

**AISB BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Session**  
**AISB Library**  
**February 24, 2009**

**Present:** David Henry (DH, *Director*) Rob Van Doeselaar (RD, *Chair*), Oumar Saibou (OS), Scott Reese (SR, *U.S. Ambassador's rep*), Christy Bennett (CB), Nico Barning (NB), Steve Lutterbeck (SL), Todd League (TL)

**Absent:** -Olivier Verstraeten (OV)

**Others present:** Randy Brown (RB) projectmanager and Lynn Robinson (LR) teacher's rep.

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**1. Opening**

**a. Call to order, 7:15 PM**

The meeting is opened by RD

**b. Approval of minutes**

*Vote:* - the minutes of the Regular Session January 21st - 2009, February 3 and 7th are approved –  
approved unanimously (6).

**2. Teacher's report**

LR gave an overview of the last activities such as:

- The Dogon visit of High School
- The Siby rock-climbing visit (grade 4 & 5), and
- High school math. contest in Belgium
- End of Literacy month which was a great success

For the coming events LR mentioned

- a planned visit during spring brake to Senegal with students, where they are supposed to give a presentation on how the world can respond to the problems, and what could be the role of a small community.
- Middle school soccer team will go to Ouagadougou end of March

**3. Director's report**

See addendum 'Highlights of Director's Report' February 24, 2009

A motion on the calendar was made to approve a change:

March 16th was previously a holiday but will be moved to Monday April 13

**approved unanimously (6).**

**4. Facilities committee report**

see addendum 'facilities meeting February 3, 2009'

A motion was proposed to continue construction phase through a special short term loan (2 years) for \$ 1.200.000 at 450F/\$ - (see for the exact formulation fac.meeting report)

**Proposed Motion:** Approve short term construction loan of \$1.2 million dollars meanwhile pursue completion of Sotuba project through all possible financial avenues and maintain current levels of the 'Operating' and 'Emergency/Stability' Reserves at \$150,000.

The motion was accepted (**1 abstain, 2 disapproved, 3 approved**) and resulted in NB leaving the board. As member of the board he indicated that he can not take the responsibility for the board's decision to approve the two year loan of \$ 1.2 million and start building without a guaranteed loan for finishing the project.

The meeting went on with than 5 present board members.

#### **5. Finance committee report**

See addendum 'Finances Committee Meeting February 6, 2009'

No special discussions or clarifications were made.

#### **6. Policy committee report**

See addendum 'Policy Committee Meeting February 19, 2009'

- **The now present board members (5) all approved admission policy 703**
- **The now present board members (4 approved, 1 abstained) approved the new revised mission statement and outcomes**
- **The now present board members (5) approved the draft agreement between US Embassy and Malian Government on the legal status of the AISB (with some modifications made during the meeting by SR)**
- Policy 412 will be voted on next meeting

#### **7. Board Training/Trainer in May**

John Ritter will be the trainer for the 15-17 may board training. Some items that need attention during the training were discussed.

#### **8. No remarks**

**Adjournment: 21.20 PM**