



## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Meeting of Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:30PM  
Iftin Charter School Library  
5465 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego CA 92115

*“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 5:40PM

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#### Roll Call

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| Abdulkarim Warsame _____ | President present         |
| Joe Udall _____          | Secretary present         |
| Mulki Hersi _____        | Treasurer present 5:47 pm |
| Rahmo Abdi _____         | Member present            |
| Faisal Ali _____         | Member present            |
| Ibrahim Hassan _____     | Member present            |

### PUBLIC HEARING

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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: I wasn’t here for a while, but I don’t miss anything. When I see this agenda, I don’t see anything different. 2 times to stress: Brown Act Training is a good training, but I hope the board learns from something. It’s tough when there are relatives on the board. Before the school renewal comes, we need changes on the board. The school district isn’t dumb, and they understand the reality. This is tax payer’s money, and some of the board is blackmailing and making it a private school. I hope they understand and change the board. What do you do besides spending hundreds of millions for lawyers? Scratch your back, scratch my back. Some aren’t qualified to be board members.

### REGULAR SESSION

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#### I. Principal Report

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Hori: Today we have about 340 students. We hired a new instructional leader Yolande Charles, and we picked her out of 4 candidates, and she will be the right person for this community.



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Charles: Thank you for the opportunity to join this community. I have 13 years of experience, and I served as a reading interventionist to where I can support teachers. I also want to see relationships build. I also want to see teachers pushed to stretch their practices. I'm thankful to join you guys.

Hori: We hired a special education teacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, middle school science, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. July 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> we continued our relationship with SDSU by creating a professional development calendar and key committees. Through our LCAP goal #2, we are looking to engage parents and the community by targeting outreach with the African Culture Fest City Heights and PANA (Partnership Advancement of New Americas.) Aug 14 we went to the Multicultural Community Relations Office. Aug 24 we shared the school's progress academically and future plan for Iftin. We've done a lot of great changes the last 2 years. The Prop 39 project for Solar Energy starts mid-September for installation. CAASPP results made huge improvements in mathematics. 56% of students met and exceeded standards in Math. 46% of students met and exceeded standards in ELA. Finally, orientation week went well with a powerful message from Dr. Johnson from SDSU NCUST.

Warsame: We appreciate seeing the report tie the LCAP into our actions, and I also want to thank and welcome Yolande. One thing we talked about in the past is encouraging perfect student attendance?

Charles: A plan is in development.

Hori: There will be good communication with the parents, too. The relationship with the student is very important.

Udall: How was the attendance for summer school? We might want to examine that data for the school start time considering Sacramento is going to change the start time of schools.

Hori: We had strong attendance and the data to show it. We will have a parent community and communicate our expectations.

Warsame: I commend you on the community outreach, and the committees you're putting together, too. I think this is a good time to start to address our operations on every level.

### **II. Consent Items**

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- Board Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2019 (Att. 1)

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

### **III. Board Training 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

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- Brown Act Training presented by Tracie Sender of Procopio Law Firm

The topics we'll cover: SB 126, Roles and Responsibilities, Running Public Meetings (Brown Act), Public Records Act, Duty of Care, Duty of Financial Oversight, and Duty of Loyalty.

Warsame: Thank you for this presentation. Do you have training for administration as well?

Sender: Here's a specific example: now emails need to be stored for 2 years in case of a public information request. I would estimate it would take to 2 to 3 hours to prep a presentation for administration.

### **IV. Discussion Items**

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- A. 2018-2019 Unaudited Actuals Report (Att. 2)



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Warsame: Ms. Hersi has a family emergency she needs to attend to.

Eng: The student had a positive 197K excess of unrestricted revenues, and a deficit of 84K restricted leaving with us at 112K net income. The fund balance ended up at 1.99 million.

Warsame: Could we schedule a Charter Vision training to help navigate that system?

Udall: Our retreat would be a good idea.

Eng: We will schedule this.

### B. Be Utmost PE Contract (Att. 3)

Warsame: We saw this year, and it seems they had a great year.

Udall: I strongly recommend reapproving their contract considering they make great relationships with our students.

Hassan: Did the contract change?

Hori: 5K more, but they'll perform more hours.

### C. Renewal Petition Committee

Warsame: I know the core petition is ready, and some of the other legwork needs to be done. We talked about having board members be on a committee, and I attended our representative Shirley Weber and she will visit. Let's continue that effort, and make it collaborative, and we do our share of reaching out. I'll open the floor to discuss or volunteer.

Udall: It would be very exciting to meet Ms. Weber. Perhaps we need parameters before joining?

Warsame: We want to make a smooth transition to help admin get an approval.

### D. Board Retreat Agenda Planning

Warsame: How do we want to setup a retreat for next Sept 28th? On campus?

Board agrees to on campus.

Warsame: Secretary generally puts our agenda together, it will be an open meeting,

Udall: We show our draft of the petition, and get community feedback, and show what 2020 to 2025 looks like.

Hori: I think this is very important for the community, and we focus on the renewal plan. This includes a high school for our organization. We should look at adding a high school. It will be important to also invite SDSU and SD Unified board members.

## V. Action Items

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### A. Approval of the 2018-2019 Unaudited Actuals

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

### B. Approval of the Be Utmost PE Contract

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

### C. Renewal Petition Ad Hoc Committee Members: Warsame and Udall

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



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### **VI. Closed Session 7:54 pm**

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**Public Employee Performance Evaluation** – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54957. Principal (1)

### **VII. Return to Open Session**

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No reportable action.

### **VIII. Advance Planning**

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The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Retreat is to be held on **Saturday September 28, 2019** at 9 am in the Iftin K-8 Library at 5465 El Cajon, Blvd San Diego.

### **IX. Adjournment 9:05 pm**

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