

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, June 29th, 2018, from 2:01 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, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**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'Loughlin (Board Treasury &) Teacher	P
Osman Salah Samatar (Parent Board Member)	P
Mohamed Warsame (Teacher Secretary)	A
Mohamed Khalif Gudal (Parent)	P
Joe Covert (Teacher member)	P

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

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Erin	Audubon-center of school authorizing
Paul Scanlon	The Head of Metro School

### **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 and environmental stewards.

### **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 Abdalla, the board chair declared that Mr. Elmi is a board member of Rochester Math and Science conflict of interest was declared.

**V. Public Comments:**  
No public comments

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Both the June meeting agenda and the May Board meeting minutes have been approved with minor correction of marking Ail present instead of absent and marking absent for Mr. Osman. Osman moved the motion to approve it and Gudal seconded it. The rest of the board members voted unanimously in favor of the May board meeting and June B. meeting agenda.

## **I. Action Items**

- A. May Financials:** Monthly financials for May have been discussed thoroughly and approved by metro board unanimously. Gudal moved the motion and seconded by Aila. Robert explained that the academy is negative \$940,000 currently, the funding is coming in July through September. The academy's cash still strong. He further mentioned that he and Elmi budgeted \$65,000 for food loss, but numbers are way less than what we anticipated (\$25,000)
- B. New Board Member:** Abdalla mentioned that Magen has resigned due to her excessive absent caused by traveling required by her current job. Then the board discussed about Mr. Covert who was a teacher for Metro for long time and unanimously approved Mr. Covert to be the new board member. Mohamed moved the motion and seconded by Abdalla.
- C. Calendar FY18-19:** The calendar has been discussed about minor changes made by the school admin. There was no vote, because the calendar has been adopted in May board meeting by the board.
- D. Venders: Transportation & Food:** The board members have listened to the executive director who mentioned that the school the school survey the students and found that the current vender is the best choice food vendor. In addition, Aila supported the requested made by Mr. Elmi to renew Lancer's contract and the Minnehaha Transportation Company. It has been mentioned that transportation company has launched an AP helping the high school students an letting the students where the buses are and how far. The school reported that this ap helped the students not to miss their buses. After long discussion Mohamed moved the motion to renew the both contracts of Minnehaha and Lancer -Seconded by Osman
- E. Audubon Contract:** Mr. Elmi provided the board assurance forms and reminded that all board members to sign. Furthermore Mr. Elmi introduced Erin form Audubon to answer any questions the board members may have and mentioned the contract signature page. Then, Erin re-reiterated what Mr. has said and indicated if the board members have any questions she will answer.

## II. Reports, Discussion Items and Updates

- A. **Director Evaluation Updates:** The board members have postponed again the director's evaluation, because still some data was missing and the board legal guidance, Keillen was not present at the meeting.
- B. **Introducing to Paul:** Mr. Elmi said; we have hired Paul to have complete responsibility for leading the educational program at the school. He brings with him great experience and is already off to a good start.

Paul said his four key messages that he wants to communicate are: (and he can say as much or little of this as he is comfortable with but I wouldn't say much; and even this might be too much)

1. Facilitate effective learning environment - keys to this are having clear expectations and giving support to both students and teachers.
2. Assessing the needs of students and responding accordingly. The needs of our students drives our educational program.
3. Respectful problem solving - challenges always occur but learning how handle problems positively and respectfully is always possible.
4. Accountable for results - especially those identified in our contract - Exhibit G and Exhibit S.

Paul said "I am excited to get started. I'm getting to know the school and am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves!"

If asked follow up questions I think you should be comfortable saying things like,

Paul has not started full time and is just being introduced to the school; and once he is on full time he will come to board meetings and give reports and answer questions at that time. Paul is paid hourly as his contract has started until June 15<sup>th</sup>. Paul is working on scheduling, summer school and preparation of the fall.

Board members welcomed Paul and wish him well and promised him to work with him closely.

**VII. Adjourned:** 3: 05 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:00 p.m., July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Room-105