

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 2:04PM –3: 20 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Conference Room

- I. Call to order:** The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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	P
Megan Ormseth (Community Board Member)	A
Osman Salah Samatar (Parent Board Member)	P
Mohamed Warsame (Teacher Member)	P
Mustafa Ahmed	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 (participated on the phone)
Abdiweli Mohamud	High School Administrator
Amina Mohamed	Middle school Administration
Ms. Geach	Teacher

### 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 conflicts of interest was declared.

**v. Public Comments:** Ms. Geach presented a statement to the Board detailing the importance of school to show its commitment to diversity, and human dignity. The statement promises for our student a compassion and understanding of their situation.

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**August 25th Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda for September:** The board meeting minutes was approved unanimously, after it was discussed and moved by Warsame, seconded by Osman.

**VII. Action Items**

**Financials for August: August Financials:** After a lengthy discussion in which Robert presented and highlighted the school's overall financials and its fund balance, with a significant increase in spending due to large purchases in August and September, The Board then unanimously approved the motion. It was moved by Aila, and was seconded by Mustafa.

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

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**A. School Board Training Plans and Updates:**

Initial Board training has already been completed and the board discussed the Board training for all its members within the school year 2017/2018. Mr. Elmi will find a place for the training by the end of January.

**B. Student Updates:** Mr. Elmi reported that two students had been involved in a fight during a recent field trip to St. Croix. He stated that the parents of the students are involved in mediating the parties and the situation is under control right now. Aila mentions the importance of educating our kids regarding the sexual harassment and bullying so that they will be better equipped in handling should similar problems arise in the future.

**C. Transportation Updates/ Food:** Transportation is doing great as Elmi and others in the school Board had indicated. However, the Board showed its disapproval in the way the Bile Bus company served our kids during its tenure. Mohamed was adamant a mistake was made in allowing Bile Co, to get contract the Board being on board with the contract. However, after a productive discussion in which ideas were exchanged, Mr. Elmi specified to the Board that Minnehaha Bus company is meeting our expectations. Elmi told the Board the Bile Co had failed to fulfill its contract obligations. The company was unable to bring the kids to the school on time and pick them on time. This caused a tremendous stress on the kids and their parents. We also started losing enrolment due to the negligence on the part of Bile Bus Co. As an administrator, I had to make a tough decision in order to serve our kids, and that is why we had

to partner with Minnehaha. Mr. Elmi indicated that the contract was never signed or completed between the parties involved. We told the Bile Bus co to refund the first payment minus the days they served the School.

- D. **Director Evaluation:** The Board appointed Aila and Mohamed to work with Rod in evaluating the effectiveness of the director. The committee will report back to the Board when the data is collected.

IX. **Adjourned:** 3: 20 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: Friday, 2:04 p.m., October 27th, 2017, Conference Room