



MINNESOTA MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: Aug 22, 2016
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Location: 169 Jenks Ave. St. Paul, MN 55117

- I. Roll Call
- II. Public Comment
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Financial Reports
- VI. Approval of New Hires
- VII. Approval of Student Handbook
- VIII. Approval of Total Special Education Plan
- IX. Approval of Tuition Reimbursement
- X. Approval of New Health Insurance Plan
- XI. Discussion of PUC contract amendment
- XII. Revisiting academic calendar
- XIII. Sponsor Items
- XIV. Management Company Items
- XV. Discussion of Academic Performance and Principal's Report
- XVI. Any Other Business
- XVII. Adjournment

N.B. Next meeting is scheduled on Monday Oct 3rd, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

MMSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

I. Roll call

Dr. Asdemir called to order the regular meeting of the MMSA Educational Board at 5:49 p.m. on Aug 22, 2016 at MMSA school building. The following persons were present: Dr. Ozer Asdemir (President), Dr. Gene Scapanski (Board member), Dr. Serkan Gunpinar (Board member), Mrs. Shukri Said (Board member), Mr. David Disli (Concept Schools Representative), Mr. Ihsan Inegol (Financial Officer), and Mr. Murat Oguz (Principal). Mr. Ahmet Akyol was a notified absence.

II. Public comments

There is no public comment.

III. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. After the review, Dr. Scapanski moved and Dr. Gunpinar seconded to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Board members reviewed the agenda. After the review, Dr. Scapanski moved and Dr. Gunpinar seconded to approve the agenda.

Approved unanimously.

V. Financial Reports

Mr. Inegol presented the financial reports. After the review, Dr. Scapanski moved and Dr. Gunpinar seconded to approve the financial reports.

Approved unanimously.

VI. Approval of new hires

Mr. Oguz presented the list of all new hires as well as returning staff. He also briefed the Board that despite the hiring efforts that started early April and interviewing more than 60 candidates, there were still teachers that should be hired. There were more that 20 candidates who were offered a contract but they did not accept. In most cases, the reason was either the amount of pay or the benefits.

After the discussions, Dr. Gunpinar moved and Dr. Scapanski seconded to approve the new hires.

Approved unanimously.

VII. Approval of student handbook

Mr. Oguz presented the revised version of the student handbook and briefed the Board about the changes that were made.

After the review, Mrs. Said moved and Dr. Scapanski seconded to approve the student handbook. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Total Special Education Plan

Mr. Oguz presented the proposed Total Special Education Plan prepared in conjunction with Designs for Learning.

After discussions, Dr. Gunpinar moved and Dr. Scapanski seconded to approve the plan. Approved unanimously.

IX. Approval of Tuition reimbursement

Mr. Oguz asked the Board members to approve the same Tuition reimbursement funding as previous year; \$40,000.

After the discussions, Dr. Gunpinar moved and Dr. Scapanski seconded to approve the funding. Approved unanimously.

X. Approval of Health Insurance Plan

Mr. Oguz presented the summary of health insurance benefits quotes received from various carriers. He proposed that the school continues with Health Partners (Gold and HSA plan). Furthermore, he proposed that Platinum plan be added as an option to health insurance.

After the review, Dr. Gunpinar moved and Dr. Scapanski seconded to approve the proposal. Approved unanimously.

XI. Discussion of PUC contract amendment

Mr. Oguz and Dr. Asdemir briefed the Board about the contract amendment that the authorizer required. A brief summary of the changes were presented.

After the review, Dr. Gunpinar moved and Dr. Scapanski seconded to approve the proposal. Approved unanimously.

XII. Revisiting Academic Calendar

Mr. Oguz asked if Parent-Teacher conferences could be rescheduled to Fridays instead of Thursdays. Teachers were having difficulty teaching until noon and then staying until 7 pm for conferences, and coming back to school the following day. Conferences on Thursdays was a

common practice across Concept schools, probably because parents could be less available for Friday evenings. Mr. Disli will find out more about it and inform the Board.

XIII. Sponsor items

There were no items from the Sponsor.

XIV. Management Company Items

Mr. Disli briefed the Board about the latest events at Concept Schools.

XV. Discussion of Academic Performance and Principal's report

Mr. Oguz informed the Board of the following:

- MCA proficiency scores and growth measures
- Student enrollment numbers

XIV. Any Other Business

No other business.

XV. Adjournment

Dr. Asdemir adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.