



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Special Meeting

Meeting of Friday, June 19, 2020 5:30PM

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“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 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 5:36PM

Roll Call

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

Faisal Ali: Ok, please state your name and your comment.

Ahmed Abdi: I would like to make a comment, if you allow me to do so.

Faisal Ali: You have three minutes, go ahead.

Ahmed Abdi: Greetings to all. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. I’m really delighted and happy that the school is headed in the right direction. Thanks to all those who make this possible. As you all know, about ninety-percent of students are refugee immigrants and from low-income households. We always need someone who can best communicate with the families, understand their needs and looks out for their welfare. In terms of psychological needs as well as their academic achievement. We need to make Iftin a great example for the rest of the state. Thank you for listening.



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Hassan Abdi Ali: I'm a parent of Iftin. I would like to thank board, admin, teachers and community at large. I would like to express my gratitude for all that this school has done my children and the many more students that it serves in San Diego. Thank you and continue this great journey.

Shakir Hussein: I'm not a parent at Iftin, but I have many nieces and nephews attending Iftin. I am a huge supporter of the community. I simply want to thank the board and administration for working hard to get the school back and running. One of the things that I really appreciate about the school is that, my nephew and nieces speak the Somali language. Growing up here, its very difficult, many children often lose this portion of their culture. I just want to say great job and keep up the great work.

Dahrhan Hassan: I would like to thank all for your hard work and great efforts. I hope soon you will add a high school for our children to attend.

Safiya Hussein: Greetings, I am a parent as well. I really appreciate all the hard work from the administration, board and everyone who worked hard to keep Iftin open for another five years. Iftin is not just a school to us, it's our home. We feel we are welcomed and my children feel that they can be part school culture, continue to learn and gain more knowledge. I appreciate it.

Faisal Ali: Do we have any another comment?

Faisal Ali: Ok we will move on to the rest of the agenda. Thank you for participating.

CONSENT ITEMS

Faisal Ali: Let's start with the consent items. The meeting minutes for May 22, 2020. Do I have the motion to approve consent Items?

Mulki Hersi: I motion.

Rahmo Abdi: I second.

Faisal Ali: Now we're voting

Motion Hersi **Second** Abdi **Ayes** Abdi Ali Hersi **Nays** N/A **Abstain** N/A **Absent** Udall Hassan

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Faisal Ali: We have two items on the discussion. The Principal's report and LCAP COVID-19 Operations written report.

Faisal Ali: Ms. Yolande has through the report on our last meeting. I would like to give an opportunity for the principal to present his report. Thank you.

Ali Hori: Thank you board president and all members for giving me this opportunity to share with you my report. Our school year enrollment ended with 354.



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On May 29, we had a meeting with Susan Park from SDUSD in our admin team, regarding food services, PowerSchool transition and facilities. We shared a lot of information to make this transition smooth.

June 5, admin meeting. We discussed promotions for our student in grades K, 5, and 8th grade. Following the State and County guidelines. We agreed to hold this ceremony using a drive-thru process. The ceremony was organized very well and our families really enjoyed the promotions.

Furthermore, we discussed our outreach to communities. Our strategy includes using multiple platforms to advertise and promote Iftin Charter School in the community. We will continue to use, public radios, local newspaper, ads on buses and this year we plan to add digital marque in our front entry of the school.

June 10, we received our draft MOU from SDCOE. The Iftin team is very committed to working with the Charter office to provide high quality educational programs for young students in San Diego County.

June 12, we held our 5th grade drive-thru promotion. It was very successful and safe. Our students and parents were very excited and many colorful car decorations. It was certainly a memorable day for all.

Lastly, our office is open Monday-Thursday from 9-2pm. To assist families and we are accepting new enrollment applications.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Again, thank you.

Faisal Ali: Thank you Mr. Hori. I know the admin team has been very busy in the last few weeks.

Faisal Ali: I'm receiving communications from individuals who didn't login on time and missed the public hearing. I would like to ask other board members to see if we can allow for public to speak or comment?

Mulki Hersi: Its ok with me.

Rahmo Abdi: That'll be fine.

Faisal Ali: We can now proceed with the second item on the discussion. LCAP COVID-19 Operations Written report. This item is on the discussion, for any member who would like to comment. Yolande are there any new revisions from the first read as presented in last meeting?

Yolande Charles: We didn't add anything new to the report.

Rahmo Abdi: I don't have any comments. Thank you.

Faisal Abdi: Ok. We can move on to the action items.



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Action Item

Faisal Ali: Do I have the motion to approve item A. 2020-21 LCAP COVID-19 Operations Written Report.

Mulki Hersi: I motion.

Rahmo Abdi: I second.

Motion Hersi **Second** Abdi **Ayes** Abdi Ali Hersi **Nays** N/A **Abstain** N/A **Absent** Udall Hassan

Faisal Ali: Second action item B. Board calendar update. We budget and back office service contract were not ready to approve today, so there is a small update to reflect regular meeting on June 26, 2020. Any questions or concerns about the board calendar?

Rahmo Abdi: No, it looks good to me.

Faisal Ali: Do I have a motion to approve?

Rahmo Abdi: I motion.

Mulki Hersi: I second.

Motion Abdi **Second** Hersi **Ayes** Abdi Ali Hersi **Nays** N/A **Abstain** N/A **Absent** Udall Hassan

Faisal Ali: Ok. We will now move to a closed session. We will return momentarily.

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action:

Faisal Ali: Ok. It looks like we are all back to the open session. Welcome back, it's 6:54PM.

Faisal Ali: Few items from closed session that are reportable items. First, Iftin Charter School Board reached a decision to announce Mr. Maslah Yussuf will be the new CEO effective June 19, 2020. The vote was unanimous. The Board approved the Ad-hoc committee to negotiate its terms.

Motion Abdi **Second** Hersi **Ayes** Abdi Ali Hersi **Nays** N/A **Abstain** N/A **Absent** Udall Hassan

Faisal Ali: The second item from the closed session, the board approved thirty-five-thousand-dollar stipend for the administration. Ten-thousand-dollar of that stipend is approved for Mr. Hori and twenty-five thousand to be distributed among the administration at the Principal's discretion for work on the petition and the appeal. I know these folks have worked so tirelessly, I'm glad we have finally recognized their hard work.

Motion Hersi **Second** Abdi **Ayes** Abdi Ali Hersi **Nays** N/A **Abstain** N/A **Absent** Udall Hassan



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Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held **on Friday, June 26, 2020** at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment 6:57 pm

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