



~~September 25, 2023~~

October 2, 2023

Board Agenda

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: 6201 Noble Avenue North, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Mission

Through a global-minded education, we empower and prepare all students with the empathy, knowledge, and skills to take risks and pursue goals that contribute meaningfully to their community.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER -

Name	October
Abdirashid Abdi	x
James Cosgrove	x
Patrick Exner	x
Jeremy Gharineh	x
Paige Lund	x
Malaney Peterson	x
Jenabo Touray	

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
N/A	

2.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS :

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by: James Cosgrove Seconded by : Paige Lund
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Abdirashid Abdi	Yea: x	Nay
James Cosgrove	Yea: x	Nay
Patrick Exner	Yea: x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea: x	Nay


Paige Lund	Yea:	x	Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea:	x	Nay
Jenabo Tourray	Yea:		Nay

4.0 COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT: N/A

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of routine matters of business taken as one motion. Board members may request to remove from the consent agenda any items they believe warrants board discussion or a separate vote. These consent items include:

5.01

-  August 2023 Minutes
- Personnel Items -
 - Termination - Christopher Thomson, Teacher effective September 29, 2023


The Principal/Superintendent recommends the School Board approve the Consent Items as found above.

Motion by: Paige Lund Seconded by : James Cosgrove

Abdirashid Abdi	Yea:	x	Nay
James Cosgrove	Yea:	x	Nay
Patrick Exner	Yea:	x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea:	x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea:	x	Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea:	x	Nay
Jenabo Tourray	Yea		Nay

6.0 Monthly Financials

6.01 Approval of August Financials

 [TLSA - August 2023 Financials.pdf](#)

 [TLSA - August 2023 Financials - IS Detail.pdf](#)

Finance committee meets monthly to review finances, look at projections, set budget etc. The investor appreciates being included in meetings and working directly with us. Employee retention credit being treated as non-operational revenue. Current cash flow is the best it has been.

Motion by: James Cosgrove Seconded by : Malaney Peterson

Abdirashid Abdi	Yea: x	Nay
James Cosgrove	Yea: x	Nay
Patrick Exner	Yea: x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea: x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea: x	Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea: x	Nay
Jenabo Tourray	Yea	Nay

7.0 Presentations and Discussion Items

7.01 Principal/Superintendent Report

- Expansion Application Update
 -  [23.09.19 TSLA Supplemental Affidavit.pdf](#)

Submitted by VOA, up to 60 day turnaround for approval. Test scores are at “beat the odds” levels for free and reduced lunch students.

- Enrollment Update Enrollment currently 207

Initial October report was 197. 14 at cross district reporting. Preliminary budget based on 230 but we have employee retention credit.

- Writing across the curriculum

Talk Read Talk Write book. Build background knowledge and talk, read to deepen knowledge, talk again about reading, then write to show what they learned. Teachers use this strategy, as well as incorporating 60 minutes of writing per day across all curriculum areas daily. Students are already showing growth in writing in week 5.

- Staffing Update



One teacher did not work out. Jonas taking one 3rd grade class, Ms. Emily taking 4th grade, moving from Special Education. Emily has K-6 El. Ed. license, was on variance for Special Ed. Maternity leave teacher returning next week, overseas teacher license approved. Special Ed. short staffed this week due to teacher termination.

- Transportation Update

Bus driver retired. Sub driver today. Short 2 busses but hopefully busses get covered soon. Rental vans to cover the 2 busses cost about the same so we should break even.

- StarTribune Article

- On edge of “Beat the Odds” school.
- [Some high-poverty Minnesota schools beat the odds in wake of pandemic](#)

- Fall Family Night

200-215 caramel apple servings. Kids excited, staying throughout, families socialized and hung out together, positive energy and community building.

- Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday and Wednesday before MEA weekend (October 17th-18th). Scholastic Book Fair scheduled October 12th-18th!

- Governance/Free Reduced Lunch

All students get free lunch this year but still have to report the students who qualify.

- Attendance

Our attendance has been quite good so far despite a lot of sickness. Good attendance is a good selling point and way to market our school to others. This is a good sign that families are happy and a way to show test score growth. Our school was not reidentified for support but we did not exit one of the attendance categories. We are at about 94% attendance currently. We are tracking the data.

8.0 Action Items

8.01 NA

9.0 Board Training Documentation

	Category	Date	
Abdirashid Abdi			
James Cosgrove			
Patrick Exner			
Jeremy Gharineh	3 required	July 2023	
Paige Lund	2	August 2023	
Malaney Peterson			
Jenabo Touray			

10.0 October Agenda Items:

- Policy #516 first read
- Review of Jonas Beugen

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Abdirashid Abdi Seconded by : Patrick Exner

Abdirashid Abdi	Yea: x	Nay
James Cosgrove	Yea: x	Nay
Patrick Exner	Yea: x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea: x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea: x	Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea: x	Nay
Jenabo Tourray	Yea	Nay