



Almadina Language Charter Academy

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:00 pm

Board Office

#118, 3132 26 St. NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6Z1

Minutes

Members Present:

Haytham Ghouriri, Chair Issa Mosa, Vice Chair Mohamad El Jabali, Treasurer
Sohail Sherwani, Director Mohamed Salih, Director Samir Jalloul, Director
Abdal Aziz Houmsi, Director

Staff Present:

Yvonne DePeel Superintendent, Suzanne Bedard Secretary Treasurer, Wanda Hayes Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Beverly Barca, Alberta Education – Tina Grus, Almadina ELL Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Motion: 15-11-19-1 Moved by Issa Mosa, Seconded by Samir Jalloul
The Board approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: 15-11-19-2 Moved by Mohamed Salih, Seconded by Mohamad El Jabali
The Board approves the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting – October 15, 2015.

Carried

Motion: 15-11-19-3 Moved by Mohamed Salih, Seconded by Mohamad El Jabali

The Board approves the minutes from the Special Board Meeting – November 12, 2015.

Carried

4. DELEGATION Tina Grus

Ms. Grus presented to the board the progress of the Discover Reading program from the beginning of the pilot year through to present day. She answered questions from the board regarding the dynamics and focus of the program. The program currently addresses the needs of the students with the highest need.

5. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Reports/Discussion items

The board went over the revisions that were made to the 3 Year Education Plan. The Secretary-Treasurer presented to the board some changes made in the budget that show more revenues in ECS and Transportation and the addition of one inclusion teacher.

5.1 Superintendents Report – The Superintendent gave the board updates on all areas of what is happening in the system. This included high school, facilities, Discover Reading and meetings with MLA's. She was directed by the board to call an ad hoc committee for risk management at the Mountain View and Ogden campuses. She was also asked to get a professional to review current security measures and make suggestions to ensure further safety at our schools.

5.2 Finance – The Secretary Treasurer went over the revised budget with the board and discussed they key points.

5.3 Transportation – The transportation committee updated the board on the implementation of a new 12 month plan to improve bus issues. A new bus route has been requested for the north-west quadrant of the city. The committee will look into the feasibility and of this.

5.4 Facilities – The facilities committee had a brief report on the security cameras for both schools. Six quotes for security cameras were presented. A decision to delay choosing a vendor was made. The committee led by Mr. Houmsi will do school visits to gather information on what is required for the cameras needed in the schools. The board as a whole is interested in learning more about security in the schools, for example the lockdown procedure. To be coordinated by Yvonne.

6. IN CAMERA - Staffing

Motion: 15-11-19-4 Moved by Samir Jalloul, Seconded by Abdal Houmsi
The board moving In Camera

Carried

Motion: 15-11-19-5 Moved by Abdal Houmsi, Seconded by Mohamed Salih
The board moving Out of Camera

Carried

7. ACTION

7.1 Motion: 15-11-19-6 Moved by Mohamed Salih, Seconded by Sohail Sherwani
The board approves the revised budget as presented by the Secretary Treasurer showing a deficit of \$43,121.00.
Carried

7.2 Motion: 15-11-19-7 Moved by Issa Mosa, Seconded by Mohamed Salih
The board approves the Combined AERR (2014/2015) and 3 Year Education Plan (2015-2018) as presented.
Carried

7.3 Motion: 15-11-19-8 Moved by Issa Mosa, Seconded by Mohamed Salih
The board approves the authorization for the ATA negotiator to be extended to total maximum of \$15,000.00 based on the over 35 hour rate of \$150.00 per hr.
Carried

7.4 Motion: 15-11-15-9 Moved by Abdal Houmsi, Seconded by Samir Jalloul
The board approves extending the meeting.
Carried

8. INFORMATION (NON DISCUSSION)

The Principals report was part of the board package for information only.

9. OTHER

Dates for upcoming events for the 2015/2016 school year have been approved.

Athletics Awards Night – May 26, 2016

Teacher Appreciation Night – Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (night before the ATA conference)

IL Celebrations – Ogden, March 18, 2016 - MV, May 5, 2016

Annual BBQ – To be determined

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The chair thanked everyone for attending.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Signature on file
Haytham Ghouriri Board Chair

Signature on file
Wanda Hayes, Executive Secretary

BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD

Board Member	Signature	Time of Arrival
Haytham Ghouriri	Signature on File	5:50 pm
Issa Mosa	Signature on File	5:50 pm
Mohamad El Jabali	Signature on File	6:50 pm
Mohamed Salih	Signature on File	5:45 pm
Sohail Sherwani	Signature on File	6:00 pm
Samir Jalloul	Signature on File	6:50 pm
Abdal Aziz Houmsi	Signature on File	6:15 pm