

Twin Cities International Elementary School

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at 10:40 am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Avenue North, Room 120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401.

Board Members Present: Mr. Abdikarim Mohamed, Ms. Kristin Kjolsing, Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Ms. Jessica Wroblewski, Mr. Ibrahim Aden, Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, Ms. Wesam Shaker, and Ms. Christena Pulver.

Absent: All board members present.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Randal Eckart, Director Twin Cities International Elementary School. Authorizer representative Dr. Jim Gross of Century College. Ali Muse, Assistant Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School. Mohamed Egeh, Financial Accountant for Twin Cities International Elementary School.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: All ex-officio members present.

Also Present: Board Clerk Ms. Bethany Forsberg and Mr. Abdullah

1.0 Open Meeting

Chair opened the meeting at 10:40 am.

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.

3 corrections were noted.

Ms. Kjolsing moved to approve the agenda with the three corrections as noted.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion Carried.

3.0 Minutes from the previous meeting of June 5, 2010

Time was given to review last month's minutes.

1 correction was noted.

Ms. Wroblewski moved to accept the minutes from last month with the correction as noted.

Mr. Abdikarim seconded.

Motion carried.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Mohamed Egeh noted that our current enrollment is 579 students as of September 17, 2010. This is a higher number of students than our projected enrollment of 570. Total revenue to date is \$6,633,000 with a total expenditure of 14%. This is 3% lower than the projected expenditure of 17%.

Mr. Mohamed Egeh remarked that TIES is in good financial standing even with the increase in the state's holdback amount from 27% to 30%.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Charter School Authorizer Remarks

Chair thanked Jim Gross, authorizer representative from Century College, for attending the meeting.

Jim Gross noted:

There is a 3.6% increase in enrollment at Century College this school year.

Century College is voluntarily resigning as the authorizer/sponsor of TIES due to the new laws in legislation that began in May 2009 and will take effect in June 2011.

Century College's sponsorship of TIES will end as of June 30, 2011.

A draft of the non-renewal form was presented to board members.

Century College will waive their authorizer fees for the 2010-2011 school year as the transition for a new authorizer begins.

Century College will assist TIES in recruiting a new authorizer to take over when their contract is finished.

Dr. Gross asked that all media questions be directed to himself or the public relations office at Century College.

When TIES is concerned, all media questions should be directed to the Chair or the director.

6.0 Director's Report

Dr. Eckart reported:

6.1 Student Attendance

As of September 17, 2010, 579 students were enrolled at TIES which is an increase from the projected enrollment of 570.

Mr. Ali Muse noted that students currently on the wait list will begin to be accommodated on a first come basis as the 15 day drop list takes effect.

Currently, TIES is unable to take whole families due to the high numbers of students enrolled in the intermediate grades.

Dr. Eckart and Mr. Ali believe that TIES will reach student capacity as the school year continues.

6.2 AYP Participation:

TIES made AYP in Reading and Math.

TIES will continue to focus on both areas with an emphasis on Reading to meet the standards and expectations set for 2014.

MN Post wrote an article on seven schools that beat the odds and TIES was included. Article is available online.

6.3 School Remodeling

Renovations to the school office were made during July and August of 2010 in order to create a room where parents and administration can meet and discuss privately.

6.5 Incorporation of a New Reading Program

Dr. Eckart discussed the implementation of the new Reading Buddies program between kindergarten and 4th grade students.

The program allows 4th grade students to visit kindergarten students every Friday to read to them and discuss books.

6.7 Educational Assistance Support

Dr. Eckart noted the resignation of one educational assistant. The open position is currently posted on TIES' website to seek out potential employee candidates.

Due to the enrollment of a student with special needs, TIES will now be hiring an additional educational assistant for the 2010-2011 school year.

The salaries for these two new employees will not impact the 2010-2011 budget since the money will come from state and federal funding.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Board Officer's Nominations

7.1.0 Chair

Mr. Abdisamad made a motion to re-elect Mr. Abdikarim.

Ms. Kjolsing seconded.

Motion carried.

7.1.1 Treasurer

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to re-elect Ms. Kristin Kjolsing.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

7.1.2 Secretary

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to nominate Ms. Jessica Wrobleski.

Ms. Jessica Wrobleski made a motion to nominate Ms. Christena Pulver.

Mr. Abdirashid seconded the motion to nominate Ms Christena Pulver.

Motion carried.

7.1.3 Policy Committee

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to re-elect Ms. Jessica Wrobleski and nominate Ms. Kristin Kjolsing and Mr. Ibrahim Aden.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

7.2 Business Manager's Contract

No changes were made to the Business Manager's contract.

Ms. Jessica Wrobleski made a motion to approve the Business Manager's contract.

Mr. Ibrahim seconded.

Motion carried.

7.3 Annual Report

Board members reviewed annual report.

Ms. Kristin Kjolsing made a motion to approve the submission of the annual report to the Minnesota Department of Education.

Ms. Jessica Wrobleski seconded.

Motion carried.

7.4 Appoint Board Clerk

Ms. Kristin Kjolsing made a motion to approve Ms. Bethany Forsberg as Board Clerk.

Mr. Abdirashid seconded.

Motion carried.

7.5 Update Board Roster

Time was given to update the board roster to reflect changes in phone numbers, email addresses, and newly elected positions.

8.0 Old Business.

No old business at this time.

9.0 Adjournment.

Ms. Kjolsing moved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Ms. Jessica Wrobleski seconded.

Motion carried.