

TSMS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3434 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303
Wednesday, March 9th, 2022
5:05 pm

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Approval of the agenda items
- 3- Public Remarks
- 4- Principal Remarks
- 5- Approval of Board meetings minutes (12/15/2022)
- 6- Accreditation Update
- 7- Title-I Update
- 8- School Financials
- 9- Closure of the meeting

Additional Information
- Board members present -
Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, Dr. Mark Bourassa, Dr. Ugur Baslanti

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Issues/Items motioned and voted on by Governing Board Members:

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm
2. **Approval of the agenda items** – Dr. Tozoglu moved to approve the agenda items as it is presented. Dr. Mark Bourassa 2nd the motion. **The Board unanimously approved the agenda item.**
3. **Public Remarks** – There were no public remarks.
4. **Principal Remarks** -Principal Temel informed the board that the spring break will be next week as they continue to hire new teachers for next year and recruit new students for the upcoming year. The principal informed the board that the school will enroll only for kindergarten and existing students are bringing in siblings and that the school is collecting enrollment packages already been distributed. TSMS is accepting applications for all grades and TSMS aims to be 600 in August. TSMS is building a waitlist and TSMS expects more applications to come in as the choice school dates will be over next week. Principal Temel informed the board that the school already knows which teachers intend to return and which teachers are not so the school is also in the process of hiring new teachers. Principal Temel informed the board that the school will try every venue to hire new teachers as there is a widespread shortage of teachers and the school will continue to work with FSU and other institutions of higher education. Principal Temel informed the board the FSA test is coming and that it will be the last year with the FSA and there will be another type of assessment or progress monitoring next year. Principal Temel mentioned that FSA disrupts the overall operation of the school, but the school is ready for a smooth testing season and that the tests will continue all the way to the end of May. Dr. Tozoglu mentioned Principal Temel's efforts to bring in international teachers since there is a major teacher shortage in the nation and the state.
5. **Approval of Board meetings minutes (12/15/2021)** - Dr. Tozoglu moved to approve the agenda items as it is presented. Mr. Gladwin 2nd the motion. **The Board unanimously approved the agenda item.**
6. **Accreditation Update** _ Principal Temel shared the report sent to the school from Cognia that showed each area that was evaluated and there were areas that the school will work on to improve but the school got a good score and was accredited for another 5 years. Dr. Tozoglu commended and congratulated Principal Temel and the team for a smooth accreditation and a good score. Principal Temel informed the board that the Cognia team was impressed with the overall process and how the process naturally occurred, and they were happy to see the level of participation on the part of the school, students, staff, and parents, and board members.
7. **Title-I update-** **Principal Temel** stated that the LCS informed the school that the school is no longer eligible for Title-I based on the free reduced numbers. Principal Temel said that he asked his team to go over the numbers just to make sure the school and LCS are on the same page. Principal Temel asked LCS about their percentage that determines the eligibility and that he was given 50 % as the threshold and in that case, the school was 45 % just below 50 %. Principal Temel stated that he discussed the matter with the LCS and informed them that the numbers may go up as we may have missed a few students to add to our report. Principal Temel stated that they were able to edit the student information which brought the school percentage to 50% and that the LCS will look into it and get back to the school regarding the status of Title-I.

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- 8. School Financials-** Dr. Tozoglu asked Mr. Yakisikli to comment on the financials. Mr. Yakisikli stated that it was time to update the sunbiz on the state site. Mr. Yakisikli said that the numbers are based on 550 students and that when looking at the general funds it's positive. R. Yakisikli mentioned that the school received ESSER fund and school claimed all other special revenues and the school received some of the reimbursements and was waiting for the rest of the reimbursements. Mr. Yakisikli stated that the budget shows positive as of now and once the school receives all the reimbursements the budget will show positive numbers at the end of the year. Dr. Tozoglu asked about the FTE numbers and Mr. Yakisikli mentioned that the last FTE was 556 and the average showed around 550. Dr. Tozoglu pointed out a few sections for Mr. Y to look into and see if they should include any special revenue, he asked him to check the total year-to-date numbers as he was not sure what they represented. Dr. Tozoglu mentioned there are some FTE increase proposals on the Governor's desk and schools may receive around 240 \$ more for FTE and he was not sure what this amount included but it is some increase.
- 9. Closure of the meeting** – Dr. Tozoglu moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Baslanti 2nd the motion and the meeting were adjourned at 5:30



Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, President