



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA - Special Meeting

Meeting of Wednesday, February 12th, 2020, 5:30PM
Iftin Charter School Library
5465 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego CA 92115

“Provide all students with personalized, challenging, academic programs, which develop 21st Century skills necessary to become active and effective global citizens via a caring, interactive, project-based learning environment that emphasizes culture, character, compassion, and personal values.”

Mission: Iftin Charter School provides students in grades TK-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 5:45PM

Roll Call

_____	President
Joe Udall _____	Secretary present
Mulki Hersi _____	Treasurer present
Rahmo Abdi _____	Member present
Faisal Ali _____	Member present
Ibrahim Hassan _____	Member present

PUBLIC HEARING

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. Individuals wishing to comment on items on the present agenda may do so during this portion of the meeting. Complaints about specific personnel are not appropriate for public session. Please submit any complaints to the Board Secretary in writing.

Warsame: One thing I wanted clarification in item number D. It doesn’t clarify what the topic is, and item C is an important topic, and board composition is important moving forward. It will need to be a diverse new member, and the decision by SD Unified, and I suggest tasking a different selection by getting diversity and as we move forward. I would like to comment more on Item D, and will wait to hear what the item entails.

Mahmoud Liban: I would like to ask for a clarification on the procedures moving forward with the petition. As I mention last time, we need to unify our approach as a committee. I don’t see the community gathering, and who is going to bring the community together as a solution? I am not interested in becoming a board position, but I’m offering for the safety of the community. What I think is the best is invite the community leaders to get a solution and recommendations. Then we can know what those suggestions are or outside maybe? I know the president resigned, and are you willing to do the petition? Are you willing to have the staff do the petition? What are the expectations?

Abdulkmalik Adan: Item D? We are cohesive than the past experience, and I’m a community member, and I think we are a little better than the experiences in the past. And we trust the board.



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REGULAR SESSION

I. Discussion Items

A. Recognition of Resignation of a Board Member

Udall: We accepted the email of Abdulkarim Warsame on Friday and thank him for his service.

B. Appointment of Officers

Ali: Thank you everyone for participating tonight. Since our president resigned, I would like tonight to appoint someone who is capable of running the board and that's going to be someone well-intentioned, and worked for the community for the last several years. It's someone who is not controversial, and self-less, and though all of would step aside, we have to show we made mistakes, and we are willing to move forward in the best form. We submit an appeal petition and are changing things, and having a brand new board is what we need moving forward. I nominate Rahma because her interests are the parents, the children, and the teachers.

Hassan: Thank you everyone for participating. If I talk about the board, we are here to give direction. The district gives us choices, and administration knows everything. About the nomination, I can say I nominate everyone, but I recommend Faisal. My suggestions is to recruit the new board, and give them the support to save our school.

Abdi: As a mother, I am busy, and can't accept the nomination. I will always be able to support the president and recommend Faisal.

Hersi: I also would've accepted Rahma, but I do recognize how Faisal benefits us. I want to continue seeing us open the door for more opportunities, and keep our school.

Udall: Do you accept the nomination, Ali?

Hori: Thank you everyone for your service. When you choose one of the board members, especially the board president, and especially at Iftin Charter School, and you have to look at how that person leads the community. How is the leadership skills, and the experience at Iftin, and the teachers, and it's important. You all have been here a long time, and we need someone at this time that can communicate with every stakeholder.

Hassan: Our bylaws have 5 to 9 board members. You have community members, parents, teacher, and we need diversity. That suggestion is from the district.

Hassan recommends appointing of Faisal Ali. The consensus of the board is to fill the president position at the next meeting with an action item.

C. Recruitment of New Board Members

Ali: My first suggestion is the examples from other schools and they hire an outside entity with someone running the process. That person works with admin, and solicits the teachers, parents, and communicates, and they vote for the five people. Whomever gets the most votes, serves, even if we have to revise the bylaws.

Hassan: Recruitment should be based on the bylaws, and we have to table.



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D. Administrative Stakeholders Meeting

Ali: Show in the appeal we are making the change. We also discussed we have a stakeholder committee, and opens dialogue with the district. That is in its infancy, and hopefully by next meeting, we have an action item on the agenda. A stakeholder committee would be shared responsibility.

Abdi: Choosing the committee will be crucial. Not that much time.

Hassan: Appeal has 30 days. Waiting will not help. District already gave us 3 choices. And tell them where we go. If we don't start those procedures, we don't have time.

II. CLOSED SESSION

Anticipated Litigation – *significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1 case).*

III. Reportable Action 7:57 pm

The board has decided to appeal to the county, and we are creating a committee of stakeholders to work with administration in building relationships with the district.

IV. Advanced Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held on **Friday, March 6th, 2020** at 5:30 pm in the Iftin K-8 Library at 5465 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego.

V. Adjournment 7:57 pm

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