



New Discoveries

Montessori Academy

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Official Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. – on site at NDMA.

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1. Call Meeting to Order (Location of Board Packet) – 5:29PM Roll Call: Patty Herner, Deanna Boltcher, Melony XX, Tim XX, Spencer Kangas, Christine La Plante, Sheri Colvin

Kyle Absent

Kirsten Kinzler

2. Welcome/Introduction of Guests: Bess Bauman, and Emily Edstrom
3. Spotlight Report
4. Approval of Agenda (Tim/Deanna second it) All approved
5. Approval of Consent Agenda (Tim/Culvin second it) (all approve)
 - a. Minutes of January 22, 2024 Meeting
 - b. Submitted Committee Reports
 - i. Financial Committee met February 12th, 2024
6. Financial Reports
 - a. January 2024 Financial Report
 - b. Approve January 2024 Supplemental Information Report (Tim/patty second it)All approve
7. Reports
 - a. Executive Director
 - i. Personnel changes – resignations, dismissals, reassignments, and new employments
 - ii. Strategic Plan Update
 - iii. Environmental Education Update
 - iv. Academic Testing and Achievement Update
 - v. Enrollment Update
 - vi. Activities and Happenings related to the school, staff, students, families, community
 - b. Board Activities –
 - i. Sounding Board Issue 21 – Policy Review Cycle (Read this and we will discuss it after the board meeting)
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Second readings of the following policies
 - i. 536P – Student Fees
 - ii. 705P – Electronic Fund Transfer
 - iii. 760P – School Credit Card
9. New Business

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- a. First reading of 411P Sick Leave – Paid Time Off (Lots of changes due to Sick and Safe Law)
- b. Approve 2024-2025 NDMA School Calendar (Tim/ Patty second) (all approved)
- c. Create the Board Member Search Committee

10. Upcoming Meetings/Events/Announcements

- a. Next board meeting, March 18, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
- b. Finance Committee Meeting, March 12, 2024 – 11:45 a.m. (tentatively)
- c. Policy/Governance Committee Meeting, tbd
- d. Facilities Committee Meeting, tbd
- e. Administrative Review Committee, tbd
- f. Annual Meeting, April 15, 2024 – 3:30 p.m.
- g. Strategic Plan Workshop, May 3, 2024 – 12:45 p.m.

11. Adjournment