



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES – Regular Board Meeting

Meeting of Friday, December 13, 2024 at 5:30PM

5465 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115 (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 TK-8 an academically rigorous, common core aligned curriculum, 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.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Joseph Johnson

WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 5:30 AM

Roll Call

Dr. Joseph Johnson	_____	President present
Rahmo Abdi	_____	Secretary present
Mulki Hersi	_____	Treasurer present
Faisal Ali	_____	Member present
Ibrahim Hassan	_____	Member present
Shuayb Mumin	_____	Member present
Rashid Mursal	_____	Member present

Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Dr. Joseph Johnsons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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.

CONSENT ITEMS

A) Approval of meeting minutes of 9/27/24

Motion Hassan Second Hersi Ayes, Ali, Mursal, Mumin, Hersi, Johnson, Abdi Hassan Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent N/A



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Discussion Items

A) CEO Report, Maslah Yussuf

Quote of the Month

“The innocent will always be cleared no matter how they are accused of false allegations.”

1. **Positive Momentum and Strategic Staffing**

We are pleased to report that Iftin Charter School is moving in the right direction. This progress is reflected in our successful hiring of dedicated teachers from within our own community. These educators understand our students’ culture, identity, and lived experiences, which directly supports their academic and social development. This alignment between our staff and students strengthens relationships and fosters a culturally responsive learning environment.

2. **Enrollment Growth and Community Trust**

Our current enrollment stands at 550 students, a clear testament to the trust parents have in our school programs. Our ability to meet the needs of our most vulnerable children is evident in the growing number of families seeking admission. We are also proud to report a growing waitlist, which reinforces the community’s confidence in our ability to provide quality education and support for every child.

3. **Fiscal Prudence and Budgetary Discipline**

Our budget continues to reflect our commitment to fiscal prudence. We are maintaining a balanced approach to managing expenditures and revenues, ensuring sustainability and the responsible use of resources. By doing so, we protect our financial reserves while continuing to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

4. **Grant Applications and Resource Expansion**

To enhance support for our students, we are actively pursuing multiple grant opportunities. Our aim is to secure additional funding that will directly address the diverse needs of our student body. These efforts are part of our broader strategy to reduce reliance on a single revenue stream and ensure long-term stability for our programs.

5. **Advocacy for Facility Expansion**

To meet the demands of our growing enrollment, we are advocating for access to the adjacent facility. Board President Dr. Johnson, Mr. Abdi, and I met with SDUSD Board Members Richard and Dr. Sharon, who have both expressed their support for our request. Access to this additional space is critical to accommodating our projected growth in the coming school year and ensuring our students have access to adequate learning spaces.

6. **Expansion of After-School Programs**

We have expanded our after-school program to now include a dedicated session on Fridays for student clubs. This is in addition to the academic support and homework assistance provided on four days per week. By offering these additional opportunities, we are nurturing students’ academic growth while also fostering their social-emotional development and extracurricular interests.

7. **Collective Commitment to Excellence**

We are proud to affirm that our school is on the right path. Our dedicated team, in collaboration with our families and community partners, is working tirelessly to ensure our students receive a high-quality education. This collective effort is driving continuous improvement, supporting academic success, and promoting well-rounded development for every child.

Closing

We are excited about the progress we have made and the path that lies ahead. If you have any questions or comments, we welcome your feedback and are more than happy to provide clarification or further information.



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B) Board Financial Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions to the 2024-25 budget. Josh, CSMC provided an overview of key adjustments, including updated revenue and expenditure projections.

The Board also reviewed the 2024-25 1st Interim Report, which reflects actual revenues and expenditures to date, along with updated projections for the remainder of the fiscal year. Josh summarized the financial position and key variances from the adopted budget.

Action Items

A) Approval of 2024-25 Revised Budget

Motion Mumin Second Abdi Ayes, Ali, Mursal, Mumin, Hersi, Johnson, Abdi Hassan Nays N/A Abstain
N/A Absent N/A

B) Approval of 2024-25 1st Interim

Motion Hassan Second Mursal Ayes, Ali, Mursal, Mumin, Hersi, Johnson, Abdi Hassan Nays N/A Abstain
N/A Absent N/A

C) Approval of Suspension and Expulsion for Disruption and Willful Defiance

Motion Abdi Second Hassan Ayes, Ali, Mursal, Mumin, Hersi, Johnson, Abdi Hassan Nays N/A Abstain
N/A Absent N/A

Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1). Position: Chief Executive Officer

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action: None

Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held **on Friday, January 31, 2025**

Adjournment. 7:26pm

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