

TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 10th, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

School Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Abdikarim Mohamed, Chair; Mandee Rickard, Secretary; Kristin Kjolsing, Treasurer; Jessica Wroblecki, Abdirashid Warsame, Abdisamad Ibrahim; Mohamoud Khalif; Wesam Shaker.

Board Members Absent:

Ibrahim Aden

Ex-Officio Members Present:

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

1. Open Meeting.

Mr. Abdikarim, the Chair, opens the meeting at 10:40 am.

2. Approve Agenda.

4a. Tabled.

4b. 2009 changed to 2010.

3b. October 2009 changed to September 2009.

5a. Revise as Charter Authorizer Remarks

5c. Tabled due to Ms. Kelli Wilson being ill.

Abdisamad moves a motion to approve today's agenda with the changes. Kristin seconds. Motion carries.

3. Review minutes from previous meeting - August 15th, 2009 & September 12th, 2009.

a. August 15th, 2009-

Wesam states that she was present on August 15th, 2009. Jessica suggests some grammatical corrections. Revisions to 7b are as follows: 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.

Mandee moves a motion to approve August 15th minutes with the revisions and grammatical corrections. Abdisamad seconds. Motion carries.

b. September 12th, 2009-

Kristin moves a motion to approve the minutes from September 12th, 2009. Mandee seconds. Motion carries.

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Tabled.

b. Mohamed Egeh explains that enrollment has decreased to 564 students. The original ADM was 590. The revised budget ADM is 550. This is a loss of 40 ADM, which amounts to about \$408,000.00. A total of \$100,000.00 is being returned to TIES from Erate. There have been no changes in F.T.E.'s. The homework help centers have been eliminated and are being replaced by the After School Program offsite. Mr. Randal stated that we are trying to keep the program onsite and would like to align it with Title One. Reductions have been made in the areas that will have the least amount of impact on our students. With the reductions that have been made there is still a deficit of \$64,000.00.

Abdirashid states that we have had a healthy enrollment, which has helped up maintain a healthy fund balance. Mr. Black adds, "it is commendable that we are making in-depth cuts to be prepared for the hold-backs from MDE."

Abdikarim appoints Mohamoud Kalif to continue the meeting as board chair. Abdikarim needs to leave early due to illness.

5. New Business.

a. Sponsors Remarks

PaKu Veng is unable to attend today's meeting due to a death in the family. Mark Felsheim's replacement will be interviewed on Monday. They hope to have the position filled within the month. Mr. Black states that he attended the MAC Quarterly Meeting on September 29th, 2009. He feels that the next 15 months will be a very dangerous time for charters. Mr. Black also adds that the hold-back in 2003 took 6 years to payback. So the 27% could take a long time to be repaid. He cautions charters who are taking out lines of credit from certain lenders. As of June 2011, Century College will be "in-training" for the new authorizer regulations. Mr. Black concluded his remarks with reference to Joe Nathan and the Federal Stimulus for School Improvements from the Obama

Administration. He said that enrollment in charters have increased from 1,900 students in 2001 to over 9,000 in 2009.

b. Director's Report

Mr. Randal informs the Board that he will be meeting with the staff to discuss the budget revisions and what the impact will be on teachers. He will also update the teachers on their healthcare benefits which stayed the same, but cost TIES and additional \$77,000.00. Mr. Randal adds that we have switched brokers for the future and we are working towards a better deal for next year. Mr. Randal states that TIES is spending \$55,000.00 on subs per year, so the teacher incentive program has been eliminated. He will be asking teachers to try and reduce their usage of electronics and lighting when students are not present. Mr. Randal announced that students are better-behaved this year throughout the school, but our weakness is the busses. TIES is also being monitored for Special Education this year. MDE will be visiting our school and interviewing teachers, students, parents, etc... The Flu Clinic was offered on October 7th, 2009. However, there were only a total of 30 vaccinations available and our healthcare provider is out. Staff can go to a drug store to receive their vaccinations if they would like to. It is unknown when more will be available. Picture Day was October 5th, 2009. Bus Safety and Evacuations took place on September 29th, 2009. There is a consultant working with our food service to make more improvements. Our security guard position was filled by a community member.

Abdisamad expressed his concern about the playground. He would like safety on the playground to be noticed.

c. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report
Tabled due to illness of Ms. Kelli Wilson.

6. Discussion.

- a. Mandee moves a motion to approve the Return to Work policy. Kristin seconds. Motion carries.
- b. Wellness Committee: The breakfast and lunch menu will be available to parents, students, staff, etc... on the website.
- c. Write Board Goals 2009-2010.
Tabled.

7. Action Items.

a. Annual Report 2008-2009

A hard copy and electronic copy was sent to Dave Hartman at MDE, Paku Veng at Century College, and Tom Black at Century College. The summary of 2008-2009 is available to the public online. Abdiradshid moves a motion to approve the Annual Report for 2008-2009. Mohamoud seconds. Motion carries.

b. Revised Budget 2009-2010

Abdiradshid moves a motion to approve the revised budget for 2009-2010. Mandee seconds. Motion carries.

c. Redistribution of remaining dollars in the tuition reimbursement fund, effective May 1st, 2010, based on today's revised budget cuts.

Kristin moves a motion to approve the redistribution of remaining dollars in the tuition reimbursement fund, effective May 1st, 2010, based on today's revised budget cuts. Abdirashid seconds. Motion carries.

d. Board rescinds the employee attendance incentive program.

Abdiradshid moves a motion to approve the Board rescinding the employee attendance incentive program. Mohamoud seconds. Motion carries.

e. Motion carried in 6a.

f. Handbook 2009-2010.

Mandee moves a motion to approve the 2009-2010 handbook. Kristin seconds. Motion carries.

g. Contact person for the Title AMAO Improvement Plan - Curriculum Director

Abdirashid moves a motion to approve the contact person for the Title AMAO Improvement Plan to be the Curriculum Director with explanation of AMAO. Kristin seconds. Motion carries.

h. Termination of teacher.

Mohamoud moves a motion to approve the termination of a teacher. Kristin seconds. Motion carries.

8. Old Business.

There was no old business to be discussed.

9. Adjournment.

Kristin moves a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mandee seconds. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.