

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 27th, 2017, from 2:03 PM –3: 18 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 105

- I. **Call to order:** The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM on Friday, January 27, 2017

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

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

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

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Robert Procaccini, CPA	Finance Representative (Dieci School Finance, LLC)
Kellein curt	School legal counsel
David Greenberg	<i>Director of Charter School Authorizing</i>
Maggie Kane	CS Intern
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:** There was no any public comments

vi. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

The November Board Meeting Minutes: The November meeting minutes and the January B. Meeting agenda was approved unanimously by Metro Board of Directors. Abdulkadir moved the motion to approve the November Minutes and Mohamed seconded it.

VII. Action Items

- a. **Monthly financials for November and December** have been presented by Robert. It has been reported that the actual current ADM is 300. Also, Mr. Elmi reported that the current student count was about 305. Then after discussion on check register and an individual spending areas, Metro board members approved both November and December financials unanimously. Megan moved the motion, seconded by Mohamed.
- b. **Facility search:** Quenton updated the facility on Russel in North Minneapolis. He told the board that the landlord had decided against our wish but offered us another facility that will be built and completed by July upon signing a lease. The new facility is located at 620 Olson Highway, Minneapolis. The owner promised that he would find alternative facility should the facility on Olson Highway comes up short on its completion. He further stated that the gym is the one that could end up not meeting the deadline, but otherwise he stated his belief that the landlord will complete the construction on time. If Metro Schools does not sign the lease, Quenton added that the landlord was ready to lease it to a new tenant to his facility. Mr. Elmi discussed the facility that Metro Schools currently occupies and its shortcomings. He mentioned that among other things, the current facility lacks rooms with good sizes and a gym. The board formed a subcommittee and dedicated it to dealing with the landlord. The full board will ten sign the lease next time they meet. The names of the subcommittee that was formed were Mr. Elmi, Megan, Osman and Keillen. Mohamed moved the motion, seconded by Mohamud.

VIII. Reports, Discussion Items and Updates

- A. School Board Training Plans and updates
Keillen talked about the board training in general. He updated Mohamed's training which ended successfully after the third and final session with Keillen. Mohamed still needed to do one more training with Robert.
- B. Academic/EE update. No academic update was discussed.
- C. Parent Teacher Conferences and Parent Night.

Mr. Elmi discussed briefly talked about coming up events: Parent Night and Teacher-parent Conferences.

IX. **Adjourned:** 3: 18 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:00 p.m., February 24, 2017, Room-105