

**Twin Cities International Elementary School
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:30am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #126, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Mr. Faysal Ali, Community Representative Mr. Abdirizak Hassan, Teacher Representative Ms. Wesam Shaker, and Teacher Representative Ms. Shannon Pepper.

ABSENT: Chair Ms. Marian Aden, Community Representative Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim

RESIGNED: Teacher Representative Mr. Ibrahim Aden

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Member Mr. Abdirashid Warsame

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Justie Vavra, Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah, Kelli Smith

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Faysal opened the meeting at 10:36 am. Mr. Faysal acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Mr. Faysal acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Ms. Shannon motioned for the Agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes from the Previous Meetings of February 11, 2017

Ms. Shannon motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2017 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of February 11, 2017

No Business Arising from the Minutes of February 11, 2017.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July 2016-February 2017 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July 2016- February 2017 YTD Report.

The board discussed enrollment and how that effects the TIES budget, including the fact that we get our funds based on October 1 enrollment. Also the board discussed benefits and how the cost is increasing along with bus companies who are charging more for transportation. The school do not have a lot of options with bussing and are forced to pay what is being asked.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the July 2016-February 2017 YTD report to be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

8.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

Directors Notes 3-11-17

1. Student Enrollment is 618.
2. Trimester II was finished on Friday. Report Cards will go home to families on Friday the 17th of March.
3. MDE will be at school next week for the Food and Nutrition audit.
4. We have completed the ACCESS for ELs test domains of Reading, Listening and Writing. We are mostly complete with Speaking and the Kindergarten ACCESS tests and should finish up the middle of next week.
5. **PUC GOAL:** Parent Teacher Conferences for the winter were held on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 2-8 pm and on Friday, Feb. 3 from 8-12pm. Attendance for conferences was 97.2%
6. February was 'I Love to Read' month and this year our theme was "Reading with the Book Stars". We had a closing assembly on Tuesday Feb. 28th and the students were treated to staff members dressing up as famous characters from literature and having a fluency contest with a student grade level representative. We also gave each student a book to take home as part of the events last month.
7. We have started our committee for Science curriculum adoption in conjunction with MIMS so our programs can be aligned. We have met as a TIES staff and will hold a joint meeting next Wednesday from 3-4 pm. We hope to have a recommendation and cost proposal to the boards in April.
8. Spring Break is coming up the week of March 27-31, 2017.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for Directors Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items

9.1 First Policy Readings for the month of March 2017

9.1.1 210.1 Conflict of Interest

9.1.2 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety

9.1.3 531 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Shannon motioned for Policies 210.1, 524, 531 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of March 2017

9.2.1 208 Development Adoption and Implementation of Policies

9.2.2 514 Bullying Prohibition

9.2.3 516 Student Medication

Ms. Shannon motioned for Policies 208, 514, and 516 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 Appoint ABC Board Members

TIES needs to appoint 3 board members to create a board to work on this project- we need an active board to work with our lawyers. We want to appoint members who are dependable and will make sure the project is progressing. The School boards would like to appoint: Abdullahi Samatar, Musa Farah, and Maimuna Muse.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for these 3 individuals to be appointed to be ABC Board Members. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.4 Authorize for the board chair and school director to work with attorney Craig A. Kepler (attorney previously appointed by the board) to negotiate and secure a purchase agreement with the current landlord.

This is going to be a large project and we need to have the right people on this ABC board. The school board would like to make the final approval on all major decisions involved in this project and would like him to come to board meetings and present periodically. Mr. Greg will come to the next board meeting and explain more details.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for approval for the board chair and school director to work with attorney Craig A. Kepler (attorney previously appointed by the board) to negotiate and secure a purchase agreement with the current landlord. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.5 Authorize for the business manager and school director to select and work with ABC funders.

Ms. Shannon motioned for the business manager and school director to select and work with ABC funders. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.6 Board Goals

9.6.1 Academic Goals- There are no MCA updates to report at this time.

9.6.2 Non-Academic Goals- the Director Report gave detailed updates on the progress of Non-Academic Goals.

9.7 District Calendars

Ms. Kelli presented the tentative 2017-2018 District Calendars.

Ms. Shannon motioned for the 2017-2018 District Calendars to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.0 Adjournment

Ms. Shannon motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 11:35 am. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.