



TESFA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Global Minds with Minnesota Hearts

Board Minutes

6:00 p.m. May 17, 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 - Pat Exner called to order @ 6:06PM CST

Present: Pat Exner , Amir Orandi, Jonas Beugen , Abby Hendricks, Beth Al-Qudah (Joined 6:07), John Groenke (absent) , Mohamed Selim (absent) , Megan Kufahl

Absent:

2.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS : None

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Yea: 4 Nay 0

4.0 COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT:



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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:

- Personnel Items - Melanie Niewendorp was added to the personnel recommendations for approval
- April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Executive Director recommends the School Board approve the Consent Items as found above.

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

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

Yea: 5 Nay 0

6.0 Monthly Financials -

6.01 Approval of April Financial Report and Payment of Bills

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

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

Yea: 5 Nay 0

7.0 Presentations and Discussion Items

7.01 Anticipated Closing Activities and Timeline

Note: The board will move to approve related items 8.01 & 8.02 following discussion of 7.01 before returning to the next agenda item.

7.02 Marketing / Recruiting Planning and Proposal



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- Kidder Media
 - Newsletter/Mailings
 - Splash Page for Website - <https://www.twinlakesacademy.com>
- Proposal from Sable Design

7.03 School Board Election

- Candidate Applications Submitted by Deadline
 - John Groenke, Community Member
 - Ann Peterson, Community Member
 - Abby Hendricks, Teacher (1 year term)
 - Malaney Peterson, Teacher (2 year term)
 - Amir Orandi, Parent
- Timeline
 - Applications were due by May 14
 - Election Date May 25 - (voting closes at 3PM)
 - Ballots sent to families May 20 (early voting starts May 20)

7.03 Policy Review Transportation Policy #709

7.04 Review Parent Transportation Agreement, 2021- 2022 (for June approval)

Note: The board will move to approve related item 8.05 following discussion of 7.04 before returning to the next agenda item.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Resolution to Execute Bond Purchase Agreement and Approve Executive Director to Execute School Related Bond Closing Documents - The language on Resolution was changed under resolution 1 to read: budget not exceed 6,800000.00

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

Yea: 5 Nay 0



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8.02 FY21 Final Budget Revision

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

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

Yea:5 Nay 0

8.03 Approve Preliminary FY22 Budget

- Draft in the agenda packet includes the following additions to previous year budget:
 - salary schedule as recommended for approval later in this meeting
 - 4 FTE homeroom teachers, increasing to two sections at every grade except 6th- *ESSER 2 & 3 Funds*
 - Office receptionist
 - 1 FTE Community Liaison/Recruiter *ESSER 2 & 3 Funds*
 - 1 FTE Custodian *partially offset by no longer paying for cleaning with lease*
 - An increase of \$400 per day for transportation
 - Marketing Budget \$30,000

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

Yea: 5 Nay 0

8.04 Approval of Revised Transportation Boundaries

- Proposed Boundaries as Found in Map on Board Packet
 - 35W to East
 - 169 to West
 - 610 to the North



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- 394 to South
- All parts of the Osseo Area School District #279 Boundaries not covered in map or above
- All students currently attending Tesfa and reside outside of the transportation boundaries will be grandfathered to old boundaries.

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

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

9.0 June Agenda Items -

Note: The June Meeting will take place on site at our new location 6201 Noble Avenue North, Brookly Center

- Day Care
- Board Self-Evaluation
- Executive Director Evaluation Report

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

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 , , Abby Hendricks , Beth Al-Qudah, John Groenke , Mohamed Selim , Megan Kufahl

Yea: 5 Nay 0