



5465 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego CA 92115 (619)265-2411
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES-Regular Board Meeting
Meeting of Friday January 27, 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 / The meeting was called to order by Abdulkarim Warsame at 6:01 PM

Roll Call: Nancy Frantz

Abdulkarim Warsame, President; Present
Joe Udall, Secretary; Present
Yassin Essa, Treasurer; Present
Muktar Hirsi, Member; Absent
Rahmo Abdi, Member; Present 6:02PM
Ahmed Maani, Member; Present
Bile Ismail, Member; Present
Ibrahim Hassan, Member; Present
Mulki Hersi, Member; Present 6:10PM

PUBLIC HEARING

This is the appropriate point in the meeting for any members of the audience to speak on matters of special interest or concern not on the present 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.

Abdirahman Ali: Addressed the issue of conflict of interest and the questions of a CEO coming to Iftin. Iftin does not need a CEO and we don’t want Iftin to be run like Somalia with self-interested board members trying to get something sweet.



Mariam Ali: As a parent, new this year to Iftin, ELAC representative, Iftin provides a great opportunity for our kids to succeed. We don't want yadda, yadda, yadda. We are here for the kids.

Mahamud Yusuf: Parent Committee representative. The past Principal was fired for low academic achievement and financial reasons. Parents are together as a group and we saved the school. Now everything is good, but the problem from the past is returning. We need the board to do their job and the administration to do their job and not mix. I do not want a board member who does not have kids in this school working on a position for himself.

Mohamed Ares: Founder of Iftin, parent and grandparent of current and former Iftin students, elder in the community. Thanks to the Somali community for the wonderful job, for the work of the administration. Audit report shows no findings, the school has \$2M in reserves, academics are going up, and enrollment is up. Conflict of interest can't be tolerated. Someone on the board wants to work for the school. The board members are my friends, they've done a great job, but according to what I've heard from some board members, they are trying to micro-manage. Nomads had a vision, now it's time to work together.

Hussein Nur: Parent/Parent Outreach Coordinator/ Somali Instructor; when I first came to San Diego there was fighting and division. Amal was given the position to put things right and rebuild the school. As outreach coordinator I'm aware of all that's going on in the community. We are here together today to set things right. The people who built this school are now being challenged. We cannot jeopardize the school again.

Liban Ali: SPED. The board is aware of what we have faced and the scares have not healed. What is brewing is not good. We chose you so you could defend the school. You choose each other to be reelected. By-laws have been amended and changed. You need parent input. I've worked seven years in SPED but I came to Iftin 3 months ago to advocate. I hope respect our concerns.

Cali Xirsi: Elder of San Diego, no students at the school. We are here because of trouble with clans. We need to run away from challenges at home and work for the good of the school. We have to come together. We don't want the troubles to come back.

Hussein Ali: Parent for the advancement of education and the whole being. Requesting the board not to pursue personal interest but what is good for the whole. If there is an issue, share it with us. As parents we will fire some of the board. We don't want to bring problems from home to here.

Mohamed Jama: It's our children who are important. Amal is our Principal. If there is a problem we need it to be solve it together as Somalis. Listen to each other. We don't want the previous problems back again, we have endured a lot. The board wants to take charge and do, but they have to respect her position. If we work together we will succeed but if we bump heads we'll



fail. One school, one community working together for the interest of the parents and students not self-interest. The board needs to work together with the parent committee. Talk to them.

Abdirahim Mohamed: SSC Chairman. I'm here every day. I see the school progressing and moving. No one can change the school in one day. I see progress; it needs five years more. Let parents get to know the board; they don't know who the board is and what they do. Introduce yourselves.

REGULAR SESSION

Abdulkarim Warsame: addressed the participants: If you'd like to be a board member, come participate and join us.

- A. Financial Report: December Board Report, Delano Jones; **Attachment 1**
 - a. Administration is doing a good job. There is no debt and no problems.
- B. Report from Principal: Achievement Data CELDT report
 - a. Ms. Hersi introduced students who challenge her to work hard. These students are in 8th grade, serve on the ASB and each presented a vignette about their experience at Iftin.
 - 1) Aisha Ahmed; Student at Iftin for the past 9 years. I've seen many good things over the years. I was shy but I have confidence now.
 - 2) Ishrah Omar- Having a Somali Principal is a great example to me and has bought me education and world culture.
 - 3) Abdirahman Mohamed- The school started out Ok but has transformed like a butterfly. I especially like the Somali classes.
 - 4) Abdikhaliq Mohamed; I've always been an active person since 2nd grade. I'm on the ASB, a basketball player, attended the citizenship party/carnival.
 - 5) Hussain Ali Amin; I play basketball and I'm on the ASB. Ms. Hersi is an amazing principal. She always understands your ideas and helps the school.
 - b. Boys basketball team are playing other teams from around the city with the YMCA.
 - c. Enrollment 436
 - d. Jan 6; Attended the Charter School mini conference.
 - 1) New federal and state indicators.
 - 2) P1 Iftin had a 97% student attendance rate.
 - e. Jan 11, 2017 Calendar committee met to finalize next year's calendar.
 - f. Jan 12: English Learner Conference.
 - g. Jan 23-27 Mid term assessments/end of the Semester.
 - h. We've been able to implement school messenger to send out notices to our parents.



- i. We are putting time into our kids who need extra time. 50 students in grades 5-8th grade who need extra time in math. They are receiving tutoring after school from 3-5 PM 3 days per week.
- j. CELDT Scores: 4-8th grade will be screened for reclassification.

C. Approve regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2016. **Attachment 2**

Motion, Udall; Second, Hassan; Ayes (8) Warsame, Udall, Hersi, Abdi, Maani, Ismail, Hassan, Essa ; Nays (0); Abstain(0); Absent(0)

D. Appointment of Yassin Essa to the position of Board Member for the term of 01/27/2017-01/26/2019. Mulki Hersi asked Mr. Essa if he would be attending every board meeting. He replied that he was fully committed to the Iftin cause. **Attachment 3**

Motion, Ismail; Second, Abdi; Ayes (3) Udall, Abdi, Ismail ;Nays (2) Warsame, Hersi; Abstain(2) Maani, Ibrahim; Absent (1) Hirsi

E. Approve the job description for Human Resource Manager. **Attachment 4 .**

Motion to **table** the item was made by Joe Udall to discuss the various roles contained and supervision of those roles; Second, Ibrahim; Ayes (4) Udall, Maani, Hassan, Warsame; Nays(2) Ismail, Abdi; Abstain (1) Essa; Absent (2) Hersi, Hirsi.

Closed Session

Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (number of potential cases: (1) Yussuf & Suryan vs. Iftin Charter School

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 8:55PM

- F. Report on the Closed Session: A case, as indicated in the description of the closed session, was discussed and feedback given to the Principal, Amal Hersi.
- G. Board Walkthrough Wednesday, Date was changed from Feb. 15, 2017 to Mar. 15 2017/Preparation: Work Session

ADVANCE PLANNING

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

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