

TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 15th, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

School Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Abdikarim Mohamed, Chair; Mandee Rickard; Kristin Kjolsing; Jessica Wrobleski, Abdirashid Warsame, Abdisamad Ibrahim; Ibrahim Aden, Secretary, Wesam Shaker.

Board Members Absent: Mohamoud Khalif

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Tom Black, Sponsor Representative from Century College; Randal Eckart, TIES Director, Abdihamid Geyre, Clerk

1. Open Meeting.

Mr. Abdikarim, the Chair, opens the meeting and expresses that he's looking forward to a new school year.

2. Approve Agenda.

Mandee proposes adding a Wellness Committee item to the agenda.

Chair adds the proposal as discussion item 6D.

Jessica proposes adding a Summer School Program Summary to the agenda.

Chair adds the proposal as discussion item 6E. He asks if there are any other proposal requests.

Abdisamad moves a motion to approve the agenda with revisions. Mandee seconds.

Motion carried.

3. Review minutes from previous meeting (2 min).

An error in names is found in items 5d and 6. Jessica is the correct name, not Kristin. Ibrahim, the Board Secretary, moves a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Abdisamad second it. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report (5 min).

Tabled due to the absence of Mohamed Egeh.

5. New Business.

a. Sponsors Remarks (10 min).

Mr. Black informs the Board that Dr. Felsheim has recently been promoted to the Vice President position at Hennepin Technical College. He notes that

"downturn in economy helped increase enrollment" at Century College, and that the school's vision is "Community of Students is our Future." Ron Anderson will fill Dr. Felsheim's position.

b. Director's Report (10 min)

Mr. Randal informs the Board about cleaning and painting that's been taking place within the school. Six teachers left TIES after the school year ended, all positions have since been replaced. Over the summer, Smartboards were installed in 3rd and 4th grades and additional installments of the innovative technology will take place in other grade levels in the future. The Director emphasizes that this move should improve the "educational outcome and performance of our students." He notes how this year teachers will have the ability to use 'Student Plans'? In addition to the Viewpoint software that will continue to be used to support the RtI model. Mr. Randal suggests that we begin taking a proactive approach to continue to progress into the 2009-2010 school year. He explains that individual needs will be addressed with individual interventions and utilized as part of a proactive approach. He reports to the Board that the student's MCA II performance improved from the previous year, but that our vision is to exceed the bar new tools that will be utilized. Mr. Randal mentions a need to purchase a van for transporting ill students, students who miss the bus, etc. Mr. Randal notes that some of the classrooms needed to be physically changed to accommodate the increasing number of students we serve. Following the report, Abdirashid suggests that we thank all of the teachers for their "hard work and excellent performance." Mr. Tom Black asks for the total number of faculty members at TIES. Mr. Randal responds by stating that TIES employs 86 faculty members, 43 are classroom teachers.

6. Discussion

a. Board Election Result

Abdikarim, calls on Ibrahim to give a brief report on the election results from the June 6th Annual Meeting. Ibrahim states that 86 total votes were collected and that Mr. Abdikarim received 80 of them. Board members congratulate Mr. Abdikarim for his re-election as TIES Board Chair.

b. Safety Committee

Board Chair suggests that the Safety Committee have a board member and teachers involved. Liability issues and injuries and how to keep the building safe would be the committee's top priorities. Randal informs the Board that the committee would meet four times a year, with minutes to be taken.

c. Return to Work Policy (First Reading)

Both Kristin and Randal will volunteer in the Return-to-Work committee. This insurance policy will have three readings. Mandee proposes a motion to approve Return-to-Work 1st draft reading. Jessica seconds. Motion carries.

d. Wellness Committee

The committee will meet before the next board meeting.

e. Summer School

Jessica debriefs on summer school program. With an average of 156 daily attendances, the session ran from June 15th to July 9th from 8am to 12pm. Math and reading were the main focus. Nine buses provided transportation. Breakfast and lunch was served. It was effective. Chair asks what curriculum was used. Jessica notes that the Options and Just Right Reading were used.

7. Action Items (10 min).

a. Teacher resignation.

Lacie is back to school, a new Human Resource Specialist has been hired to work with Lacie for a smooth transition. Kristin moves a motion to approve item 7a. Abdisamad seconds it. Motion carries.

b. Nomination of Board Officers

Chair says that the Board needs to elect a new chair, secretary, and finance committee. He calls on members to nominate or self-nominate.

Abdisamad moves a motion to nominate Abdikarim to continue as TIES Board Chair. Jessica seconds. Motion carries. Abdirashid moves a motion to nominate Kristin K as treasurer. Abdisamad seconds. Motion carries. Abdikarim nominates Ibrahim to continue as secretary. Abdisamad nominates Mandee for the secretary position. The board votes for the secretary position. Mandee gets 6 votes, Ibrahim 2. Abdisamad moves a motion that Mandee will be the board secretary. Kristin K. seconds. Motion carries.

8. Old Business.

There was no old business to be discussed.

9. Adjournment.

Abdirashid motions to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.