



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 25th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Location of Meeting: Zoom Meeting

Call to order: Esmael called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Board Members & Others - Present or Absent:

#	Name	Present or Absent
1	Esmael Abagero (Community member) – Board Chair	P
2	Abdala Yusuf (Parent) – Treasurer	P
3	Kayla Jacak - (Teacher) - Secretary	A (Excused)
4	Hjiawal Hassan (Community member) – Board member	P
5	Yadata Borana (Parent) – Board member	P
6	Arif Bakar (Ex-Officio) – School Director	P
7	Shannon Benalshaikh (financial)	P
8	Community members / Authorizer	P (Tu from NEO)

Agenda:

Subject	August 25th, 2023 agenda						
Motion	Approve agenda for August 25th , 2023 by amending it to include public comment						
Made by	Hjiawal	Seconded	Yadata				
Discussion	Tu reminded the board the importance of including public comments on the agenda						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Minutes:

Subject	Approve minutes from last meeting
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Motion	Motion to approve last meeting's minutes with some edits						
Made by	Esmael	Seconded			Abdala		
Discussion	Some edits were suggested						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Conflict of Interest:

Subject	Conflict of Interest						
Discussion	Esmael discussed about conflict of interest and asked if there is any conflict of interest. There is no conflict of interest disclosed.						

Financial Report:

Subject	Financial Updates						
Discussion	Shannon from USFAAF gave a detailed financial report for July.						

Subject	July Cash Register						
Motion	Motion to approve July cash register						
Made by	Hjiawal	Seconded			Yadata		
Discussion	None						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

New Business:

Subject	Return to in person plan update and reapproval						
Motion	Motion to approve return to in person plan update and reapproval						
Made by	Esmael	Seconded			Hjiawal		
Discussion	Discussed the requirement of updating and reapproving as suggested by Authorizer						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Subject	Transportation updates and contract renewal/approval						
Motion	Motion to approve the ED to purchase two 9-passenger vans, to renew contract with the previous companies, and add more based on the final number of students recruitment numbers in the next						

	few days. The companies under consideration are: Safaari bus, Midwest bus, Lakeside bus for buses and Dire Dawa Transportation & Ride Safe for vans.						
Made by	Yadata		Seconded		Abdala		
Discussion	Discussed the importance of having school's vans and slowly buses to cut transportation costs.						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Subject	Esmael proposed to move board meeting date from Friday to Wednesday						
Motion	Motion to approve change of board meeting date from Friday to Wednesday						
Made by	Esmael		Seconded		Abdala		
Discussion	Friday wasn't working for some of the board members						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

Subject	Hjiawal & Kayla resigning						
Motion	Motion to approve and accept the resignation of Hjiawal & Kayla						
Made by	Esmael		Seconded		Abdala		
Discussion	Hjiawal can no longer commit to the board meetings due to illness in the family. Kayla resigned from her teaching position and wanted another teacher to replace her.						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously						

ED's Report: ED reported on the progress of the opening of the new school year, the recruitment, and new programs being introduced.

Announcement: None

Public Comment: Tu had a positive comment on how hard the board is working in helping the ED with his work. He also appreciated the responsiveness of the ED and the good job he has done so far in working with NEO.

Adjournment:

Subject	Esmael adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.
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