

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 2:08 PM –3: 05 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 105

**I. Call to order:** The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM on Friday, November 11<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
Kellein curt	School legal counsel

**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:**

- **September Board Meeting Minutes and October Board meeting agenda:**

Both the September Board meeting minutes and October Board meeting agendas were approved unanimously by the Board. Warsame moved the motion, seconded by Osman

**Financials:** Robert discussed the overall financial situations of the school as expected and he proclaimed that the school's financials were in good hands. He said the school had been paid for 360 students. Cash flow is still good, but the expenses went up due to the many purchases the school had undertaken. Elmi added that the school had bought more smartboards and as a result the expenses had gone up. He also alluded to the school's inability to hire SPED teachers as contributing to the high cost the school is incurring. One SPED teacher who is not a permanent teacher is costing the school \$500 a day. Robert added that the school had lost \$243,624 from the general fund due to the expenses/purchase and food loss was at \$35,290. Elmi indicated he had difficulty in getting lease aid from the department of education. He is still trying to convince them to give the school the aid. He added, "we completed everything we have been asked of and we don't know why we are still not getting paid". MDA also owes the school money from last year. Robert mentioned that a lot of money is owed to the school. A motion to approve the financials was put forward by Abdulkadir and Mohamed seconded it after which the whole Board approved it unanimously.

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

**Academic Goals/EE goals:** Elmi talked about the school's environmental education goals for this year. He stressed the importance that as a school we continue meeting our environmental goals this year. To accomplish this goal, two teachers assigned to continue to spearhead this effort making sure our students are taught about the environment and its associated problems and the solutions to these problems. He requested that the board approve the school's academic and environmental goals. The Board, having discussed the issue thereby was able to approve the goals unanimously. Aila moved the motion, seconded by Mustafa.

**Board Election Update:** During the teacher/parent conference, parents and guardians and community members were able to elect a board member. Abdulkadir was running as an incumbent. Two people among the community challenged this position. After two days of election, the board tallied the result. Here is how the election transpired and Warsame read the result to the board members. Abdulkadir won the election with 57 votes, followed by Bashir Jama who got 40 votes. Faysal Ahmed got 36 votes. Therefore, the winner was pronounced as Abdulkadir and will continue to serve three more years. Osman moved the motion, seconded by Warsame and the board approved the motion unanimously.

**Food Update:** food survey was conducted; however, the results were not tallied at the time the Board was meeting. Elmi let the Board know that the results would be available the next time the Board meets.

**ESL Updates/SPED Updates:** The school continues to look for professional sped teachers, unfortunately, the school has not found a SPED teacher yet. However, both the ELL and SPED department are doing great despite the shortage of personnel in some sort.

**Building Capacity for next year (425):** Mr. Elmi told the Board that the building will have a capacity of at least 425 students for next year. He told that new students were being put on the waiting list to ensure we do not exceeded the upon agreed cap with the Audubon. "Our external cap number is about 375 so as to not exceed or risk exceeding the cap number" Elmi adds.

**Reauthorization documents updates:** All documents required from the school were completed and submitted to Audubon.

**Old Minivan Replacement:** Elmi asked the Board to allow the school to buy a minivan. He said he had found a shuttle bus that was selling at \$24,000. He told the Board that, with the purchase of the Minivan, the school will be able to transport students, especially those who participate after school activities to their homes without worrying about the availability of buses. Abdulkadir moved the motion to approve it, seconded by Mohamed. The Board then approved the motion unanimously.

**Audubon Retreat:** Elmi told the Board that Mr. Warsame and himself were going to Audubon Center of the North Woods' Leader's Retreat.

**School Admin PD:** Elmi asked the Board to allow him to use his school ADM PD. "I have never used it for five years even though I am entitled \$3500 a year. I am requesting about \$5500 to cover a portion of it for my leadership classes. I am entitled to have After discussing on the subject matter for a few minutes, Mohamed moved the motion to approve it and was seconded by Osman. The Board then approved the motion unanimously.

IX. **Adjourned:** 3: 10 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:00 p.m., December 8, 2017, Room-105