

# Twin Cities International Schools

## School Board Meeting

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on **Thurs., February 20, 2025**, at 4:00 PM  
Twin Cities International Schools, 277 12th Ave N. Room #200, Mpls, MN 55401

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### 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 **4:45 PM** and acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting. **Mr. Abdirashid, Mr. Ismail & Ms. Kelli** were welcomed as the Ex-Officio's.

#### 2. Open Agenda

**Mr. Warsame** acknowledged the open meeting.

#### 3. Approve Agenda

**MOTION that the February 20th, 2025, agenda be approved.**

Jimmy motioned for the February 20th, 2025 Board Meeting agenda to be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

#### 4. Minutes from the Previous Meetings

##### 4.1 Minutes of January 16th, 2025 Meeting

**MOTION: THAT THE MINUTES of January 16th, 2025, BOARD MEETING be APPROVED.**

Jimmy motioned for the Board Meeting minutes of January 16th, 2025, to be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes of January 16th, 2025

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

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

##### 7.1 July 2024 - February 2025 YTD Report

**MOTION: THAT THE JULY 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025 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 the PUC annual review and reported to the Board about agenda meetings.

**8. Director's Report**

MOTION: THAT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Adirazak motioned to approve the director's report.

***TCIS Board Meeting***

***Executive Director's Report to the Board***

***Thursday, February 20, 2025, @ 4:00 pm***

***In-Person: TCIS Board Room - #200***

1. Enrollment Update: **District 922 (K-5 595 ; MS 327).**
2. The School was closed on **1/20 for MLK Day, inclement weather on 1/21, a half-day for PD on 1/23**, and no school for students on **Friday, Jan 24**, for reading act PD.
3. Friday, **Jan. 31**: STAR Scholar Assembly. Students were recognized, and parents attended.
4. The school had a lock-down Drill on **Wednesday, February 6th, 2025.**
5. Friday, **February 7, 2025**, was a no-school day for students and staff PD. **February 17** is President's Day, so there will be no school.
6. ACCESS Testing **February K-5 Feb 10 & 12, Feb 25 & March 3; MS Feb 11-13, 25, March 4-5.**
7. There will be no school for students on **February 27 & 28**, Staff PD, and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Student work is posted around the school.
8. **School Board training will be held 02/20/2025: Finance Board Training.**
9. **Tues. 2/6-** Boys Bball 3:00-4:30 pm; **Thurs. 2/6** - Girls Soccer.
10. "I Love to Read Month": Reading Safari - February students compete by reading.
11. **February 19th, 2025**, Wednesday Parent Academy @ 3:00 p.m.

**12. 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 during the board meeting.

Motion has been confirmed for February 20, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

### **9.2 First Policy Readings for the Month of February 2025**

9.2.1-210.1 Conflict of Interest

9.2.2-400A Children in the Workplace

9.2.3-416 Drug and Alcohol Testing

9.2.4-427 Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers

9.2.5-494 Return to Work

9.2.6-524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety

9.2.7-524.5 Personal Electronic Communication Devices

Abdirazak motioned that the policies 210.1, 400A, 416, 427, 494, 524 & 524.5 be approved as first readings.

The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.3 Final Policy Readings for the month of February 2025**

9.3.1-205 Open Meeting and Closed Meeting

9.3.2-208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies

9.3.3-400B Tuition Reimbursement

9.3.4-522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process

9.3.5-620 Credit for Learning

9.3.6-903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

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

The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.4 Board Goals**

The Director's Report mentioned that academic and Non-Academic goals were received and approved.

## **10. Adjournment**

**Motion that the February meeting be adjourned.**

Heidi motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, noting 5:12 PM. The motion was seconded, and it 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 before its approval.