

Twin Cities International Elementary School

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at 10:39 am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Avenue North, Room 120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401.

Board Members Present: Mr. Abdikarim Mohamed, Ms Kristin Kjolsing, Ms Mande Rickard, Mr. Ibrahim Aden, Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Ms. Jessica Wroblewski, Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, and Mr. Abdirizak Hassan.

Absent: Ms Wesam Shaker and Mr. Mohamoud Khalif.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Authorizer representative Mr. Tom Black of Century College and Dr. Randal Eckart Director of the Minnesota International Elementary School.

Also Present: Board Clerk Ms Tena Pulver, Mr. Abdullah, and Mr. Ali.

1.0 Open Meeting

Chair opened the meeting at 10:39 am.

Chair acknowledged those absent from today's meeting.

2.0 Approve Agenda

Ms. Kjolsing moved to approve the agenda.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion Carried.

3.0 Minutes from the previous meeting of February 20, 2010

Time was given to review last month's minutes

Ms. Kjolsing moved to accept the minutes from last month with the spelling corrections as noted.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

4.0 Financial Report

The Chair welcomed Mr. Abdirizak to present the year to date report (and further comments respective to budgetary needs).

4.1 YTD Report, most recent billing statements and accounts information with recommendations as needed.

Mr. Abdirizak reported:

Report was given to date from July to April 2010 with 550 ADM.
Expenditures are tracking very close to budget with \$781,000 at 84%.
Below the target expenditure budget.

Chair thanked Mr. Abdirizak and again asked for any questions.

Mr. Abdirashid moved the motion to accept the YTD budget report.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. Abdirizak was excused to find the answers the board's questions.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Authorizer's Report

Charter School Authorizer Remark's:

Mr. Tom Black reported:

5.1.0 Century College had their graduation ceremony at Aldrich Arena with 1,400 students graduating this year.

5.1.2 Mr. Black attended the MAC Charter School Association open house on May 5th. The building is located across the street from the State Capitol on the 10th floor of the Kelley Inn Hotel.

5.1.3 Mr. Black noted that school districts have been on the TV and in the media regarding resolving budgets.

5.1.4 Mr. Black noted his anticipation of the upcoming annual meeting on the 22nd of May.

5.2 Director's Report.

Dr. Eckart reported:

5.2.0 The summer school program will serve roughly 200 students this summer.

Invitations have been sent out to families and students.

Summer school begins on June 14th and continues until July 8th.

There will be no summer school on July 5th due to the holiday.

5.2.1 End of the year testing is currently taking place:

-LAS Links

- Dibels

- NWEA math and reading

5.2.2 Report cards will be mailed home soon.

5.2.3 Field Day will take place on June 2nd.

5.2.4 The school board annual meeting will take place on Saturday, May 22nd at 5pm.

5.2.5 Special Education on site monitoring will be taking place on May 17th.

5.2.6 On May 10th, the Educational Assistants at TIES did a presentation to grade level teams based on the staff development they have been studying this last school year.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 After School Program

Ms. Wroblewski reported her summary findings based on the survey she had staff and parents take regarding the summer school program.

Survey Findings:

Parents expressed wanting to increase the number of support days or hours to offer more help.

100% of parents were satisfied with the program and felt their child's academics improved through the use of the program.

Teachers expressed difficulty in having time to prepare lessons

Teachers reported the program's focus was aimed

The program started on December 10th and ran through April 29th.

6 sites were utilized:

Including 10 teachers

15 educational assistants

And 2 lead staff.

6.2 Update Board Goals

Ms. Rickard noted updated policy changes on the board goals.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Abdirizak reported:

Based on 570 ADM (average daily membership)

Revenues- There is a food deficit for those students that don't qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Expenditures- fund balance is at 26%.

Dr. Eckart reported:

Additions and Reductions

Finance committee and administrative team looked at reductions and additions to the budget based on the following:

Gifted and Talented classes are being added to meet the needs of our highest achieving students.

½ hour intervention block time has been added for grades 1st -4th, to focus on increasing achievement in reading and math.

Each school day will gain an additional ½ hour.

2 additional days have been added to the 2010-2011 school calendars.

In order to accomplish these goals, with limited space, and providing a balanced budget to the board we will be dropping from 6 to 5 section in K-2, 1 prep position, and 1 EA position, plus the HR position for a total of 6.0 FTE reduction in staffing amounting to \$300,000.

Tuition reimbursement program reduced for a total amounting to \$15,000.
Add 1.0 FTE in gifted and talented teacher estimated cost \$50,000 including benefits.
Adding a 0.4 FTE benefits consultant, for an estimated cost of \$15,000 which will be outsourced without benefits.
We will be Expanding our homework help centers with regard to time of service at our 7 existing sites and adding another day (M,W,F) with a total amounting to \$80,000
Arabic program funding increased by \$2,000
Smart boards will be added in each classroom with a total amounting to \$16,000
Additional cost for substitute teachers being added with a total amounting to \$15,000
2% cost of living increase added on to salaries with a total amounting to \$76,245
Benefits estimated to increase by 11%

This is a key strategy for continued success.

7.2 2010-2011 MACS Contract

Dr. Eckart presented:

The cost of the contract is roughly \$5,000.

\$4,753 is the total cost if the amount is paid in a onetime payment.

With the contract TIES is offered legislative input.

MACS lobby for charter schools.

The program is also approved to grant teacher license renewal through them.

Ms. Rickard moved a motion to accept the MACS contract.

Mr. Abdisamad seconded.

Motion carried.

7.3 2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule

Presented to the board by Ms. Rickard

Ms. Kjolsing moved to accept the 2010-2011 board meeting schedule.

Ms. Wrobleski seconded.

Motion carried.

7.4 Policy Readings

Final reading

Title I Parent Involvement Policy:

Ms. Kjolsing moved a motion at adopt the Title I Parent Involvement Policy.

Ms. Rickard seconded.

Motion carried.

Policy 524- Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Internet Use Agreement.

Additions were added to page 4 as noted by Ms. Wrobleski.

Portions will be included in the staff handbook.

Last page will be omitted, in its place TIES will use the current document that parents and teachers sign with reference to the entire policy.

Ms. Rickard moved to accept policy 524 as final with noted changes.

Ms. Kjolsing seconded.

Motion carried.

8.0 Old Business.

No old business at this time.

9.0 Adjournment.

Ms. Kjolsing moved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 pm.

Ms. Wrobleski seconded. Motion carried.