

The Board of Directors' meeting was held on Friday **Feb 27, 2026**

Virtual meeting location:

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

Call to Order, School Board Meeting, @ 5:11 PM.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum- (5 members Present)

John, Mohamed,

Noor, Jamal & Ubah

Absence- (2 Members): *Ibrahim & Dr. Khadar.*

Non-voting members: Director *Abdulle*

Others /Guest: Curtis School Counsel

Declaration of conflict of interest statement: Roll call: *John*, no conflict of interest; *Mohamed*, no conflict of interest. *Ubah*, no conflict of interest; *Noor*, no conflict of interest; *Jamal*, no conflict of interest. No conflict was declared.

Motion to accept the Agenda as presented by *Ubah* and seconded by *John*. The directors voted as follows: *John*, yes. *Mohamed* yes. *Ubah* yes. *Noor*, yes. *Jamal* yes. The agenda is accepted, and the **Motion carried.**

Public Comments/Stakeholders - 6:00-6:15 pm: *No one was present at the school or online.*

1. Old Business

- 1.1. [January Board Minutes](#) - Mrs. Ubah moved to approve the meeting minutes, and Mohamed seconded. (Any discussion?) No discussions entered. The directors voted as follows: John, yes. Mohamed, yes. Jamal yes. Noor, yes, and Ubah, yes. **Motion carried.**

2. School and District updates:

- 2.1. **Academic report:** Academic Committee, including Director Abdulle, Ubah, and John, presented

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the overall Academic progress for this school year: Students identified as high risk based on the FastBridge Assessment are placed on Academic Intervention and are currently receiving targeted support in both literacy and mathematics. These placements. This is based on data collected during the Fall and Winter screening periods. As a result, students are actively engaged in structured intervention programs, with ongoing progress monitoring to track growth, adjust instruction, and ensure timely academic support aligned with their individual needs.

- 2.2. SciTech is a Title I School, and 96 percent of the students are English Language Learners (ELL). The WIDA/ACCESS test is scheduled for February. The testing window is concluded today, ***February 27th***. The preliminary results seem promising. According to the Access Assessment, the majority of students are between Levels 1 and 3, as indicated by the FY25 Screening. However, the expectation is that the data will shift to Level 4 at the end of FY26. Due to the lower number of newcomers we have received last year and this current year. SciTech has a large number of newcomers in FY23 & FY24. This had a significant impact on ELL progress.
- 2.3. Board Goals and Plans updates: Board Calendar is updated Meeting from February to June) Goals will start to be implemented at the March board meeting, and Looking forward to FY27 plans.
- 2.4. PIP update: MN Guild Authorizer: Many concern letters and requested information have been completed and submitted to the authorizer. Additionally, we met with them on January 30, 2026, with Director Jim and Board Chair Lynn of MN Guild. They have toured the SciTech school and interacted with staff and students. This tour was intended as a face-to-face meeting, which the SciTech Board and board members requested back in December. They did not bring any additional information or concerns; however, they mentioned pressure from MDE and asked for support from the school community if needed. It seemed they had a clear understanding since MN Guild is very disconnected from the SciTech community, and they appeared surprised by the facility and the community at SciTech Academy. Chair Lynn stated that she will speak with the team and Glory Kibbel and get back to us, as she has a clear picture of the SciTech Academy community. We are waiting to hear from them by March. We confirmed that the data communication from them does not reflect the current SciTech Academy data. Also, it has been noted that the data collected in the last letter is misleading and inaccurate, and that part of it is not included in the PIP or Contract with MN Guild and SciTech.

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3. Finance Committee Report - Finance Committee members are: Director Abdulle, Joe, and Mohamoud.

- 3.1. FY26 Budget projections. [The January Financial Overview Statement is detailed.](#)
- 3.2. The revised budget has been tabled for February due to the Director of Finance's absence.

Overview

The School currently has an enrollment of over 300 students. Although this is lower than the FY26 Budget, the School has not filled all of the budgeted positions and will reflect the lower ADMs in the Revised Budget. The State is currently paying the School for 315 ADMs, which is in line with the current ADM based on recent MARSS reports.

Balance Sheet

The School has a reconciled cash balance of \$926,590 at the end of January 2026. Income Statement Summary Currently, the School is 58% of the way through the budget year. Through January, the School has received 54% of the Revenue Budget and has spent 53% of the Expenditure Budget, after estimating some year-end audit accruals.

Grants

For FY26, the School has been awarded Federal Title funding and Special Education grants. The School will explore other grants as opportunities arise.

Cash Flows

Currently, the state has a 10% holdback for its budgeting purposes. This amounts to an estimated amount of \$324,492 being held back from the School through July, which will be paid back during the holdback payments in 2025. Due to the high cash balance and reserves, there is no anticipation that the School will need to borrow funds.

Additional Information

Given the high interest rates on state-approved investments, it is recommended that the School invest any excess cash in interest-bearing accounts when possible. This will accrue interest revenue that can be used for the School's operating budget.

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Board table to approve the finance registry for the February Board meeting.

4. Add on Agenda: None

- 5. adjourned this meeting at 6:38 pm
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Ubah, 2nd by Mohamed. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.