

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 2:04 PM –2: 55 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, August 28<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
Osman Salah Samatar (Parent Board Member)	P
Mohamed Warsame (Teacher Member)	P
Mohamed Khalif Gudal (Parent)	P
Cover Covert (Teacher)	P

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

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Abdiweli	High School dean
Keillen curt	School legal counsel
Robert Procaccini	CPA Finance Representative (Diece School Finance, LLC)

**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:** No conflict of interest was declared

**V. Public Comments:**

No public comment was received.

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- Several items were requested to be added to the September agenda. The following items were approved to be added to the agenda: Child Find, School Crisis Management Policy, Child Referral Forms, Suspension Forms, and an amendment to Metro School's board meeting minutes of May 2017. Finally, Both the May Board Meeting Minutes and the revised September agenda which reflected the added items were put forward for approval by Abdalla, seconded by Mohamed. The rest of the board members gave their approval by a unanimous consent.

**VII. Action Items**

- **August Financials:** Robert said that the school's revenue was based on 375 students. The cash seemed to be going down in the beginning but now is coming back up. There was about \$700,000 in the bank. Amount due from the state is still high at \$900,000. There is an increase in the current SPED aid (about 12%), but will take time to receive it. Overall, the school is doing well financially. The latest financial transactions show some bills getting paid from prior expenses. Elmi collaborated as to the nature of these expenses. Robert suggested the school needs to be patient in waiting out for some of the SPED revenue to pour in. Osman moved the motion to approve the financials, seconded by Gudal. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Director Evaluation Policy:** Individual members read the director evaluation policy and discussed it, then approved it (please read The board's approval of the motion below).
- **Gym Equipment/Chromebook:** Elmi wants to keep leasing gym equipment and chrome books to save money for the school. (board discussed and approved it, Please
- **Hiring New Outreach:** Discussed Elmi's rational in hiring a new outreach in order to compete with nearby schools. (See the board's motion below)
- **Alternative Transportation for SPED:** Discussed the need for alternative transportation for our SPEDs. Elmi stated that Minnehaha Transportation lacked the means and wherewithal to provide transportation for our students with special needs. We need alternative transportation for them. The board approved this agenda (See the board's motion below)
- **Par time Coaches:** Elmi discussed the need to hire two more sped teachers. The board discussed and approved this agenda. (see the board's motion below)

- **Student Handbook & Parent Handbook Policy:** Discussed the separate handbook policy the school has made. This was approved by the board. (see the board's motion below)
- **Transportation Policy:** Discussed and approved (see the board's motion below)
- **COME Transportation/Southdale:** Elmi thought Come Transportation had the ability to meet and fulfill the requirements of our SPED students' transportation needs. Elmi stated that the school had about 40 plus SPEDs to find transportation for. (See the board's motion below).
- **Child Find:** Discussed and approved (find the board's approval below)
- **School Crisis Management Policy:** Discussed and approved (Find the board's approval below).
- **Child Referral Forms:** Discussed and approved (Find the board's approval below).
- **Suspension Forms:** Discussed and approved. (Find the board's approval below).

All of the above items were discussed one by one by the board. Mr. Elmi requested that the board approve these items as they "are necessary for the school's overall functioning". Joe moved the motion for approval, seconded by Abdalla. The motion passed unanimously as all members voted in support of it.

- **Used Computers/IPads:** Elmi asked the board to let him donate these old computers to the needy students, their parents and the community at large. Joe moved this motion, seconded by Gudal. The rest of the board gave their unanimous consent in support of it.
- **2017 Calendar:** The board discussed the 2017/2018 Calendar and found that the discussion of this item as well as the board's approval of the calendar which took place in May of 2017 was never recorded in the minutes. The board decided that an amendment must be made to the May meeting minutes of 2017/2018 which will reflect the calendar of 2017/2018 being approved by the board. Mr. Mohamed put the motion forward for an approval, seconded by Gudal. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Law Suit:** Finally, the board put a motion to give Mr. Keillen the power to draft a lawsuit against Bille Bus Co to recoup the money it failed to give back to the school. Bille Bus Co. owed the school about \$27,000. Abdalla moved the motion and Warsame seconded it. The motion passed as the board gave its unanimous consent.
- **Finally:** The board decided to authorize Mr. Elmi to finish the responses to Audubon.

IX. **Adjourned:** 2: 55 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:01 p.m., October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Room-105