



March 26, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: by Dr. Warfaa @ call to order at ____ 6:05pm ____

Present members:

Abdirizak Warfa Mohamed mohamoud, Suad Abdrihman, leila Hassan,
Absent member: Abdirashid Abdi & Omar Warfaa

Declaration of conflict of interest:

-No members of the board have any conflict of interest with the Academy.

virtual meeting location:

<https://meet.google.com/ziw-ooqa-hiu>

Physical Location: SciTech Academy
100 West 66th Street. Richfield MN 55423

Announcements by Dr. Warfaa

Welcome, Leila Hassan, a SciTech teacher, welcome to the board of directors. We appreciate your willingness to serve and share your knowledge and experience.

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- **Action items that need to be Approved:**
[February Board Meeting minutes](#) Approved.

Public comments / Stakeholders

6:00 - 6:15pm- *No public comments!*

☐ School update - Director- Abdulle

- School updates: The overall academic is going strong. We finished the Access Test in February and now we are finishing up the MCA Test. There are few families that remain distance learning and those students receive online instructions and we are scheduling/arranging for them the MCA tests. Dr. Warfaa: Requested to get this year's student Academic data. Just to see the covid-19 impact and how to proceed with future plans. Director Abdulle said he will put the data for the May board meeting. By then, Fastbridge data will be available.
- Middle School School in-person transition status: MS completely transitioned back in person by March 1st. the same thing: There are few families that remain distance learning and those students receive online instructions. As well, we are scheduling/making arrangements for all the tests.
- Finance updates by Joe & Abdi: Joe- School Finance is strong. We are receiving Revenue equal

to 63% monthly and we are spending 57% of that. COVID-19 Relief & Grants: we receive CARES money, We are offsetting the appropriate area. There is a lot to comprehend and we are doing our best to get it right. We have funds in our accounts that are more than the FDIC insured which is \$250.00. This was an issue for our last Audit and we are working with Bank to set up a collateral account which is the recommendation from the Auditor. And Director Abdi is working with the bank to set up that.

Cash follow: this year, we don't need to request a credit line, thanks to the director's conservative budgeting. With 10% of the state held back, we have closer to a quarter-million in our count. We didn't need a credit line this year. (Joe- statement- I have not seen a school in a 3rd-year operation with this strong finance). Director Abdi is really doing great on the budget! Moving forward - next year or so, if we continue to build these fund balances, then we could explore Bonds. Joe- I can reach out to a local bank, like North East Bank which is a local bank, and learn more about the future types of investment they have.

SPEd Ed: From the last year, our special Ed spending increase by 2%.

Transportation: We are studying transportation as we have limited Geographically where we can pick students; but due to COVID-19 restrictions, Transportation went expenses have increased.

Food Cost: MDE increase the reimbursement rate during the COVID19, mostly the cost & services has increased due to COVID19 guideline restrictions. More personel were placed in the student cafeteria to meet the health and safety guidelines.

School Health Office: Student and Staff expenses have increased; Regular contract was added more services such as online nurse consultation services for staff and students. The school Purchased more services to meet the health and safety of our community.

- Board of directors governance & Finance Training Schedule (2 members need training)
This was tabled for April Meeting
- Board election (three board members positions will be up for election April) - Table for April Meeting

Add on Agenda:

adjourned this meeting at __7:01_____