

Twin Cities International Schools

School Board Meeting

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on **Thurs., January 16, 2025** 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

Community Representative Mr. Jimmy Engler

Teacher Representative Ms. Heidi Tesfaye

Members Absent

1. Call to Order

Mr. Warsame, The Chair, called the meeting to order at **4:00 PM** and acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting. **Mr. Abdirashid & Mr. Ismail** were welcomed as the Ex-Officio's.

2. Open Agenda

Mr. Warsame acknowledged the open meeting.

3. Approve Agenda

MOTION that the January 16th, 2025 agenda be approved.

Heidi motioned for the January 16th, 2025 Board Meeting agenda to be approved as amended.

The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

4. Minutes from the Previous Meetings

5.1 Minutes of December 19th, 2024 Meeting

MOTION: THAT THE MINUTES of December 19th, 2024 BOARD MEETING be APPROVED.

Abdirazak motioned for the Board Meeting minutes of December 19th, 2024 to be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded and the motion carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of December 19th, 2024

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

6. Treasurer's Report

7.1 July 2024 - January 2025 YTD Report

MOTION: THAT THE JULY 2024 - JANUARY 16th YTD REPORT BE APPROVED.

Mohamed Adan presented the Treasurer's Report.

Jimmy 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 REPORT BE APPROVED.

Directors participated in PUC annual review and reported back to the Board about agenda meetings.

8. Director's Report

MOTION: THAT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Heidi motioned to approve the directors report.

TCIS Board Meeting

Executive Director's Report to the Board

Thursday, January 16th, 2024 @ 4:00 pm

In-Person: TCIS Board Room - #200

- 1.** Enrollment Update: District **924** (K-5 **595**; MS **329**).
- 2.** The School was on winter break from December 23rd, 2024 to January 1st, 2025. The staff returned for PD on Thursday, January 2nd and Friday, January 3rd 2025. The students resumed classes on Monday, January 6th, 2025.
- 3.** The school had a lock-down drill on Thursday, January 9th, 2025, the week we resumed school.
- 4.** Winter NWEA MAP Testing: K-5 Reading, 6-8 Math January 14-16, 2025.
MAP January 21-23: K-5 Math, 6-8 Reading.
- 5.** Semester 1 will end on January 24th, which also marks the end of Quarter 2. Thus, we will have 90 days of schooling.
- 6.** There will be no school on Monday, January 20th, 2025 for MLK day.
Thursday, January 23rd – Early Dismissal, PD 1-3pm (End of QTR 2/SEM 1).
Friday, January 24th – No school for students; Staff PD 7-12pm.
- 7.** Wednesday, January 29th: Report cards are due in Synergy.
Friday, January 31st: Report cards will be sent home.
- 8.** School Board training will be held 02/20/2025: Finance Board Training.
- 9.** Tues. 1/7- Boys Bball 3-4:40pm; Thurs. 1/9- Boys Bball 3-4:30pm.
- 10.** The 2023-2024 Annual Report is posted on the school's website.
- 11. Any other Business:**

Academic Goals Achieved: Data Team meeting: data coordinator analysis of the fall assessments.

Non-Academic Goals Achieved:

9. Other Reports and Action Items

9.1 SB Finance Training

MOTION: To confirm SB Finance Training next board meeting.

Motion has been confirmed for next month.

9.2 First Policy Readings for the month of January 2025

9.2.1-205 Open Meeting & Closed Meeting

9.2.2-208 Development, Adoption & Implementation

9.2.3-400B Tuition Reimbursement

9.2.4-522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination, Grievance Procedure & Process

9.2.5-620 Credit for Learning

9.2.6-903 Visitors to School District Building & Sites

Abdirazak motioned that the policies 205, 208, 400B, 522, 620 & 903 be approved as first readings.

The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

9.3 Final Policy Readings for the month of January 2025

9.3.1-214 Out-of-State Travel by Charter School Board Members

9.3.2-412 Expense Reimbursement

9.3.3-506 Student Discipline

9.3.4-709 Student Transportation Safety

9.3.5-709a Student Transportation Safety Form

Jimmy motioned that the policies 214, 412, 506, 709 & 709a be approved as final readings.

The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

9.4 Board Goals

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

10. Adjournment

Motion that the November meeting be adjourned.

Heidi motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, noting the time at 4:24PM. 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.