

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2015: 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 6:01 PM on April 7, 2015.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

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

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Christina Ticer	Board member as of 6:05 pm (4/7/15)
Shane Weinand	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

Subject	Approve Agenda						
Motion	Motion to approve the agenda as presented.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Mike McFadden				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Draft Minutes from March 3, 2015						
Motion	Motion to accept draft minutes from March 3, 2015.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Dillon Donnelly				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Subject	Christina Ticer						
Motion	Motion to approve Christina Ticer as a member of the board. (6:05pm)						
Made by	Julian Stanke	Seconded	Emily Schmidt				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	March 2015 Monthly Financial Report						
Motion	Motion to accept the financial report as presented						
Made by	Mike McFadden	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0

Decision	Motion passed unanimously.
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Subject	Personnel Recommendations						
Motion	Motion to hire Emily Schmidt as ESL teacher for Tesfa International School						
Made by	Julian Stanke		Seconded		Midi Hansen		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	1
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

VENDOR RECOMMENDATION

Subject	Vendor Recommendation						
Motion	Motion to allow Becky Magnuson to finish negotiations with Ali's Catering and Bille Bus Transportation.						
Made by	Mike McFadden		Seconded		Dillon Donnelly		
Discussion	Food service rate: Not to be higher than the federally reimbursable rate. Bussing service rates: \$190/day for four busses, and \$120/day for vans.						
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

NEW BUSINESS

Subject	Emergency Handbook						
Motion	Motion to approve the Emergency Handbook as presented, and give Becky Magnuson and Lauren Ryan permission to wordsmith as necessary.						
Made by	Midi Hansen		Seconded		Emily Schmidt		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Identification of Official for MDE access
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Motion	Motion to approve Becky Magnuson as the designated as the District and School Site Verification Officer.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded	Mike McFadden				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Board Picture
Discussion	rescheduled

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Subject	Director Update – Becky Magnuson and Lauren Ryan
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Enrollment II. Funding III. Teacher Interviews IV. Marketing and Outreach V. Building Improvement Updates VI. Lease Aid Training VII. Tesfa International School Fundraiser Update

VOA AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	
Discussion	

POLICY UPDATES

Subject	Policies 592, 601, 603, 609, and 594						
Motion	Motion to approve policies 592, 601, 603, 609, and 594 as presented.						
Made by	Julian Stanke	Seconded	Emily Schmidt				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

OLD BUSINESS

Subject	None
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Discussion	
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	
Discussion	

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Vote passed unanimously.						