



## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Regular Board Meeting

Meeting of Friday, May 29, 2020 5:30PM

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**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 5:44PM

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#### Roll Call

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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PUBLIC COMMENT— Anyone wishing to address the Board on agenda, non-agenda, and/or Closed Session items may do so. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Total public input on any one subject may be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, and may be extended at the discretion of the Board Chairperson. Comments on an agenda item may be taken when the agenda item is discussed by the Board. Comments on non-agenda items will be heard before the Consent Motion.

**Ahmed Abdi:** Thank you Mr. President. Hi everyone? Greetings to all members of the board, the administration and the community. It is my honor to speak on this occasion. As you all know, our school few weeks ago was in the brink of being shut down after the San Diego Unified Board refused to renew the charter. But it has been saved, fortunately. Thanks to the team led by Board president, Mr. Faisal Ali.

Now, we need to correct our mistakes and be proactive. Thank you.

**Faisal Ali:** Thank you Mr. Ahmed. Do we have any other speakers?



## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Special Meeting

**Abdulkarim Warsame:** Thank you board members. I would like to bring two things to your attention. First the wake of COVID-19 and schools being shut down. All of our families are at home, because of the uniqueness and language barriers and challenges before the COVID. I am wondering how our community is receiving awareness and how to stay safe, mentally and physically. We need to educate the families and assist in any way we can.

**Faisal Ali:** Thank you.

**Abdinasir Abdishakur Haji:** I am a parent of Iftin Charter School. I am happy for the victory made by Board, Administration, Staff and Community all together. I am once again delighted for your continued efforts and for serving the community. As a parent, I would like to say Thank you.

**Mohamed Aden:** I would like to thank those who dedicated their time and effort and for giving Iftin a second chance. Without them, children from our community would be lost. I thank the board for their great efforts and I support this great cause. Thank you very much for your hard work.

**Bashir Hassan:** I would like to make a few comments. Iftin community needs to come together, think and reflect back to the steps that have led us to the school closure. We need to support the school. We need to support our board. We need to honor them as they worked voluntarily to support our children and community. We need to respect their decisions. On the other hand, we need to avoid all divisive ideas, selfishness and ego-centric that we have experienced in the past. Let the school run smoothly.

Also, I believe the school board has approved to hire a CEO last meeting. I believe this is a positive direction toward the future and school improvement. It is very important that you select someone who knows our community well. Someone who understands the culture and language. This is research based, that when the children see a leadership that they share a lot of similarities, their education improves. If I give one example, the founder, first principal didn't have an education background, but he has established a lot of things. I remember the San Diego Union Tribune wrote an article in 2008. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

**Abdirizak Aden Yusuf:** I would like to thank all those who worked tirelessly for the appeal of the school. We appreciate your time and dedication. Most importantly, we thank you Board for bringing 5 years of renewal. I have eight children and six of them attended Iftin Charter School. Currently two are attending, as a parent, we support you 100%.

**Faisal Ali:** Thank you everybody for participating. We appreciate when parents and community members show initiative and participate in our meetings.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

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**Faisal Ali:** We will start with Josh's Presentation.

**Joshua Eng:** Thank you. Can you all see my screen?

**Faisal Ali:** Yes, go ahead.

**Joshua Eng:** I met with the administration to develop a draft of the budget and the ending of the school year. As you all know, the governor's budget cut ten percent due to COVID-19.

When we went through all the expenses and revenues, we end the year with a positive \$100,343. We aligned 2019-20 to develop 2020-21 budget. 360 total enrollments with ADA of 342. Despite an increase in enrollment, due to the governor's budget cut, there is a loss of revenue \$182k less year.

Currently the state senate rejected the budget and petitioned to the federal government. Our preliminary discussions currently project a deficit of \$220k. The biggest driver in this deficit is the governor's budget cut. Also, a new position added. There will be some adjustments in the coming weeks and months. The Board will need to approve the budget in June once we finalize some numbers. Any questions?



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**Faisal Ali:** Thank you Josh. So, I'm glad we have this discussion of the budget tonight. I think moving forward, the board is interested. I want to make sure that whenever we make decisions, we are completely aware and look through the numbers.

My biggest areas to focus is eliminating expenses in legal and consultants. If you could give us some background what we are projecting for those specific categories? And where have we been last year?

**Joshua Eng:** First question is legal expenses and settlements, actually at the moment we are projecting at about \$40k for the 2019-20 budget. It makes sense to use legal, since the charter renewal. For next year 2020-21, we kept it the same. Currently we don't have any legal settlements. To your second questions regarding educational consulting, this area has a combination of a lot of things, like substitutes, educational consultant, PE consulting and sped consultants. So, 5800 professional/consulting services of \$46K and educational consulting of \$210k and total of \$256k.

**Faisal Ali:** Thank you Josh. I understand this is the first draft and the board will have to approve the final budget in our June regular meeting. Please feel free to ask questions.

**Faisal Ali:** Item B on our discussion is the 2020 COVID-19 Operations Written report. I understand Ms. Charles is going to present.

**Yolande Charles:** We will be submitting our LCAP in December, but meanwhile we are required to submit COVID-19, July 1<sup>st</sup> we will need to submit, what Iftin has done during the school closure. We worked collectively to develop our plan for distance learning and ensuring that we reach all of our students.

We have Identified our food distribution sites through the San Diego Unified School District. This document is for your review and will need to be adopted before July 1st. Are there any questions?

**Faisal Ali:** Are expecting any revisions or is this the ready for adoption?

**Yolande Charles** This is the final draft and we welcome your feedback and ready for your approval.

**Faisal Ali:** I appreciate the admin team for quickly moving to create a plan and adapting to the realities we are living in. For working so hard and concerned about the well beings of our students. We are so proud of you.

### Action Item

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### Closed Session

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### Advance Planning

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The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held **on Friday, June 19, 2020** at 5:30 pm.

### Adjournment 7:06 pm

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