

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 26th, 2015 from 2:00 PM – 2:57 PM

Location: Metro Schools, Director’s Office

Call to order: The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 26th, 2015.

Board Members Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Board Chair & Community Member)	P
Mohamed Mohamud (Vice Chair & Community Member)	P
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)	P – late arrival 2:18
Mohammad Osman (Community Board Member)	A

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
Robert Procaccini, CPA	Finance Representative (Dieci School Finance, LLC)
David Greenberg	ACNW Director of Charter School Authorizing
Holly Garnell	ACNW Performance and Accountability Manager
Aaliyah Hodge	ACNW Intern

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:

Subject	Agenda for 6/2015 meeting; Minutes for 5/2015 and 6/9/15 Special Session				
Motion	Approval of 6/2015 meeting agenda Approval of the 5/2015 minutes and 6/9/15 Special Session minutes				
Made by	Gadalla	Seconded by		Mohamud	
Discussion					
Vote		Yea 5	Nay 0	Abstain 0	
Decision	Approval of 6/2015 meeting agenda Approval of 5/2015 minutes and 6/9/15 Special Session minutes				

2. Bills and Financials:

Subject	Bills and financials for May 2015				
Motion	Approval of bills and financials for May 2015				
Discussion					
Made by	Abdalla	Seconded by		Gadalla	
Vote		Yea 5	Nay 0	Abstain 0	
Decision	Approval of bills/financials for May 2015				

Director's Report

- MARSS update

Subject	MARSS update
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Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School most recently at 280 • 52 students graduated
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2. Updates School Sanitation & Facility

Subject	Updates on School Sanitation & Facility issues
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director met with landlord – building’s roof to be replaced by Aug 15th • School employees taking care of sanitation issues this summer • Vanguard Cleaning will assume cleaning responsibilities Aug. 15th

3. Summer School Update

Subject	Summer School Update
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins June 29th • 130 students enrolled

4. Staffing Updates

Subject	Staffing Updates
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School looking to fill 11 positions • Elmi, Katia, and Rod are heading the hiring process

Community Comments

None

New Business

Contracts

a. Audubon Contract

Subject	Audubon Contract 2016-2018		
Motion	Approval of contract between Audubon CNW and Metro Schools		
Discussion	•		
Made by	Gadalla	Seconded by	Mohamud
Vote	Yea	6	Nay
		0	Abstain
			0
Decision	Approval of contract between ACNW and Metro Schools		

b. Food Vendor

Subject	Food Vendor for Metro Schools 2015-2106
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to approve contract between food vendor and Metro Schools • Businesses to consider: Taher and Kilimanjaro

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action on contracts not taken until July meeting • Reps from school & businesses were not present to provide information
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c. Transportation

Subject	School Bus Transportation
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minnehaha Transportation has been contracted for 2015-2016

d. Special Education Transportation

Subject	Transportation for Special Education Students
Motion	Approval of contract for Special Education Transportation
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses to consider: TruTaxi and Southdale Transportation • School selects Southdale Transportation (more vehicles, flexibility)

e. Old Bus

Subject	Selling/Auctioning School's Bus
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other bus companies interested in purchasing bus • Bus will be sold or auctioned (whichever offers best price)

f. Rod Haenke

Subject	Contract between Metro and Rod Haenke (Charter School Specialist)
Motion	Approval of contract between Metro Schools and Rod Haenke
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rod's role in teacher evaluations will be increased

g. Pinnacle Charter School Management

Subject	Pinnacle Charter School Management
Motion	Approval of contract between Metro Schools and Pinnacle
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer program school uses for grades

h. Jim Arbuckle Construction Company

Subject	Arbuckle Construction Company (renovating the school)
Motion	Approval of contract between Metro Schools and Arbuckle Construction
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

i. Additional / Other School Services

Subject	Contracts: Special Education Director, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy, School Nurse
Motion	Approval of contracts for the above listed positions
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

j. Technology

Subject	Design for Learning
Motion	Approval of contract between Metro Schools and Design for Learning
Discussion	•

k. Building

Subject	Cleaning Company (Vanguard Cleaning Systems)
Motion	Approval of contract between Metro Schools and Vanguard
Discussion	•

l. Director’s Contract

Subject	Contract Renewal for School Director (Elmi)
Motion	Approval of contract renewal for School Director (Elmi)
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board committee of Ormseth, Mohamud, and Gadalla will meet Monday June 29th to review performance evaluations, documents, etc. • Committee make decision before July 1st

m. Katie White

Subject	Resignation August 15 th
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White will resign board position effective August 15th (no longer able to attend Friday meetings due to career at different school)

Board Approval of Contracts

Subject	Board Approval of Contracts			
Motion	Approval of contracts between Metro Schools and its agents (items C – K)			
Discussion	•			
Made by	Mohamud	Seconded by	Abdalla	
Vote	Yea 6	Nay 0	Abstain	0
Decision	Approval of contracts between Metro Schools & its agents (items C – K)			

Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM by Abdulkadir Abdalla, the Board chair.