

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

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday May 20, 2021 at 4:00 PM on
Google Meet**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa
Parent Representative Abdirizak Botan
Teacher Representative Heidi Tesfaye
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden

ABSENT:

Community Representative Mohamed Mumin
Community Representative Abdi Elmi / Abdi Guled

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Members Mr. Abdirashid Warsame and Mr. Ismail Ahmed

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kelli Smith, Board Clerk Ms. Justine Vavra and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

Board Chair opened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. Mr. Warsame acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Board Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Mr. Cyprian 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 April 22, 2021

Ms. Heidi motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of April 22, 2021

No Business Arising from the Minutes of April 22, 2021

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July 2020-April 2021 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July 2020- April 2021 YTD Report.

Ms. Cyprian motioned for the July 2020- April 2021 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. We are back to in-person learning this week! After much conversation with our transportation company, we have reached some working agreements which we believe will help in providing reliable transportation for our students during the bus driver shortage.
2. Enrollment is holding steady at 1071.
3. MCAs were taken for any student whose family chose for them to participate during the week of May 3rd and May 10th. Elementary had approx. 195 out of 241 students tested and Middle School had approx. 360 out of 476 students tested. Scores will not be used for district or school accountability this year but give us a data point to gage learning during the pandemic and a baseline of where to begin once school resumes, hopefully back to full in-person learning in the Fall. Unofficial scores for individual students will be sent to parents on Friday with official scores from the State expected later this summer.
4. We are working on plans for Kdg and 8th grade graduation ceremonies in alignment with the safe learning plan and gathering guidance from MDE and MDH. These events will take place in June prior to the end of the school year.
5. We are currently posting and interviewing for available positions for next school year. Several open positions have already been filled.

Ms. Marian motioned for the Director's Notes to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items

9.1 Final Policy Readings for the month of May 2021

9.1.1 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

9.1.2 609 Religion

9.1.3 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

9.1.4 806 Crisis Management

Mr. Cyprian motioned for Policies 415, 609, 721, and 806 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Board Goals

Academic Goals- addressed in the Director's reported

Non-Academic Goals - addressed in the Director's reported

9.3 School Board Meeting Schedule 2021-2022 Discussion

The following dates were discussed for the School Board Meeting Schedule:

9/16/21, 10/28/21, 11/18/21, 12/16/21

1/20/22, 2/17/22, 3/17/22, 4/21/22, 5/19/22, 6/2/22

Sat 5/21/22 Annual Meeting

Ms. Heidi motioned for 2021-2022 School Board Schedule to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.4 2021-2022 School Calendar Update

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the 2021-2022 School Calendar update to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:35 p.m. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.