

# TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Regular Board Meeting  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 10:30 a.m.  
International Education Center, Room 120

## **Board Members Present:**

Abdirashid Warsame; Mandee Rickard, secretary; Abdisamad Ibrahim, Kristin Kjolsing; treasurer, Jessica Wrobleski

## **Board Members Absent:**

Mahmoud Kalif Ahmed, Abdikarim Mohamed; chair, Wesam Shaker, Ibrahim Aden

## **Ex-Officio:**

Kelley Booth; clerk, Tom Black, Mohamed Egeh

## **Guests:**

Abdullah Mohamed, Ali Muse

## **Call of Order:**

10:45 a.m.

Kristin is acting as board chair by the request of Abdikarim due to his absence.

## **Agenda:**

- Add 2008-2009 Revised Budget to item 4a and 8e.
- Add cash receipts to item 5, a, v.
- Item 6b is tabled.
- Mandee moved a motion to approve the revised agenda, Abdisamad second it, motion carried.

## **Review Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

- Under Director's Report on the last bullet, Mandee is waiting to get the percents from Kelli Wilson and they will be added to the minutes.
- Jessica moved a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting, Abdisamad second it, motion carried.

## **Business Manager Report:**

- Mohamed Egeh stated that this is the first revision of the budget for the 2008-2009 school year.
- The board would like to see communication between the administration and staff regarding Special Education Department.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Our budget is currently tracking well under 42%. The bank statements are available with the Treasurer for viewing. The other statements are included with the YTD report at each board meeting. It was suggested that the reports be given to board members prior to the board meeting so that members can come to each meeting with questions for Mohamed. Mohamed

agreed to email Mandee the reports prior to each meeting. Mandee moved a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jessica second it, motion carried.

### **Year-to-Date Spending:**

The year-to-date spending was as follows:

Total Revenue: \$2,616,347

Total Expenditures: \$2,554,916

General Fund Profit (Loss): \$61,431

Food Service Revenue: \$131,494

Food Service Expenditures: \$121,798

Food Service Fund Profit (Loss): \$9,696

### **New Business:**

#### A. Sponsor's Report

- Tom Black was present at the meeting on behalf of Century College. Mark had a family activity today and that is why Tom is here in his place. Tom stated that Century College attending a meeting for sponsor's and at the meeting questions arose on whether or not sponsors were responsible for charter schools financially. Abdisamad recommended that Tom advocate for charter schools at those meetings and especially for this charter school.

#### B. Director's Report

- Tabled

### **Discussion Items:**

- A. Incentive Programs: There has been a lot of research done on this topic. The board has decided, after hearing many different ideas, on the following incentive program; Each staff member would still be able to roll over 5 sick days for the next year and for each additional day un-used, the staff member would be paid out \$50.00 at the end of the year. There will also be both student and staff appreciation for perfect attendance each month. How this will be done will be worked out at the committee level.
- B. Bylaws: Abdirashid contacted some charter schools in the area and none of them have school board stipends. He also contacted the Charter School Association and they said that it was up to the school board if they wanted to pay the members.
- C. First Readings: School Medication Policy-516 and Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds-532. This is the first reading on these policies. Please send any comments or suggestions to the policy committee members. The staff received training from the health nurse on the Medication Policy. These policies are mandatory policies that have not been updated and/or adopted.
- D. Crisis Management Policy-806: This policy was given by the Minnesota School Board Association. The only changes made were putting our name on it and changing principal to director.

- E. Board Goals: The national school board training will be held in California this year. Mandee will be speaking with Abdikarim to find out if the board should send anyone to this training. Great things have been said about this training. Mandee is missing Abdisamad's profile for the website. The approved policies have been updated. Math and Social Studies curriculum has been listed as accomplished. School board procedure has also been added to the board goals.

**Action Items:**

- A. Incentive Program: Jessica moved a motion to approve the incentive program, Mandee second it, motion carried
- B. Bylaws: Mandee moved a motion to approve the change of the bylaws to include board stipends, Jessica second it, motion carried. Abdirashid opposed the motion.
- C. School Board Budget: Mandee moved a motion to approve the school board budget, Jessica second it, motion carried. Abdirashid and Abdisamad opposed the motion.
- D. Crisis Management Policy: Jessica moved a motion to approve the Crisis Management Policy, Abdirashid second it, motion carried.
- E. 2008-2009 Revised Budget: Mandee moved a motion to approve the balanced 2008-2009 revised budget, Jessica second it, motion carried. Abdirashid and Abdisamad opposed the motion.
- Abdirashid would like the minutes to reflect his reasoning behind his opposition to action items B, C and E:
    - i. The crisis in the state of Minnesota regarding the education budget.
    - ii. The fact that the bylaws have been in existence for 8 years and the only reason for change is to include a board stipend.
  - Kristin would also like the minutes to reflect that any part of the revised budget may be revisited.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Adjournment:**

Mandee moved a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jessica second it, motion carried. 1:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 10:30 a.m.**