



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. November 26, 2018

Meeting Location: 1555 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Name	Present/Absent
<b>Patrick Exner</b> (Board Chair/Community Member)	<b>Present</b>
<b>Hussein Ahmed</b> (Parent Member)	<b>Present (6:13)</b>
<b>Amir Orandi</b> (Board Secretary/Parent Member)	<b>Present</b>
<b>John Groenke</b> (Community Member)	<b>Present</b>
<b>Antoinette Monster</b> (Board Treasurer/Community Member)	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Maren Rodriguez</b> (Teacher Member)	<b>Present</b>
<b>Abby Hendricks</b> (Vice-Chair/Teacher Member)	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jonas Beugen</b> (Director/Ex-officio)	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mohamed Selim</b> (Assistant Director/Ex-Officio)	<b>Present</b>

Name	Position/Role
<b>Rod Haenke</b>	VOA

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 6:04 by Patrick Exner**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by: John Groenke      Seconded by: Abby Hendricks      Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain:  
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**3.0 BOARD CALENDAR DATES**

- Work Session: December 17, 2018 6:00PM
- Regular Board Meeting: December 17, 2018 6:30PM

**4.0 COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**



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Visitors attending the meeting who wish to address the school board may do so at this time.

NONE

## 5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Celebration of cultures
  - Board members that attended shared their experience
  - High turnout
  - High level of excitement compared to other events because of high level of student involvement
  - Great opportunity for neighbors and other community members to come and see school
  - Great food

## 6.0 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items, November 26, 2018 – School Board Agenda as warranted including approval of:

- Personnel Recommendations
- Payment of Bills and Acknowledgment of Wire Transfer Report
- Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2018

The Executive Director recommends the School Board approve the Consent Items as detailed in the enclosure.

Motion by: Maren Rodriguez      Seconded by: Amir Orandi      Vote: Yea: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain:  
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## 7.0 Monthly Financials

Approval of the October Financial Statements

Motion by: Hussein Ahmed      Seconded by: Abby Hendricks      Vote: Yea: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain:  
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## 8.0 Presentations and Discussion Items

- 8.01 NWEA Linking Study Projected Proficiency
- 8.02 Teacher Observation/Evaluation Process - Policy 494
- 8.03 Homework Practices



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- More challenging homework - suggested by Hussein Ahmed
- Discussion about best homework practices
- Jonas Beugen shared article by John Hattie

**9.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**9.01** Approval of New Lease Beginning July 1, 2019

Motion by: Maren Rodriguez      Seconded by: Amir Orandi      Vote: Yea: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

**9.02** Policy 492 - Reviewed at board meeting - no changes

**9.03** Policy 493 - Reviewed at board meeting - no changes

**9.04** 2017-2018 Annual Report and World West Best Workforce Approval

Motion to approve 2017-2018 annual report and world best workforce

Motion by: John Groenke      Seconded by: Amir Orandi      Vote: Yea: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

**10.0 VOA authorizer input/update**

- Governance report coming out in January

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Amir Orandi      Seconded by: Hussein Ahmed      Vote: Yea: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain:

**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.*

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