nine policies up for review:

Those included:

- 521 Form Student Disability Nondiscrimination (1st reading)
- 526 Hazing Prohibition (1st reading)
- 806 Crisis Management Policy (1st reading)
- 402 DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY(2nd reading)
- 522 STUDENT SEX NONDRISCRIMINTION (2nd reading)
- 616 SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY (2nd reading)
- 418-Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School (Final reading)
- 419-Tobacco-Free Environment (Final reading)
- 501-School Weapons Policy (Final reading)

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Approve Policies

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to adopt policies 418, 419 and 501.

Ms. Christena Pulver seconded.

Motion carried.

Ms. Christena Pulver made a motion to accept policies 521, 526, and 806 as 2nd readings and policies 402, 522 and 616 as 3rd readings for the meeting held in September 2011.

Mr. Osman Mohamed seconded.

Motion carried.

7.2 Approve 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget

The 2011-2012 preliminary budget was approved earlier in the meeting during the treasurer's report.

7.3 Approve Teacher(s) and Board member Resignation.

The Chair announced that one 4th grade teacher, two 2nd grade teachers and the reading specialist who is also a board member have resigned from their current positions.

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to approve the teachers and the board member resignations.

Mr. Osman Mohamed seconded.

Motion carried.

7.4 Approve 2011-2012 Board meeting schedule.

The board was given time to review the upcoming board meeting schedule for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Osman Mohamed made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 board meeting schedule.

Mr. Ibrahim Aden seconded.

Motion carried.

7.5 Renewal option for MN Charter School Association.

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to approve the renewal option for the MN Charter School Association.

Ms. Christena Pulver seconded.

Motion carried.

8.0 Old Business

No old business at this time.

11.0 Adjournment

Ms. Christena Pulver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:12p.m.

Mr. Ibrahim Aden seconded.

Motion carried.