

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2015: 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 5:59 PM on August 17, 2015.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Board Chair)	Present
Helen Fisk (Board Treasurer)	Absent
Julian Stanke (Board Secretary) voted in at 6:03 pm	Present
Emily Schmidt (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Midi Hansen (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Present
Christina Ticer (Board Member)	Absent
Mike McFadden (Board Member)	Absent
Becky Magnuson (Director and ExOfficio)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Assistant Director and ExOfficio)	Present

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role

Tesfa International School

Mission: Tesfa International School is committed to providing an equitable and empowering education for all. Our scholars will engage in a transdisciplinary curriculum supported by conceptual and inquiry based learning. Side-by-side with dedicated educators, scholars will develop the knowledge, skills, and characteristics necessary for active citizenship throughout the world.

Vision: Our students will be prepared for a successful transition to the most rigorous and challenging middle school programs. Through their experience at Tesfa, students will be held to the highest of standards both academically and socially, to prepare the students for college and careers, as well as with the leadership skills required of active and productive citizens in the 21st century. Through access and equity, students will follow a pathway to success for them and their communities.

AGENDA and MINUTES

Subject	Approval of Agendas						
Motion	Motion to amend the agenda, adding in board member addition.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded		Midi Hansen			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject	Approval of New/Returning Board Member						
Motion	Motion to approve new board member, Julian Stanke.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded		Dillon Donnelly			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject	Accept the Minutes						
Motion	Motion to accept the minutes as presented from July 13.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded		Dillon Donnelly			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	Approve Budget						
Motion	Motion to approve the budget as presented.						
Made by	Dillon Donnelly	Seconded		Julian Stanke			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Amend Agenda						
Motion	Motion to add discussion of future board meeting dates.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded		Emily Schmidt			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Accept Financial Report						
Motion	Accept the financial report as present.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Personnel Recommendations						
Motion	Motion to approve the personnel recommendations and contracted services.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Dillon Donnelly				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Loan Application						
Motion	Motion to approve Becky Magnuson to move forward with the loan application for Nonprofits Assistance Fund.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Dillon Donnelly				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Subject	Director Update – Becky Magnuson and Lauren Ryan					
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment • First day with staff – August 3, 2015 • Building Updates • Teacher Interviews • Marketing and Outreach • Upcoming Date to Note 					

AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	None					
Discussion	No authorizer present					

POLICY UPDATES

Subject	Check Signers Policy (790)						
Motion	Motion to approve the Check Signers Policy 790, as presented in the board packet with revisions.						
Made by	Dillon Donnelly		Seconded		Midi Hansen		
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject							
Motion	Motion to approve Emily Schmidt as board member teacher representative and check signer.						
Made by	Midi Hansen		Seconded		Dillon Donnelly.		
Discussion	None.						
Vote		Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	1
Decision	Motion passed.						

Subject	Early Entrance and Grade Acceleration Policy (590)						
Motion	Motion to approve Policy 590, Early Entrance and Grade Acceleration, as revised in the board packet.						
Made by	Midi Hansen		Seconded		Emily Schmidt		
Discussion	Discussion was had regarding the assessment tool.						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	None						
Discussion	No public present.						

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn at 7:06pm						
Made by	Emily Schmidt		Seconded		Midi Hansen		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							