

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

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 10:30am, at  
the International Education Center, 277 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Room #120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Ms. Marian Aden, Treasurer Mr. Faysal Ali, Teacher Representative Member Ms. Wesam Shaker and Community Representative Member Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim.

**ABSENT:** Teacher Representative Member Mr. Ibrahim Aden, Teacher Representative Member Ms. Christel Watson and Community Representative Member Mr. Abdulkadir Salah.

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ex-Officio Member Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School and Authorizer Representative Mr. George Lillquist.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Patti Kronk, Mr. Ali Muse, Ms. Kelli Smith, Mr. Mohamed Egeh and Mr. Mohammed Osman.

### **1.0 Welcome and Member Contact Detail Confirmation**

Chair opened the meeting at 10:39am. The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

### **2.0 Open Agenda**

Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting, no public questions or comments were posed to the Board.

### **3.0 Approve Agenda**

Mr. Faysal motioned for the Agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **4.0 Minutes from the previous regular Board Meeting held on September 20, 2014.**

Mr. Faysal motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2014 to be approved with the following changes; 2.0 Mr. Abdirashid did not vote, as he is an Ex-Officio. The motion was seconded to endorse the meeting minutes of September 20, 2014 and the motion carried.

### **5.0 Treasurer's Report**

#### **a. July, 2014-September, 2014**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Mohamed Egeh to present the July-September, 2014 YTD Budget.

Mr. Mohamed reviewed each line item in detail, further noted the benchmark of 25% for projected revenue and expenditure. Total Revenue received was \$1,355,309 while tracking at 19%. Revenue received is 6% lower than projection. The year-to-date Expenditures are \$1,561,938 while tracking at 22%, which is 3% lower than projection. Mr. Mohamed noted that the Fund Balance is 38%. Budget based on 585 ADM.

Mr. Abdisamad motioned that the Treasurer's Report for July-September, 2014 YTD be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **6.0 New Business:**

### **6.1 Authorizer's Report**

Mr. George, Concordia University Authorizer Representative Reported:

- a. Congratulated Twin Cities International Elementary School for once again, being a celebration eligible school.
- b. Attended 2 meetings regarding the process for new Authorizers. Mr. George stated three (3) Authorizers were currently interested in Twin Cities International Elementary School; Pillsbury United Communities, St. Thomas and IQS.
- c. Met with Cindy Murphy to discuss the responsibilities of Concordia University for the transfer of authorizer's. Mr. George discussed the report that will have to be completed by Concordia for submittal to the new Authorizer. Information will be generated from Financial Reports, test scores, success or failure of goals, etc.
- d. MDE has 125 days to process Authorizer's Report, therefore, the report should be received by January 30, 2014 in order for approval of a July 1, 2015 begin date. Mr. George will meet with Mr. Abdirashid and Ms. Kelli to discuss further.

### **6.2 Director's Report**

Mr. Abdirashid Reported:

- a. Enrollment is 604
- b. TIES has been designated as a Celebration Eligible school based on the 2013-14 MMR & FR ratings. We will be applying for Celebration Status by the end of October.
- c. The 2013-2014 MMR & FR ratings are updated in the Annual Report which we are asking you to approve the amended version of today. MMR is 80.49% and FR is 69.11%. These ratings are a two year average.
- d. Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are next week on Tuesday from 2-8pm. We have an early dismissal day on Tuesday.
- e. We have met with two different potential Authorizers in the past two weeks. Bob Wedl, with IQS (Innovative Quality Schools) and Antonio Cardona, with Pillsbury United. Based on several conversations, it looks like IQS only has the capacity to take one school and our three sister schools would like to stay together with the same authorizer. Pillsbury United appears to have the capacity to take the three schools.

The mission of Pillsbury is as follows:

Pillsbury United Communities sponsors, guides and encourages charter schools that align with our mission, vision and values, as well as meet our sponsorship criteria, including:

- A focus on learning
- Commitment to diversity
- Fulfilling an unmet need in the community
- Having a qualified development team and staff

Pillsbury United Communities' primary role as an Authorizer is to provide oversight of the charter schools and to monitor student success and appropriate growth.

We feel that this mission, vision and values, complements the mission and vision of Twin Cities International Elem. School and therefore, are asking you today to approve a Letter of Intent to transfer Authorizer to Pillsbury United.

Their timeline includes a Charter School Advisory Committee transfer approval, then submission to their Executive Committee for approval and then submission to the Full Board of Directors of Pillsbury United Communities for final Approval. Then, submission to the Dept. of Ed. by January of 2015. They are sending us their supplemental affidavit requirements which we will submit within the next two weeks.

## **7.0 Discussion**

### **7.1 Amended 2013-2014 District Annual Report**

Ms. Kelli presented the Amended 2013-2014 Annual Report.

### **7.2 2014-2015 IDS 4077 Twin Cities International Elementary School World's Best Workforce Plan**

Ms. Kelli presented Twin Cities International Elementary School World's Best Workforce Plan.

### **7.3 Twin Cities International Elementary School Advisory Council (TAC).**

Ms. Kelli presented Twin Cities International Elementary School Advisory Council (TAC) information.

### **7.4 Letter of Intent for Transfer of Authorizer**

Ms. Kelli presented the Letter of Intent for Transfer of Authorizer.

## **8.0 Action Items**

### **8.1 Approve the Amended 2013-2014 District Annual Report**

Mr. Faysal motioned for the Amended 2013-2014 District Annual Report be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **8.2 Approve the 2014-2015 World's Best Workforce Plan**

Ms. Wesam motioned for the Twin Cities International Elementary School World's Best Workforce Plan be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **8.3 Approve the Twin Cities International Elementary School Advisory Council**

Mr. Faysal motioned for the Twin Cities International Elementary School Advisory Council (TAC) be approved, as well as the election of Mr. Abdulkadir Salah as the Liaison for the Advisory Council. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **8.4 Approve the Letter of Intent**

Mr. Abdisamad motioned for the Letter of Intent to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **8.5 Policies for the Month of October**

### **8.5.1 406 Public and Private Personnel Data**

### **8.5.2 703 Fund Balance**

### **8.5.3 493 Nepotism**

Mr. Faysal motioned that Policy 406 be received as a final reading. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Abdisamad motioned that Policy 703 be received as a final reading. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. Wesam motioned that Policy 493 be received as a final reading. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

### **8.5.4 100A Return-to-Work**

### **8.5.5 419 Tobacco-Free Environment**

### **8.5.6 709 Student Transportation Safety**

Mr. Abdisamad motioned that Policy 100A be received as a first reading. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Abdisamad motioned that Policy 419 be received as a first reading. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Abdisamad motioned that Policy 709 be received as a first reading. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

## **9.0 Old Business**

Chair acknowledged there was no old business to discuss.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

The Chair thanked all Board Members, Accountants and Concordia for participation in Board Meetings. Ms. Wesam moved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12am. The motion was seconded, the motion carried.