

TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, March 14th, 2009, at 10:45 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. Abdisamad Ibrahim, and Ms. Mandee Rickard.

Absent: Mr. Ibrahim Aden

Ex-officio members present: Dr. Randal Eckart, Director Twin Cities International Elementary School. Mohamed Egeh, Business Manager for Twin Cities International Elementary School. Mark Felghar.

Also Present: Mr. Scott Brown, Ms. Kelli Wilson, and Mr. Abdullah

1. Open Meeting.

Chair opened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda.

Time was given to review the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes as noted.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

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

Time was given to review last month's minutes.

Ms. Kristin Kjolsing made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections as noted.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

4. Business Manager Report (15 min.)

5. Treasurer's Report (5 min.)

a. February 2009

i. YTD report

ii. January/February billing statements

iii. January/February bank statements

iv. Approval of report.

Mr. Abdisamad made a motion to approve the February 2009 Year to Date report.

Ms. Mandee seconded.

Motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Audit report from Larson Allen (10 min.)

Mr. Scott Brown noted that TIES was not in compliance with the federal guidelines for free and reduced lunches.

Students were not properly identified last year and if TIES is audited, it could be fined.

7. Discussion

a. Filling of Clerk position (1 min.)

TIES is still looking within its organization for someone to fill the Clerk position on the school board.

b. Resignation of School Board Secretary (1 min.)

c. Nomination of School Board Secretary (5 min.)

d. Adopt a policy for gifted and talented acceleration (10 min.)

Currently, TIES is allotting \$12 per child for gifted and talented acceleration.

e. Changed to tuition reimbursement for EA's (10 min.)

TIES will create specific guidelines on who qualifies for tuition reimbursement.

The committee that will create these guidelines will include: Dr. Randal Eckart, Mr. Abdirashid, and Ms. Kristin Kjolsing.

f. Final readings (5 min.)

i. School Medication Policy -516

Ms. Mandee made a motion to approve the school Medication Policy – 516.

Ms. Kristin Kjolsing seconded.

Motion carried.

ii. Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds -532.

Board decided to table this policy at this time.

g. 2009-2010 School Year Calendar (10 min.)

Ms. Kristin Kjolsing made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar.

Ms. Jessica Wroblewski seconded.

Motion carried.

h. Update Board Goals 2008-2009 (5 min.)

Ms. Mandee made a motion to take a break at 1:10 p.m. and reopen the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Ms. Kristin seconded.

Motion carried.

8. Closed session for purpose of evaluating the director (15 min.)

9. Action Items (10 min.)

Next meeting will be held on April 28th, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

Board will approve a new policy committee at the April board meeting.

a. Renewal of director's contract.

Mr. Abdirashid made a motion to renew Dr. Randal Eckart's contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

A summary Dr. Randal Eckart's evaluation will be presented at the next board meeting held in April.

b. Renew ISES Contract for Special Education Director.

Ms. Mandee made a motion to renew the ISES Contract for Special Education Director.

Ms. Kristin seconded.

Motion carried.

c. Resignation of Ruchi Sharma, ESL Teacher

Ms. Mandee made a motion to accept the resignation of Ruchi Sharma who is an ESL teacher at TIES.

Ms. Kristin seconded.

Motion carried.

d. 2009-2010 School Year Calendar

The 2009-2010 School Year Calendar was approved during the discussion portion of the board meeting.

e. Tuition reimbursement for EA's enrolled in teacher licensure program

Board decided to table this action item at this time.

f. School Board Secretary position

g. School Closures

Ms. Mandee made a motion to keep the 2008-2009 school year calendars the same and not make up the snow days.

Ms. Jessica seconded.

Motion carried.

h. Final readings:

i. School Medication Policy

ii. Use of Peace officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds-532

Board decided to table this policy at this time.

10. Old Business.

No old business at this time.

11. Adjournment.

Ms. Kristin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Mr. Abdirashid seconded.

Motion carried.