

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, March 12, 2020 at 4:00 pm, at the
International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #200, Minneapolis, MN, 55401**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi
Teacher Representative Ms. Ceri Everett
Parent Representative Abdirizak Botan
Community Representative Mohamud Mumin

ABSENT: Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden, Parent Representative Mr. Mohamed Osman, and Parent Representative Mr. Jama Warsame

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Member Mr. Faysal Ali

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Justie Vavra and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Warsame opened the meeting at 4:03 pm. Mr. Warsame acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Mr. Faysal acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

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

4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes from the Previous Meetings of February 13, 2020

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2020 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of February 13, 2020

No Business Arising from the Minutes of February 13, 2020.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July 2019-February 2020 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July 2019- February 2020 YTD Report.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the July 2019-February 2020 YTD report to be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

8.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

1. Enrollment: K-4: 585, 5-8: 432 = Total @1017 as of 3/11/2020
2. Trimester II was completed last Friday. Report Cards will be going home with students or will be available in Synergy's Parent Portal tomorrow, Friday, 3/13/2020.
3. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Minnesota Department of Education are keeping schools informed about developments and providing guidance related to COVID-19. TCIS administrators are meeting regularly to discuss and prepare in the event that a school response is required.
4. MCA Science assessment for students in grades 5 & 8 will be next week on Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 7:45am. MCA Reading and Math assessments will be in mid-April for students in grades 3-8.
5. TCIS will be on spring break the week of March 23-27th, 2020.
6. ACCESS testing for ELs will be completed by the end of this week.
7. The Reading Curriculum Committee is recommending the following literacy curriculum adoptions for the 2020-21 school year and beyond: For students in Grades K-4: ReadyGen by Pearson and for students in Grads 5-8: Wit and Wisdom by Greatminds.org.
8. 90% attendance rate for parent/teacher conferences

Mr. Mumin motioned for Directors Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items

9.1 First Policy Readings for the month of March 2020

- 9.1.1 **210.1 Conflict of Interest**
- 9.1.2 **524 Internet Acceptable Use Policy**
- 9.1.3 **531 The Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Ceri motioned for Policies 210.1, 524, and 531 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of March 2020

- 9.2.1 **205 Open and Closed Meeting Policy**
- 9.2.2 **400B Tuition Reimbursement**
- 9.2.3 **502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Persons**
- 9.2.4 **506 Discipline**
- 9.2.5 **534 Early Entrance Policy**

Ms. Ceri motioned for Policies 205, 400B, 502, and 506 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Kelli gave an update on policy **534 Early Entrance Policy**. This policy allows for students who are under the age of 5 to enter Kindergarten and would include testing to make sure the students are prepared for this. Pushing the date students must turn 5 from September 15 back to October 15 would help open the window of opportunity for other students, which could ultimately help with Kindergarten enrollment.

Mr. Marubi motioned for Policy 534 to be approved as a final reading. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 Board Goals

9.3.1 Academic Goals- this was addressed in the Director's Report

9.3.2 Non-Academic Goals- this was addressed in the Director's Report

9.4 District Calendars

Ms. Ceri motioned for the 2020-2021 District Calendar to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.5 COVID-19 Update and Plans

The advice on this topic from MDE and Dept of Health is changing every day. Ms. Kelli shared some of the current plans in place, knowing there will be ongoing changes depending on this development of this crisis. There are ideas about elearning in place including accountability for students and teachers knowing this could be for 1 week, 6 weeks, or the rest of the school year depending on how this progresses.

9.6 Reading Curriculum Update

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 5:03 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.