

# Twin Cities International Schools

## School Board Meeting

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on **Thursday, February 15, 2024** at 4:00 PM  
Twin Cities International Schools, 277 12th Ave N. Room #200, Mpls, MN 55401

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### Members Present

**Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa**

**Parent Representative Mr. Abdirazak Botan**

**Teacher Representative Ms. Heidi Tesfaye**

**Community Representative Mr. Jimmy Engler**

### Members Absent

**Parent Representative Zeinab Abdulla**

**Parent Representative Amaal Warfa**

#### 1. Call to Order

**Mr. Warsame, The Chair**, called the meeting to order at **4:02PM** and acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting. **Mr. Abdirashid, Mr. Ismail, and Mohamed Adam** were welcomed as the Ex-Officio's. **Ms. Abshira**, Board Clerk was also welcomed to the meeting.

#### 2. Open Agenda

**Mr. Warasme** acknowledged the open meeting.

#### 3. Approve Agenda

**MOTION that the February 15, 2024 agenda be approved.**

Mr. Jimmy motioned for the Board Meeting agenda of **February 15, 2024** to be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Item number 6 is tabled at this time.

#### 4. Minutes from the Previous Meetings

##### 4.1 Minutes of January, 2024 Meeting

**MOTION: THAT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024 BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED.**

Abdirazak motioned for the Board Meeting minutes of February 15, 2024 to be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded and the motion carried

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes of February 15, 2024

All business arising from the previous board meeting are included in the agenda.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

##### 6.1 July- January 2024 YTD Report

**MOTION: THAT THE JULY-DECEMBER 2023 YTD REPORT BE APPROVED.**

Mohamed Adam presented the Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Heidi motioned for the Treasurer's Report to be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

**7. Authorizer's Report -**

MOTION: THAT THE AUTHORIZER'S REPORT BE APPROVED.

Item Tabled.

Directors participated in PUC monthly meetings and reported back to the board about agenda meetings.

**8. Director's Report**

MOTION: THAT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned to approve the directors report.

1. Enrollment Status: TCIS **952** Students (**K-5: 615; 6-8: 337**).
2. Staff and students had a great winter vacation. School resumed Wednesday 3rd, January 2024 for staff for professional development; and Thursday, January 4th, 2024 for students.
3. We had an annual fire Marshall inspection that went very well on Thursday, January, 11th, 2024. The school complied with most of the requirements.
4. Cretin Derham Hall volunteers will resume their schedule this week. This private school sends their students to work with our elementary students.
5. K-5 AEAs started winter DIBELS assessments for reading words on Monday, January, 8th, 2024.
6. There is NO school on Monday, January 15, 2024, MLK Jr. Day
7. MAP Reading Testing will start January 16-19, 2024, and MAP Math Testing will start January 22-25, 2024
8. Thursday, January 25th, 2025 is an Early Release Day (dismissal); End of Quarter 2/Semester 1; Professional Development (Grading Time) for teachers.
9. Friday, January 26, 2025, No School for Students - Professional Development (State Assessment Protocols).
10. Monday, January 29th, 2024, Semester 2 starts
11. Any other Business:  
Academic Goals Achieved: Assessments - mentioned  
Non-Academic Goals Achieved: School safety

## **9. Other Reports and Action Items**

### **9.1 First Policy Readings for the month of February 2024**

9.1.1 **501 Weapons Policy**

9.1.2 **532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Team Policy**

9.1.3 **535 Meal Charge Policy**

9.1.4 **603 Curriculum Development Policy**

MOTION: THAT POLICIES 501, 532, 535, & 603 BE APPROVED AS FIRST READINGS.

Heidi motioned that POLICIES 491, 522, 524, & 533 be approved as first readings.

### **9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of January 2024**

9.2.1 **491 Credit Card Usage**

9.2.2 **522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination**

9.2.3 **524 Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

9.2.4 **533 Wellness**

MOTION: THAT POLICIES 491, 522, 524, & 533 BE APPROVED AS FINAL READINGS.

Abdirizak motioned that policies 491, 522, 524, & 533 be adopted & approved as final readings. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

### **9.3 Board Goals**

Academic and Non-Academic goals were received and approved as mentioned in the Director's Report.

## **10. Adjournment**

### **Motion that the January meeting be adjourned.**

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, noting the time at 4:34PM. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

\*If any one board member wishes to remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion, that item should be added to the board meeting agenda prior to its approval.