

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2014: 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Global Academy

Call to order: Board Treasurer, Helen Fisk, called to order the meeting at
6:00PM on November 4, 2014

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Chair)	Present
Helen Fisk (Treasurer)	Present
Julian Stanke (Secretary)	Present
Emily Schmidt (Sc)	Present
Midi Hansen	Present
Emily Snodgrass (Sn)	Present

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Becky Magnuson	Community Member

Tesfa International School

Mission: Tesfa International School is committed to providing an equitable and empowering education for all. Our scholars will engage in a transdisciplinary curriculum supported by conceptual and inquiry based learning. Side-by-side with dedicated educators, scholars will develop the knowledge, skills, and characteristics necessary for active citizenship throughout the world.

Vision: Our students will be prepared for a successful transition to the most rigorous and challenging middle school programs. Through their experience at Tesfa, students will be held to the highest of standards both academically and socially, to prepare the students for college and careers, as well as with the leadership skills required of active and productive citizens in the 21st century. Through access and equity, students will follow a pathway to success for them and their communities.

AGENDA and MINUTES

Subject	Board Agenda						
Motion	Motion to approve the agenda for 11/4/14 with the amendment to section 5 to add “Accounting and Financial Services”.						
Made by	Emily Snodgrass	Seconded		Emily Schmidt			
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject	Board Minutes						
Motion	Motion to approve minutes from October board meeting.						
Made by	Emily Snodgrass	Seconded		Emily Schmidt			
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	2
Decision							

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	Accounting and Financial Services						
Motion	Motion to amend the budget to eliminate admin computers and replace with admin accounting service to run from January to June.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Julian Stanke			
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject	Walton Foundation Grant – Approved and Received						
Motion							
Made by		Seconded					
Discussion	Walton Foundation grant of \$250,000 has been received and deposited in Tesfa account.						
Vote		Yea		Nay		Abstain	
Decision							

AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	None – No representatives from VOA.		
Discussion			

POLICY UPDATES

Subject	Policies 419, 420, 490, 491, 492, 493		
Motion	Motion to adopt policies 419, 420, 490, 491, 492, 493.		
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Snodgrass
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	6	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision			

Subject	Policy 494		
Motion	Motion to adopt 494 with the amendment of changing NWEA to MAP.		
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Helen Fisk
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	6	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision			

NEW BUSINESS

Subject	Approval of new board chair		
Motion	Motion to approve Tanya Hiefert as Tesfa International Board Chair		
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Snodgrass
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	6	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision			

Subject	Charter School Specialists Update		
Motion			

Made by		Seconded		
Discussion	Update from Becky Magnuson, including information about marketing, building search update, and grant application updates.			
Vote		Yea	Nay	Abstain
Decision				

Subject	Committees of the Board						
Motion	Motion to form committees for the Tesfa International School Board on an ad hoc basis.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Snodgrass				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject	School Director Search						
Motion	Motion to authorize the treasurer to call and authorize the job from January 1 to June 30 2015.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	None
Discussion	

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	To adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Emily Schmidt				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

