



TESFA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Global Minds with Minnesota Hearts

Board Minutes

6:00 p.m. February 22, 2021

Meeting Location: 1555 40th Avenue NE, 2nd Floor, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Mission

Through a global-minded education, we empower and prepare all students with the empathy, knowledge, and skills to take risks and pursue goals that contribute meaningfully to their community.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - By Pat Exner at 6:08PM CST

Present: Pat Exner X , Amir Orandi X , Jonas Beugen X , Abby Hendricks X , Beth Al-Qudah X , John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl X

Absent: John Groenke, Mohamed Selim

2.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS : None

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks X , Beth Al-Qudah , John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl Mohamed

Seconded by :Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-QudahX, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl

Yea: 5 Nay 0

4.0 COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT: Stephanie Olsen - VOA -

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of routine matters of business taken as one motion. Board members may request to remove from the consent agenda any items they believe warrants board discussion or a separate vote. These consent items include:



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- Personnel Items - NA
- January 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Executive Director recommends the School Board approve the Consent Items as detailed in the enclosure.

Motion by: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi X, , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl Mohamed

Seconded by :Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl X

Yea: 0 Nay 0

6.0 Monthly Financials -

6.01 Approval of January 2021 Financial Report and Payment of Bills

Patrick would like to recognize Jonas and his efforts in a clean Audit report that was presented to the board during the January meeting.

Motion by: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks X , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl Mohamed

Seconded by :Pat Exner X , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl

Yea: 5 Nay 0

7.0 Presentations and Discussion Items

7.01 VOA end of year reports and contract renewal - Stephanie Olson (VOA) -Addendum A

Board would like to recognize all the hard work of Jonas and the rest of the group in securing a 5 year contract through VOA. We celebrate this achievement and recognize this big milestone. Great Job Team!!!

-Name change recommendation

7.02 Establishing Tesfa Day Care for 3 and 4 year olds Fall 2021 - Jason Stockwell



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- Board would like to recognize Jason Stockwell for all his efforts by going above and beyond in leading this effort.

7.03 Strategic Directions Progress Report - Jen Andrews Van Horne & Kim Wingove

7.04 Learning Model Update

7.05 First Reading of FY21 Final Budget Revision

7.06 First Reading of Policies for Review

- 703 Fund Balance
- 790 Check Signer Policy
- 807 Health & Safety

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.01 Approve Engagement Agreement with Piper/Sandler - Making a motion to move the approval to the March meeting

Motion by: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi x, , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl Mohamed

Seconded by :Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah x, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl

Yea: 5 Nay 0

8.02 Adopt New Policy: Group Health Insurance Policy #481

Motion by: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks x , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl Mohamed

Seconded by :Pat Exner X , Amir Orandi, Jonas Beugen , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl

Yea: 5 Nay 0

8.03 FY 22 Budget Parameters - The board will set initial parameters for the Executive Director to utilize in developing the preliminary FY22 budget. The preliminary



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budget will be presented to the board for approval in March.

Motion by: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks x , Beth Al-Qudah X, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl Mohamed

Seconded by :Pat Exner X , Amir Orandi, Jonas Beugen , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl X

Yea: 5 Nay 0

9.0 MARCH AGENDA ITEMS

- Board Development Document (training)
- Approve Policies 703,790,807
- Review Policies 220, 420,709
- Final FY21 Final Budget Revision
- Preliminary FY22 Budget Adoption

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi X, , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl Mohamed

Seconded by :Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, , Abby Hendricks X , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl

Yea: 5 Nay 0