

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2015: 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 6:00PM on July 13, 2015.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Board Chair)	Present
Helen Fisk (Board Treasurer)	Present – arrived at 6:04pm
Emily Schmidt (Licensed Teacher)	Present
Midi Hansen (Community Member)	Absent
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Present
Christina Ticer (Board Member)	Absent (Phone in)
Mike McFadden (Board Member)	Present
Becky Magnuson (Director and ExOfficio)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Assistant Director and ExOfficio)	Absent

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Stephanie Olsen	VOA Authorizer Representative
Julian Stanke	Summer Administrative Intern

## **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

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Approve Agenda</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the agenda as presented to the school board.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Dillon Donnelly				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	3	Nay	0	Abstain	1
Decision	Motion passed.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Approval of Draft Minutes from June 2, 2015</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the draft minutes from both the June 2, 2015						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Dillon Donnelly				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	3	Nay		Abstain	1
Decision	Motion passed.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Approval of Draft Minutes from June 10, 2015 Special Meeting</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2015.						
Made by	Dillon Donnelly	Seconded	Emily Schmidt				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	2	Nay		Abstain	2
Decision	Motion passed.						

Helen Fisk arrived at 6:04pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Acceptance of Financial Report</b>					
Motion	Motion to accept the financial report as presented					
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Mike McFadden			
Discussion	None					

Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>New Donations Received</b>						
Motion	Motion to accept the donations as presented						
Made by	Helen Fisk			Seconded		Dillon Donnelly	
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Noted: Transportation and Technology contracted services have been secured with Monarch Bus Services, and Technology by Design.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Personnel Recommendations</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the hiring of Amanda Jagdeo at 1.0 FTE Classroom Teacher, and Sarah Rogers-Tanner to 1.0 FTE Classroom Teacher, both contracts effective August 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt			Seconded		Mike McFadden	
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

DIRECTOR UPDATE

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Becky Magnuson Update</b>						
Discussion	I. Ready to Open Standards Meeting Update II. Enrollment – 67 new students this month – 100% of projected enrollment for proposed budget. III. Funding; A) Lease Aid, B) ADM reported to MDE IV. Teacher Interviews; Hired 2, continuing search for one more highly qualified teacher in the intermediate grades. V. Building updates and purchasing – see agenda packet. VI. Marketing and Outreach VII. Upcoming Dates to Note						

## AUTHORIZER INPUT

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Stephanie Olsen</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Stephanie Olsen from VOA present. Tesfa International School is approved to open, and VOA has been extremely proud and happy with the progress, commitment and results that Tesfa International School has been able to provide. All reports well from VOA.

## POLICY UPDATES

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Policy 470: Employee Use of Social Media</b>						
<b>Motion</b>	Motion to approve policy 470, Employee Use of Social Media, as presented to the board.						
<b>Made by</b>	Emily Schmidt	<b>Seconded</b>	Helen Fisk				
<b>Discussion</b>	None						
<b>Vote</b>		<b>Yea</b>	5	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstain</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	Motion passed unanimously.						

## OLD BUSINESS

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Correction of Minutes</b>						
<b>Motion</b>	Motion to approve the amendment of the May 5 minutes regarding board member Mike McFadden's attendance to clarify that at 6:00pm, Mike was present via phone, and at 6:15pm was physically present at the school board meeting.						
<b>Made by</b>	Helen Fisk	<b>Seconded</b>	Dillon Donnelly				
<b>Discussion</b>	None						
<b>Vote</b>		<b>Yea</b>	4	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstain</b>	1
<b>Decision</b>	Motion passed.						

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

<b>Subject</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Dillon Donnelly				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						