

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday March 14, 2016 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 6:02 PM on March 14, 2016.

## Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Board Chair)	Present
Helen Fisk (Board Treasurer)	Present
Julian Stanke (Board Secretary)	Present
Emily Schmidt (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Midi Hansen (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Present
Christina Ticer (Board Member)	Present
Mike McFadden (Board Member)	Present
Becky Magnuson (Director and ExOfficio)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Assistant Director and ExOfficio)	Present

## Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
	VOA Authorizer Representative

## 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>Approval of Agendas</b>						
Motion	Motion to amend the agenda.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Mike McFadden			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	8	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Accept the Minutes</b>						
Motion	Motion to accept the minutes as presented from February 8, 2016.						
Made by	Christina Ticer	Seconded		Midi Hansen			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	3
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Subject</b>	<b>February 2016 Monthly Financial Report</b>						
Motion	Motion to accept the February 2016 Financial Report as presented.						
Made by	Mike McFadden	Seconded		Dillon Donnelly			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	8	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Donations Received</b>						
Motion	Motion to accept \$100 donation from Amber Rud.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded		Helen Fisk			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	8	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Personnel Recommendations</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the personnel recommendation to hire Omar Ali as a 1.0FTE as Special Education Paraprofessional effective 2/01/16 at a salary of \$28,000.00.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Emily Schmidt			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	8	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>							
<b>Motion</b>	Motion to authorize Becky Magnuson to inquire and engage further into the possibility of subletting second floor of 1745 University with the landlord for the 2016-17 school year.						
<b>Made by</b>	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Mike McFadden			
<b>Discussion</b>	None						
<b>Vote</b>		<b>Yea</b>	8	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstain</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	Motion passed unanimously.						

#### DIRECTOR UPDATE

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Director Update – Becky Magnuson and Lauren Ryan</b>						
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment Update – Current Enrollment is 131 (ADM 131.36)</li> <li>• Enrollment Projections for 2016-2017</li> <li>• Update on potential staff changes</li> <li>• Parent Teacher Conferences March 2 and 3, 2016; 65% Attendance</li> <li>• Access Testing</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> <li>• Somali TV</li> <li>• Upcoming Events</li> <li>• MCA Testing, Family Literacy Night (3/15), Science Night (May)</li> </ul>						

#### NEW BUSINESS

<b>Subject</b>							
<b>Discussion</b>							

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Calendar 2016-2017</b>						
<b>Motion</b>	Motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar Draft as presented.						
<b>Made by</b>	Mike McFadden	Seconded		Emily Schmidt			
<b>Discussion</b>	No further discussion						
<b>Vote</b>		<b>Yea</b>	8	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstain</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	Motion passed unanimously.						

#### OLD BUISNESS

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Fundraiser 2016</b>						
<b>Discussion</b>	The Fundraiser has been tabled until the fall. In the coming months sub-committees will be developed and a strategy for fundraising will be developed.						

#### AUTHORIZER INPUT

<b>Subject</b>	<b>None</b>						
<b>Discussion</b>	No representative of Volunteers of America was present.						

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

<b>Subject</b>	None						
<b>Discussion</b>	None						

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn the school board meeting at 7:15pm.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Mike McFadden				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	8	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						