



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Annual Meeting

Meeting of Friday, July 27, 2018, 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 5:53 PM

Roll Call

Abdulkarim Warsame _____	President Present 6:00 pm
Joe Udall _____	Secretary Present
Mulki Hersi _____	Treasurer Absent
Rahmo Abdi _____	Member Present
Faisal Ali _____	Member Present
Ibrahim Hassan _____	Member Present

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 – Last time I was here during Ramadan, you were looking for a principal. My concern was that the school is departing from the Somali community. The majority of the board is not Somali, departing from the community and the board is self-serving. Look at the agenda: tonight you are selecting the officers. The positions need qualifications. Especially the treasurer should have accounting background or CPA because this is a multi-million dollar organization who should challenge the expenses. Corrupt people will take advantage of the money. And the board are approving their own retreat and spending our money? Self-serving. Some of the board actions deserve jail.

REGULAR SESSION

I. Principal Report

A. Enrollment Update:

We closed 2017-2018 school year with 322 students. Currently, we have increased student enrollment to 412 students, over a 25% increase. Expectations at this rate will lead to a student population of 480 students. Using KPBS, local newspapers, and flier handing for outreach



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recruitment efforts.

B. Student Uniform:

Abdi Mohamud: The parent committee had a meeting with a consensus of changing to middle school white top, blue bottom. And the K-5 will go with maroon top, blue bottom. We looked at 5 vendors for wholesale, and narrowed it to 4 dollars for shirts. Families will receive one free uniform, and will purchase additional at their own expense.

Included in the report is a successful audit process in June. Also, our hiring committee has started, meeting and following our HR policy, we are meeting with potential candidates to fill positions. Special education candidates were interviewed today, and we are close to narrowing on a hire by Monday.

Warsame: Congratulations Mr. Hori for expediting the hiring of a special education teacher. This is an area we want to stay on top of, and the urgency is appreciated by the board.

II. Consent Items

Board Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2018 (Att. 1)

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

III. Discussion Items

A. 2018-2019 Board Retreat Date

Warsame: Last year we held it in September, and did it on-sight, and was highly successful. Participation of 50 members of teachers, parents, school staff, and took about 5 hours. I recommend keeping it at the school.

Hassan: Parents participated because they knew were the location is.

Ali: Let's explore more ways to involve more parents. If we can get 10 to 20% more parents, that could be more helpful.

Warsame: With SSC and parent committee, we can have more parents. If we have a clear topic like "parent involvement," it will attract more individuals.

Hori: This is an important topic for us, and I recommend you make a plan to have goals for after the renewal. This retreat will be positive to invite SD Unified board members.

Udall: Perhaps we could set an ad hoc meeting to support administration with the planning?

B. 2018-2019 Board Calendar (Att. 2)

Udall: The calendar was modeled after last year's calendar and school calendar, going toward the last Friday of the month where there is not a holiday when the school is closed.

Warsame: Do we want to keep Friday meeting time? (majority likes Friday.)



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Ali: Do we want to keep 5:30 or go back to 6 pm? (majority likes 5:30.)

C. 2018-2019 Organizational Meeting

Warsame: Looking at our by-laws, July is deemed the organizational meeting in which we are legally required to meet once a year. We need to start looking at our renewal process, and as presented by Mr. Hori, outreach is important toward our renewal efforts. We need to document all our efforts, and our outreach should be to diverse communities.

Udall: The organization meeting is also a time to select our officers, and I do hope Mr. Warsame is interested in continuing as a board president considering the amount of dedication he has.

Ali: I agree with Mr. Udall in that Mr. Warsame is extremely dedicated, and though as board members we do not have to agree on every item, I do appreciate his leadership and if he wants to continue on as board president.

Hori: I think it's very important for us to create a healthy environment, and request to open our opinions to the committee moving forward.

Udall: Do we know if Ms. Hersi is interested in continuing as treasurer? We heard earlier the night our treasurer isn't qualified, but through our board training and the diligence she has on checking the cash flow and checks throughout the organization, she is true asset as our treasurer.

Ali: I agree that we should keep the continuation of the way our board is, and see if Ms. Hersi is interested in keeping the position.

Hassan: Thank you Mr. Udall for your work as secretary.

Abdi: Thank you Mr. President for all your hard work and leading us.

Warsame: For Mr. Udall, it has been really efficient and how our minutes are ready by the end of the meeting. There were some inquiries and we could provide unofficial minutes, so, I hope Mr. Udall continues as secretary.

Ali: I appreciate the knowledge and expertise Mr. Udall brings, and it is really helpful, and hope he continues, and thank him.

D. CSMC Contract

Udall: We were contacted by CSMC, and they will be coordinating a meeting to discuss the contract.

Ali: I am concerned our enrollment went down, and expected that the contract be reduced. It seems they're taking advantage of the school.

Warsame: I agree with Mr. Ali, and maybe we should work with administration to see the scope of the work. Because it seems there is value in what Delano brings administration.



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Hori: In June, we spent 6 hours working on the LCAP and budget, and he did a great job.
Delano has a lot of information about charter schools. I recommend continuing with CSMC.

IV. Action Items

Approval of Board Calendar as presented

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

Election of President: Abdulkarim Warsame

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

Election of Secretary: Joe Udall

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

Election of Treasurer: TABLED

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

School Uniform Policy will be updated in the parent/student handbook.

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Absent Hersi

CSMC Contract TABLED to August.

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

V. Closed Session

Anticipated Litigation - *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (3 cases).*

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

VII. Return to Open Session

No reportable action.

VIII. Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held on **Friday August 24, 2018** at 5:30pm in the Iftin K-8 Library at 5465 El Cajon, Blvd San Diego.

IX. Adjournment 8:56 pm



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