

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 2:01 PM –3:24 PM

Location: Metro Schools, Director’s Office

Call to order: The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Board Members Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Board Chair & Community Member)	P
Mohamed Mohamud (Vice Chair & Community Member)	A
Abraham Gadalla (Board Treasury & Community Member)	P
Katie White (Secretary & Teacher Board Member)	P
Megan Ormseth (Teacher Board Member)	P
Osman Samatar (Parent Board Member)	A
Mohammad Osman (Community Board Member)	P – late arrival 2:05

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Keillen Curtis	Legal Counsel to the Board
Shane Weinand	Rocketship Strategies
David Greenberg	Audubon Center of the North Woods (authorizer)
Representative	Vanguard Cleaning Systems

**Metro Schools’ Mission**

Metro Schools College Prep is committed to academic excellence and closing the achievement gap by establishing rigorous goals for students, parents, teachers and the school. Metro Schools College Prep values cultural, religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity as central elements of a college preparatory education and provides a caring learning community that prepares students and staff to be responsible world citizens.

**Metro Schools’ Vision**

The vision of Metro Schools is for our students to have a steadfast belief in their worth as human beings and that they will be prepared socially and academically to fulfill their aspirations in a changing, challenging world community. We aim to be widely recognized as the most effective model for closing the achievement gap and preparing students for careers in the 21st century.

Call to Order

1. Agenda & Minutes:

<b>Subject</b>	Agenda for 5/2015 meeting and 4/2015 minutes				
<b>Motion</b>	Approval of 5/2015 meeting agenda Approval of the 4/2015 minutes				
<b>Made by</b>	Gadalla		Seconded by		White
<b>Discussion</b>	Item "F" added to Director's Report for Vanguard Cleaning Systems address "School Calendar" had been unintentionally omitted from New Business				
<b>Vote</b>		<b>Yea</b> 5	<b>Nay</b> 0	<b>Abstain</b> 0	
<b>Decision</b>	Approval of 5/2015 meeting agenda Approval of 4/2015 minutes				

2. Bills and Financials:

<b>Subject</b>	Bills and financials for April 2015				
<b>Motion</b>	Approval of bills and financials for March 2015				
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob absent-- Elmi reported financials to the Board</li> </ul>				
<b>Made by</b>	Osman		Seconded by		Ormseth
<b>Vote</b>		<b>Yea</b> 5	<b>Nay</b> 0	<b>Abstain</b> 0	
<b>Decision</b>	Approval of bills/financials for April 2015				

## Director’s Report

### 1. MARSS update

<b>Subject</b>	MARSS update
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School most recently at 289</li> </ul>

### 2. Test Scores and Updates

<b>Subject</b>	Testing Updates
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School participation for MCA reached 95%</li> <li>Scores not updated yet (?)</li> </ul>

### 3. School Policy Updates

<b>Subject</b>	School policy updates 2015-2016
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School is looking to change the behavior policy</li> <li>Will send leadership team and behavior deans to training</li> </ul>

### 4. Facility Updates

<b>Subject</b>	Facility Updates
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still several issues with the current building</li> <li>Director is meeting with a realtor regarding new locations</li> <li>Enrollment and staff exceed the current space</li> </ul>

### 5. Sports- Charter School League

<b>Subject</b>	Charter School League 2015-2016
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School joining Charter School League for select sports next year</li> <li>School currently leasing places for practice/competition space</li> </ul>

### 6. Vanguard Cleaning Systems

<b>Subject</b>	Information on Vanguard Cleaning Systems (potential new vendor for school)
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director contacted Vanguard after school received “Notice of Deficiency” from Audubon (authorizer)</li> <li>Vanguard Cleaning Systems representative shared company information with the board</li> <li>School is seeking to hire Vanguard as new vendor for school cleaning</li> </ul>

Community Comments

<b>Subject</b>	Community Meetings		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdalla has been to several community meetings</li> <li>Families want increased ESL support at Metro</li> <li>Abdalla also mentioned a program at St. Mary's University for teachers who want to advancing their degrees focusing on ESL</li> </ul>		

Old Business

None

New Business

1. School Calendar

<b>Subject</b>	School calendar 2015-2106		
Motion	Approval of school calendar for 2015-2016		
Discussion	•		
Made by	Ormseth	Seconded by	Gadalla
Vote	Yea	5	Nay
			0
			Abstain
			0

2. Board Meeting Schedule

<b>Subject</b>	Board Meeting Schedule for 2015-2106		
Motion	Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for 2015-2106		
Discussion	• November 27 <sup>th</sup> meeting was moved to November 20 <sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving holiday weekend		
Made by	Abdalla	Seconded by	Osman
Vote	Yea	5	Nay
			0
			Abstain
			0

3. Board Election Date

<b>Subject</b>	Board Election Date for 2016		
Motion	Approval of Board Election Date for 2016		
Discussion	• January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016 is the set date for the Board Elections		
Made by	Gadalla	Seconded by	Ormseth
Vote	Yea	5	Nay
			0
			Abstain
			0

4. Board Training (ongoing)

<b>Subject</b>	Agent to provide Board Training for 2015-2016				
<b>Motion</b>	Approval of Rocketship Strategies as provider of Board Training for 2015-2016				
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White can function as contact person with Shane Weinand (Rocketship Strategies) regarding planning / implementation over the summer</li> <li>• Abdalla asked for Rocketship Strategies to have the contract be open negotiations</li> </ul>				
<b>Made by</b>	Gadalla		<b>Seconded by</b>	Abdalla	
<b>Vote</b>		<b>Yea</b> 5	<b>Nay</b> 0	<b>Abstain</b> 0	

5. Board Officers Elections

<b>Subject</b>	Elections for Board Officers				
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Financial Officer/Treasurer</li> <li>• Elections for officers did NOT take place this year</li> <li>• Abdalla said the elections of officers will take place during the January meeting</li> </ul>				

Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM by Abdulkadir Abdalla, the Board chair.