

TSMS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3434 North Monroe St.

Tallahassee, FL 32303

Wednesday, February 19th , 2025

5:00 pm

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the agenda items
3. Public Remarks
4. Principal Remarks
5. Approval of last board meeting minutes (12/18/2024)
6. Title-I Update
7. School Financials
8. Closure of the meeting

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

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

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm
2. **Approval of the agenda items** – Dr. Tozoglu skipped approving the agenda items, stating that we didn't have quorum. He said we would go back and approve them at our upcoming board meeting.
3. **Public Remarks** – There were no public remarks.
4. **Principal Remarks** – Principal Ozsahin stated that the number of students in the second FTE was 621, just like in the first FTE, and that their goal was 620, with the budget prepared accordingly. He mentioned that he had sent out intent-to-return forms to all employees for next year and that, in general, the staff indicated they would return.
Regarding next year's enrollment, he stated that there had been 75 applications for kindergarten so far, with a goal of 80. He added that applications were still coming in and that they expected to meet their goal. Principal Ozsahin also noted that there were applications for other grades, but they could not accept many of them due to limited available seats.
In terms of student success, he highlighted that students had achieved very good results in the robotics and science competitions they participated in. Dr. Tozoglu emphasized that there are only two months left until testing and that students need to practice extensively in order to reach their goals. He added, "I believe we have already done a very good job compared to surrounding and similar schools in our region, considering our demographics." Principal Ozsahin added that they are preparing students for the upcoming testing by providing extra support and practice.
5. **Approval of last board meeting minutes (12/18/2024)**- Dr. Tozoglu skipped approving the agenda items, stating that we didn't have quorum. He said we would go back and approve them at our upcoming board meeting.
6. **Title-I Update** - Mr. Yakisikli stated that we still maintain our Title 1 status. Every year in January, we submit a comparability report. Based on this report, they calculate the student-to-teaching and

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support staff ratio. This year, the ratio came out slightly higher than the standard due to an increase in the number of students. Although our student population has grown, the number of staff has not increased at the same rate.

Therefore, we tried to adjust among the staff on the FTE and Title 1 lists. Since we are not able to reimburse staff salaries and benefits, we have included some additional items in the budget in order to get it approved. We will see how they respond, as we have not yet received a reply. I will follow up on it.

7. School Financials - Mr. Yakışıklı presented the projected and actual FTE budget. He stated that when some of our expected receivables arrive, we will be operating in line with the budget and end the year on the positive side. Dr. Tozoğlu asked whether there had been any updates to the budget. Mr. Yakışıklı responded that there had been some very minor updates, but that the main budget was being followed.

- 8. Closure of the meeting** – Dr. Tozoglu moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20



Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, President