

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 11th, 2017th, from 12:5 PM –12: 15 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 102

- I. **Call to order:** Megan called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM on Saturday, February 11, 2017

II. **Board Members Present or Absent:**

Name	Present/Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Board Chair & Community Member)	A
Mohamed Mohamud (Vice Chair & Community Member)	P
Aila O'Louglin(Board Treasury &) Teacher	P
Megan Ormseth (Community Board Member)	P
Osman Salah Samatar (Parent Board Member)	P
Mohamed Warsame (Board Secretary) Member	P

III. **Guests and Community Members Present:**

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Quenton J Scherer	Metro Equity Management LLC

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.

- IV. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:** A quorum was established and no conflict declared.
- V. **Public Comments:** Mr. Elmi has mentioned that Somalia has elected a new president; He expressed how the students had reacted positively to the new development in Somalia.
- VI. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

New Lease

The agenda was approved unanimously by metro board of directors. Aila moved the motion to approve the agenda, Mohamed seconded.

VII. Action Items

New Lease: After a long conversations and discussions regarding the new lease, the board of directors of Metro chaired by Megan approved the new lease as it's stated and signed. Aila moved the motion to sign the new lease agreement, seconded by Osman then the motion was unanimously approved by the Metro board of directors. The main conversation and the questions were focused on the initial concerns identified by the board subcommittee. (The projected student enrollment, the deposit and the day the building will be available). Furthermore, the board members discussed the deadlines and concerns regarding the pesticides and the rent. All of the questions of the board were answered by the broker (Quenton). Quenton and Elmi discussed the work they did in convincing the landlord to make some changes in the language of the lease. The new lease emphasizes pupil per unit instead of number of students. This one word change will allow Metro Schools to hopefully meet their projection of 300 students in the first year. Some board members indicated that they had received phone calls and letters from school leadership team and teachers urging them to support the new location. They suggested that the new building would be helpful in staff retention and improving student academics.

VIII. Reports, Discussion Items and Updates

The discussion revolved around the new building.

IX. **Adjourned:** 1: 21 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: 1:21 p.m., February 11, 2016, Room-102