

**Twin Cities International Schools  
School Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, February 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm, at  
the International Education Center, 277 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Room #200, Minneapolis, MN, 55401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi, Parent Representative Mr. Mohamed Osman, and Parent Representative Mr. Jama Warsame

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Abdirashid Warsame and Mr. Faysal Ali

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

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. Warsame opened the meeting at 4:02 pm. Mr. Warsame acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked all for attending the meeting.

**2.0 Open Agenda**

Mr. Warsame acknowledged the Open Meeting.

**3.0 Approve Agenda**

Ms. Ceri 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 January 9, 2020**

Ms. Ceri motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2020 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of January 9, 2020.**

No Business Arising from the Minutes of January 9, 2020.

**6.0 Treasurer's Report**

**6.1 July 2019-January 2020 YTD Report**

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

Ms. Ceri motioned for the July 2019-January 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.

Mr. Mumin motioned for Director's 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 February 2020**

#### **9.1.1 205 Open and Closed Meeting Policy**

#### **9.1.2 400B Tuition Reimbursement**

#### **9.1.3 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Persons**

#### **9.1.4 506 Discipline**

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

### **9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of February 2020**

#### **9.2.1 102 Equal Educational Employment & Opportunity**

#### **9.2.2 402 Disability Nondiscrimination**

#### **9.2.3 406 Public and Private Personnel Data**

#### **9.2.4 609 Religion**

#### **9.2.5 725 General Records Retention**

#### **9.2.6 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination**

#### **9.2.7 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination**

Ms. Ceri motioned for Policies 102, 402, 406, 609, 725, 521, and 522 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.3 Update 534 Early Entrance Policy - October 15th**

Ms. Ceri motioned for Policy 534 to be approved as a first reading. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried. There was also a vote to approve this motion.

### **9.4 2019-2020 School Year Calendar Discussion**

#### **9.4 Board Goals**

9.5.1 Academic Goals- discussed in Director's Report item #3

9.5.2 Non-Academic Goals- Director's Report item #2

## **10.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Mumin motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:34 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.