

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

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:30am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

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

ABSENT: Teacher Representative Mr. Ibrahim Aden.

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. Kelli Smith, Mr. Abdulkadir Salah and Ms. Patti Kronk.

1.0 Welcome and Member Contact Detail Confirmation

Chair opened the meeting at 10:32am. 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

Ms. Christel 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 March 14, 2015.

Mr. Faysal motioned that the Minutes of March 14, 2015 be approved with the following correction to “6.1 Authorizer’s Report – Possibly 1 school in danger of being closed”. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Treasurer’s Report

5.1 July 2014-March 2015 YTD Report

The Chair welcomed Mr. Abdulkadir to present the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Abdulkadir reviewed each line item in detail, further noted the benchmark of 75% for projected revenue and expenditure. Total Revenue received was \$7,106,236 while tracking at 64%. Revenue received is 11% lower than projection. The year-to-date Expenditures are \$7,451,564 while tracking at 71%, which is 4% below projected amount. Mr. Mohamed noted that the Fund Balance is 32%. Budget based on 590 ADM.

Ms. Christel motioned that the Treasurer's Report July 2014-March 2015 YTD be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.2 Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget and Projected Enrollment

Mr. Abdirashid reported line items within Regular Instruction, as follows: Decrease of \$7,250 to Staff Salaries & Benefits. Increases in the following; \$22,200 (after school program), \$10,000 (general supplies), \$73,000 (instructional materials), \$15,000 (textbooks and workbooks) and \$10,000 (media books and resources.

Discussed line items within Site, Building & Equipment, noting an increase of \$127,263 for Tech. Equipment.

Mr. Abdirashid recommend the COLA (cost of living adjustment) be 2% for 2015-2016.

The Chair motioned the Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget and Projected Enrollment be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried. The vote by role call went as follows:

Mr. Faysal – Aye
Ms. Christel – Aye
Ms. Wesam – Aye
Mr. Abdisamad - Aye

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Authorizer's Report

Mr. George, Concordia University Authorizer Representative noted he did not have anything to Report.

6.2 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid Reported:

- a. TIES, MIMS and UBAH hosted King Burhan Mussa from Somalia on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015. King Burhan Mussa hails from one of the longest lasting kingdoms of east Africa that once controlled northern and central regions of Somalia. Historically, the Kingdom had all the structures of an integrated modern state and maintained a flourishing trading network with neighboring regions. It also entered into treaties with foreign powers and exerted strong centralized authority on the domestic front. King Burhan Mussa today serves as an Ambassador of peace and coexistence amongst all Somali people.

- b. TIES and MIMS have signed the building lease renewal for 5 years.
- c. Pillsbury has submitted the Transfer Affidavit to MDE on March 30, 2015.
- d. Parent Participation for Spring Conferences was 90%. Approximately 16% by phone call and 84% in actual attendance.
- e. TIES received a perfect “No Findings” report for the Special Education State Audit. We are very proud of our Special Education Team and all their hard work completing the audit.
- f. TIES and MIMS have discussed adopting a new writing curriculum for next year. We have asked staff for grade level representatives, the Board for a representative and also the TIES Advisory Council to provide a few representatives from the stakeholder groups. We expect there to be about 2-3 meetings lasting from 1-2 hours each. We had our first meeting last Thursday for TIES, and will have another meeting Wed. 4/15/15. Other meetings are TBD.
- g. TIES MCA dates are coming up in April – Reading on April 22-24 and math on April 29-May 1. Both assessments are online this year. Notices will go home to families on Monday, April 13th, 2015 about testing dates and the phone tree will also be used to relay information regarding testing.
- h. TIES will be attending the MN Education Job Fair on Monday, April 13th, 2015 sponsored by the MN State College and Universities to advertise our school and meet potential candidates in the education field.
- i. Student and parent survey have been received and will be distributed. Once completed, TIES will have them analyzed via outsourcing.
- j. Discussed the Desegregation/Integration Rules.

Mr. Abdisamad motioned that the Director’s Report be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.0 Other Reports, Discussions and Action Items

7.1 Policy Readings for the Month of January, 2015

7.1.1. 601 School District Curriculum and Instructional Goals

7.1.2. 609 Religion

7.1.3. 616 School District Accountability

7.1.4. 806 Crisis Management

7.1.5. 902 Use of District Facilities and Equipment

Mr. Faysal motioned that Policies 601, 609, and 616 be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Christel motioned that Policies 806 and 902 be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.2 Annual General Meeting Election Candidates

TIES Board currently has 1 open Community Member/Parent Member position. The Annual General Meeting process was discussed, and is adhering to all Board procedures and rules.

The Chair motioned that the Board agree to a 7 Member Board instead of a 9 Member Board. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. The vote by role call went as follows:

Mr. Faysal – Aye
Ms. Christel – Aye
Ms. Wesam – Aye
Mr. Abdisamad - Aye

8.0 Old Business

No old business to discuss.

9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Christel motioned that the meeting adjourn, noting the time was 11:37pm. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting will be Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 2:00pm. (Board Elections will take place May 16, 2015 at 10:00am in the Lower Level Gymnasium).