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## **GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**

Special Meeting of Friday February 24, 2017 at 6:00PM

Iftin Charter School Library

*“Providing a strong educational foundation to all students who are in need of direction and support in learning English and finding their way in a new culture.”*

**Mission:** Iftin Charter School provides students in grades K-8 an academically rigorous, common core aligned curricula, supplemented with a technology intensive program in a student centered, safe and caring learning environment. ICS addresses the needs of a diverse group of students, their families and communities by building on the strengths of the students’ cultural heritage and life experiences. ICS students are educated and enlightened to become successful, lifelong learners and valuable members of the global community.

### **WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM 6:07 pm**

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#### Roll Call

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Abdulkarim Warsame _____	President Present
Joe Udall _____	Secretary Present
Mulki Hersi _____	Treasurer Present
Muktar Hirsi _____	Member Absent
Rahmo Abdi _____	Member Present
Bile Ismail _____	Member Present
Ibrahim Hassan _____	Member Present

**PUBLIC HEARING:** only for items on this Special Agenda.

This is the appropriate point in the meeting for any members of the audience to speak on matters only on this special agenda. If they wish to address the Board, they are requested, prior to the meeting, to submit to the Secretary of the Board their names and the subject on which they wish to speak. Time is limited to three minutes for each individual. Complaints about specific personnel are not appropriate for public session. Please submit any complaints to the Board Secretary in writing.



Mohamed Yusuf – Does the attorney represent the whole school or the board? Can we select board members as parents?

Liban Ali –Close session items are spreading into the community. You are accountable if corruption takes place. We need a different board.

Fadumo Abdi –Is this something that will disappoint the kids who go to school? We are parents. We have rights. The problem between Amal and board is between them, but we want to find out what our rights are and what input we can have.

Abdirahman Ali –I believe the president and the board have good intentions. They can hire and fire only the principal. We want to change the by-law. So the parents can select the board.

Asha Farah – The parent committee were not selected by the majority of the parents. This teacher (Udall) is a good teacher they have been trying to fire for two months. We are against firing him. And as an employee, someone changed my clock-in time fraudulently.

Halima Jama – The board are honorable men and people. What I have seen, they are polite, they are brave. I am saying that they are brave person because they can control their anger. They can be respectful at such a time. I will shower them with a colorful nice prestigious cloth in honor of them.

Ismail –I pass three schools when I'm bringing the students to school because my children love this school. I would ask the board and consult among themselves and talk together. We have three different cultures. Two are Somali, and the US is the third. I am asking the board to take 3 parents who are not considered instigators and sit down and resolve this calmly.

Mohammed –What is so unfortunate is that the interests of children divide the community into two. Instead of yelling, and inserting their issues, the best possible way is for the parents and the parent leaders need conflict solution. The fact is that the board, the parents, the community, they all want this school to be successful. Everyone wants that. These meetings every so often we are losing very precious time trying to solve conflicts that are created.



## SPECIAL SESSION

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### 1. Election of former Board Member Ahmed Maani to the Board of Directors to complete his prior term.

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Abdi – I'm concerned with reconsidering a board member who resigned Previously Hayat sent a letter to withdraw her resignation letter. Once the board member resigns, they can not be reconsidered. No one made him resign. If he was passionate, he wouldn't leave.

Ismail –Board members are divided into different groups. Mr. Maani was a member of the board, he resigned himself without pressure, as by-laws say, it is effective the day he publishes resignation. I would like Mr. Maani to answer the questions about why he wants to join the board again. I would like to work together, and be one member, and to benefit this school, and we are not supposed to divide our community because part of our community is missing last year and board members I request you to solve this issue.

Hassan – He is an asset for us. He graduated from Stanford. I request him to come back. Very well educated. He's got a business background.

Warsame – We are all board members here, and if anyone would like to understand how we elect board members, they can refer to by-laws. If someone thinks it is not in the by-law to elect, they can make their case. I know all of us have been sitting here, I'm a parent myself, and we know Ahmed Maani, and he's an asset we have lost. We all understand. We will talk about those things and we will discuss those things. Maani is an asset, and he emboldens this organization, and I speak on his support.

Udall – Maani is an asset, and I was disappointed he resigned, and recognize how he was spoken against in our previous meeting. It is not easy for any of us to have our name dragged through the mud, but if he's willing to finish her term, I support him.

Hersi – He did six months of his term, and did not finish his term. I am very happy to elect him to complete his term.

Motion Hassan Second Hersi Ayes Warsame, Udall Nays Ismail Absent Abdi, Hirsi

## ADVANCE PLANNING

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The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held on **Friday, Mar. 24, 2017** at 6:00pm in the Iftin K-8 Library at 5465 El Cajon, Blvd San Diego.

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## **ADJOURN 7:32 pm**

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