

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 28, 2017, from 2:04PM –3: 15 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 105

- I. **Call to order:** The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM on Friday, April 28, 2017<sup>s</sup>

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 ( Teacher Member)	A

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>Audubon -Director of Charter School Authorizing</i>

### 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 March Board Meeting Minutes and April board Meeting agenda were approved unanimously by Metro Board of Directors. Megan moved the motion to approve both Minutes and agenda Mohamed seconded.

## VII. **Action Items**

- a. Monthly financials for March been presented by Robert. Robert mentioned the food and transportation went up and further explained the expected lost after the school is over is \$58,000. When Robert was asked why food loss is higher than last year. He presented the breakdown of the loss and the main reason was a new staff that has been added to the lunch. In addition, Robert mentioned the anticipated holdback is \$334,000. After discussions, the metro Board of directors unanimously approved the March financials. Abdalla moved the motion, Megan seconded.

## VIII. **Reports, Discussion Items and Updates**

- A. **Academic/EE /Curriculum and Technology updates:** Mr. Elmi and Aila talked about technology and tests. Mr. Elmi mentioned that the MCA testing is ending May 8 and the NWEA will be starting May 17, 2017. Abdalla asked if there's any MCA data is available. Aila and Elmi mentioned that more data will be available by May 20, 2017. Then the school will be able to compare spring and winter data. Aila further elaborated and said that MCA raw data will be available when we close the tests. In addition, the school purchased/lease 200 Chromebooks. More technology will be purchase as student number goes up, Mr. Elmi said
- B. **Facility Update:** More details have been presented by Mr. Elmi about the new building. Board members raised questions about spaces, bathrooms and how the space will look like and when the school will have an access. David, the authorizer raised couple questions regarding how the landlord is controlling the school spaces. After deep a discussion about the spaces, Mr. Elmi mentioned to update the board next board meeting, which is on May 26, 2017.
- C. **Staffing Update:** Mr. updated the board about the difficulties of how to get teachers and the current pay scale. The board discussed that retaining good quality teachers requires a competitive salary, incentives and a good working environments. Mr. Elmi mentioned what he's working on and suggestions from the school leadership team. Then, David Asked if there's a pay scale and if the pay scale has been updated recently or not. Then, the board members asked the director to send the current pay scale and the pay scale will be an agenda item next board meeting.

IX. **Adjourned:** 3: 15 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:00 p.m., May 26, 2017, Room-105