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**NDMA's Annual Meeting is on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.**  
In the multipurpose room. It typically lasts for 30 minutes.

This meeting is where we have Board of Director elections.

All staff and families are encouraged to attend.

## **BOARD VACANCIES**

1. Parent Member 3YR
2. Teacher Member 3YR
3. Community Member 3YR
4. Community Member 2 YR
5. Community Member 1YR

Please contact a member of the NDMA Board Member  
Nominating Committee if you have questions:

[Spencer Kangas](#) or [Tim Dezelske](#).

**Candidate bios start on the next page.**



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### **Parent Board Member Candidate Bio: Jill Montes (Incumbent)**

I am a mom to five kids who have all at one point attended NDMA. I enjoy volunteering at school whether it be at my little kid's school or my big kid's school. I also babysit my cousin's daughter regularly. In my spare time I like to craft and read or do training for my PCA job or Board of Directors. I also like to learn about anything medical. ~Jill Montes

### **Parent Board Member Candidate Bio: Deanna Boettcher**

As both a parent and former employee of NDMA, I bring a thoughtful and well-rounded perspective to the Board of Directors. I have also previously served as a parent board member, giving me a strong understanding of the school's mission and the value of collaborative leadership.

I currently work in the mental health field, supporting the well-being of individuals and families—an experience that deepens my appreciation for nurturing, student-centered environments like NDMA. With my child now attending the school, I feel personally invested in its continued success.

I am passionate about supporting NDMA and helping ensure it remains a strong, vibrant resource for our community. ~Deanna Boettcher

### **Parent Board Member Candidate Bio: Eric Olson**

I am 38 years old. I am an avid bicyclist. I enjoy spending time with my family. We like to explore state parks, go to concerts, soccer matches, and basketball games. When I get a few moments to myself I enjoy playing video games, especially those from my childhood.

Currently I hold the positions of material coordinator, backup team leader, and PIV (powered industrial vehicle) trainer.

I am almost done obtaining my associates degrees in accounting and also business management.

Our children thrive at this school, so I would like to show my appreciation by being more involved. ~Eric Olson



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### **Teacher Board Member Candidate Bio: Patti Hoerner (Incumbent)**

Patti Hoerner has been teaching for 38 years and has been at NDMA since 2016 as a teacher in an E1 Classroom. Patti has her Montessori Masters and feels it is important to have a Montessori teacher on the board. She enjoys the pulse of the action of the board and loves serving our families.

### **Teacher Board Member Candidate Bio: Tammy Maiers**

Tammy Maiers has worked at NDMA for 11 years as a Speech Pathologist. In addition to speech therapy, she enjoys helping with the school Sunshine Committee and running the school store. She is active in the community and in her church. In her spare time, she loves boating, fishing, reading classic lit, traveling, camping, and spending time at their cabin. She has 3 boys and a sweet dog, S'mores.

Tammy is excited to apply for the NDMA school board position. She has worked at NDMA for 11 years. Tammy treasures this school and believes it is integral to this community. She wants to serve on the school board to help protect and strengthen the values and quality within our school. She's invested in the success of our students, as well as her colleagues' job satisfaction. Tammy is committed to being a respectful voice for our school and community, ensuring our school continues to prioritize inclusiveness and growth, while also guiding it toward financial stability and reducing its debt.



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### **Community Board Member Candidate Bio: Sharalyn Colvin (Incumbent)**

Shari Colvin brings many years of dedicated service and experience to the NDMA Board. She holds a Master's degree in Gifted, Creative, and Talented Education from the University of St. Thomas. Shari is an active volunteer, contributing her time and expertise to programs such as Math Counts and Math Masters. She has also played a key role in ensuring that organizational policies remain current and effective.