

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2014: 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Global Academy

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 6:02 PM on December 2, 2014

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name, Position & Role	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Board Chair)	Present
Becky Magnuson (Director & ExOfficio)	Present
Helen Fisk (Board Treasurer)	Present
Julian Stanke (Board Secretary)	Present
Emily Schmidt	Present
Midi Hansen	Present
Emily Snodgrass	Absent

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name, Position & Role	Name Position/Role
Lauren Ryan (Charter School Specialist)	Present
Dylan Donnelley (Community Member)	Present

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	December 2, 2014 Agenda		
Motion	Motion to approve the agenda for 12/2/14.		
Made by	Helen	Seconded	Emily Schmidt
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	5	Nay
		0	Abstain
			0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously		

Subject	November 4, 2014 Minutes		
Motion	Motion to approve the minutes from the 11/4/2014.		
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Schmidt

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	Financial Report						
Motion	Motion to accept the financial report as presented.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion	\$1,802.78 has been spent thus far on marketing and start up costs for Tesfa International School.						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

PERSONEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject	Rebecca Magnuson as School Director						
Motion	Motion to approve the hiring of Rebecca Magnuson as the director of Tesfa International School.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Schmidt				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Subject	School Director Ex-Oficio Board Member – Agenda Item						
Motion	Motion to amend agenda to make the school director an ExOfficio member of the Tesfa school board.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Midi Hansen				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Subject	Assistant Director Job Description Position						
Motion	Motion to approve the position as presented with the amendment of the Assistant Director reporting to the Director.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Subject	Hiring of Assistant Director					
Motion	Motion for the board to authorize Becky Magnuson (director) to hire the Assistant Director.					
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Julian Stanke			
Discussion						

Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	None
Discussion	No authorizer representative present

POLICY UPDATES

Subject	Policies 501,502, 504, 506, 514, and 591						
Motion	Motion to approve policies 501, 502, 504, 506, 514, 591 with amendment of replacing the word “principal” and “superintendent” with “school director”.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

OLD BUSINESS

Subject	Insurance Update – Becky Magnuson
Discussion	Becky is in the process of exploring insurance on behalf of Tesfa International School.

NEW BUSINESS

Subject	Signing of the Building Lease						
Motion	Motion to approve school director to sign the lease regarding 1745 University Avenue.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Helen Fisk				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Subject	Charter School Partners as Tesfa Fiscal Agents						
Motion	Motion to amend the agenda to authorize Charter School Partners as the fiscal agent for Tesfa International School for the sole purpose of accepting contributions.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Julian Stanke				

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

CHARTER SCHOOL SPECIALIST UPDATE

Subject	Charter School Specialist Update – Lauren Ryan and Becky Magnuson					
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tesfa was present at Ethiopian general assembly, and had very positive feedback and communication with the community. • Becky and Laurn are currently researching food vendors, curriculum, meeting with potential donors, and working on handbooks (staff, student, parent/family, etc.). • Next steps for Tesfa include the active recruitment of teachers and students. 					

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject						
Discussion						

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt			Seconded	Midi Hansen		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						