

Twin Cities International Schools

School Board Meeting

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on **Thursday, January 18, 2024** at 4:00 PM
Twin Cities International Schools, 277 12th Ave N. Room #200, Mpls, MN 55401

Members Present

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa

Parent Representative Mr. Abdirazak Botan

Parent Representative Amaal Warfa

Teacher Representative Ms. Heidi Tesfaye

Community Representative Mr. Jimmy Engler

Members Absent

Parent Representative Zeinab Abdulla

1. Call to Order

Mr. Warsame, The Chair, called the meeting to order at **4:00PM** and acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting. **Mr. Abdirashid, Mr. Ismail, and Ms. Kelli Smith** 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 January 18, 2024 agenda be approved.

Mr. Jimmy motioned for the Board Meeting agenda of **January 18, 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 December 14, 2023 Meeting

MOTION: THAT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2023 BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED.

Ms. Heidi motioned for the Board Meeting minutes of **December 14, 2023** to be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded and the motion carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of December 14, 2023

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

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1 July-December 2023 YTD Report

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

Item tabled.

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 January 2024

9.1.1 491 Credit Card Usage

9.1.2 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination

9.1.3 524 Internet Acceptable Use Policy

9.1.4 533 Wellness

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

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

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of January 2024

9.2.1 426 Nepotism in Charter Schools

9.2.2 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination

MOTION: THAT POLICIES 426 & 521 BE APPROVED AS FINAL READINGS.

Mr. Jimmy motioned that policies 426 & 521 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.

9.4 SY 2023-24 Calendar Adjustments

MOTION: SY 2023-24 CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS BE APPROVED.

Ms. Amaal motioned SY 2023-24 Calendar adjustments for approval.

10. Adjournment

Motion that the January meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, noting the time at 4:33PM. 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.