

**School Board Meeting**  
**Minutes - Regular**  
**Tuesday, November 20, 2007**  
**7:15 pm – Library**

**Present:** David Henry (DH, Director), Rob van Doeselaar (RD), Olivier Verstraeten (OV), Kellie Lartigue (KL), Christy Bennett (CB), Lisa Nichols (LN), Stephanie Syptak (SS, Ambassador's Rep), Betsy Wagenhauser (BW), Nico Barning (NB)

**Absent:** None

**Others present:** Bob Strozeski ((BS, teachers' rep)

**I. Opening**

- A. Call to order 7:15
- B. Approval of minutes for October 23 meeting. A motion was made to approve the last minutes. All in favor (7).

**II. Information Items**

**A. Teachers report (Bob BS was filling in as teacher's rep for Jeff M)**

- Field trips: November 9<sup>th</sup> Pre-K field trip to ICRISAT went well. The Pre K also visited the health unit at the US Embassy. The students from 4-8<sup>th</sup> grades participated in a track meet in Ouagadougou on November 22 to 24<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade went to ICRISAT and the National Museum. The middle school is planning a trip to the school for the Deaf.
- Drama and music: The winter play is being prepared to be presented the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. On December 19<sup>th</sup> the winter music show will be presented during the last day of school before the break.
- Other issues: The teacher's report also raised an issue about the local foreign hires who are concerned about the devaluation of their salary and they have asked the Board to consider a cost of living increase. DH remarked that the Finance Cmt. had already put the issue on the agenda.

**B. Directors Report (see attached Annex 1)**

**C. Facilities Report: (see attached Annex 2)**

**Approval of Sotuba Land:** There was a motion to approve Sotuba land as future site of AISB and move forward on construction of the new school. All in favor (7)

- There was a discussion on the OPIC loans – advantages and disadvantages. Action: SS, BW will check on OPIC contacts for further information.
- Other loan options were discussed. The need to prepare a bank “packet” which includes architect's plans, land title, long term financial plan and other information was discussed.

- [Next meeting Tuesday 4 December](#)

**D. Finance Report (Annex 3)**

[Tuition payments, 07-08 YTD statement, Sadiola, Recommendation on teacher contract, Long term financial plan and construction loan were discussed. \(I don't have any approvals in my notes but I believe there were some....\)](#)

**E. Policy Report (Annex 4)**

Approval of Policy changes [\(see Annex 4\) – deleted: 403 and 524.2; changed: 501, 507, 510, 511, 511.1, 511.3, 513, 515, 520, 522, 523, 527, 528, 1002, 1008.4; added: 529, 530; renumbered: 518 and 519 switched numbers, 519-528 apply to overseas-hire staff only. with minor modifications:](#) A motion was made to accept the policy changes. Approved (5) Abstained (2)  
KL solicited from the Board those areas they would like the policy committee to focus on in the next revisions. Petty Cash; Staff Evaluation

**Adjourned 9:15**

[Next meeting will be on 11 December 2007](#)