

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 31st , 2017, from 2:017 PM –3: 30 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 105

I Call to order: The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:17 PM on Friday, March 31st , 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 (via Skype)
Osman Salah Samatar (Parent Board Member)	A
Mohamed Warsame (Teacher Member)	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
Rhoda Salah	<i>Public</i>
Steve Oath	Consultant
Abdieli Mohamed	Metro Staff-Dean

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 January Board Meeting Minutes and February special session Board Meeting minutes: Both January and February board meeting minutes and the March B. Meeting agenda were approved unanimously by Metro Board of Directors. M. Mohamed moved the motion to approve both Minutes and agenda Abdalla seconded.

VII Action Items

a **Monthly financials for January, February and Revised budget** have been presented by Robert. It has been reported that a number of area's expense went up due to increase of student numbers and services. The special Ed and general transpiration went up because school uses more buses than planned. Purchases went dramatically. In addition, school hired more support staff. So, the revised budged adjusts all of the changes. Furthermore, Abdalla advises to the board to keep eye on the changes to the budget. This budget is based on 300 ADM Robert said.

Robert, asked if Mr. Elmi talked to the landlord about the \$16,000 deposit money. Elmi did asked the landlord, but the landlord thinks that the school used the deposit money for building renovation. Mr. Elmi said that he has no idea. Robert said let's get together I will find the documentation of it. Also, Abdalla said if he has any documentation, showing that the school used for building renovation will be helpful.

Finally, after discussions the board approved the both January and February and the revised budget unanimously. Abdalla moved the motion, M. Warsame seconded.

b **Annual report and School Calendar (2017-2018):** have been discussed thoroughly and approved unanimously by Metro board of directors. M. warsame moved the motion, seconded by M. Mohamud

c **Student Issues:** All students and their parents have been welcomed by the board chair and Steve Oates who explained how the process is going to happen: Mr. Board chair asked the students how they want to fix the behavior problems they involved. All three students have suspended and the school proposed to be expelled because of the magnitude of their offenses. The school has been servicing the students while they were of out of school suspension. They have been coming in the afternoon and the school admin was supervising them until they their parents pick them up.

Board members have listened to the students and their parents. All of the three students have recognized and accepted their unacceptable behaviors and requested another chance. They read letters explaining how they are so regretful for their actions. They were all remorseful. Then, the board asked the students and their parents to be outside to discuss the matter.

The board members discussed the matter and learned that all of the three students are graduating students this year. One of the students is 11th grade who finished all of her credits early and ready to graduate this year. All board members voted and accepted for the following action. Abdalla moved the motion, M. Mohamed seconded.

Board Decision:

- 1 Students can continue receiving their services through the current setting; Students can come in the afternoon (5:00 PM) and meet some licensed teachers until the day of the graduation.
- 2 Students can attend the graduation ceremony
- 3 Students and parents are asked to make sure there should be no more trouble, no contacts with the other students/staff; personally or via social media
- 4 If parents and students need any questions or anything they will contact with Mr. Elmi

VIII Reports, Discussion Items and Updates

- A. Academic/EE update. No academic update was discussed. (No update)
- B. Parent Teacher Conferences and Parent Night. (Mr. Elmi mentioned the last parent night is Thursday, April 13, 2017 right after the parent teacher conference).
- C. Mr. Elmi mentioned the construction of the new place is going well and things are as we planned. Next week, the school design team will be meeting with new landlord. The school admin is planning to meet with construction team for the next couple weeks.
- D. Mr. Elmi also, mentioned that 11th, 10th and 8 graders are coming back on Saturdays and three days of the break to work on math and reading.

IX. **Adjourned: 3: 30 PM.** Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:00 p.m., May 26, 2017, Room-105