



Minutes for Board Meeting

Goodwater Montessori School

June 22, 2021, 6:30 PM

Decisions are highlighted.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZATION CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN OPEN MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) DISASTER.

1. **Call To Order 6:32 PM**

Carl Illig established a quorum.

Expected to be in attendance: Carl Illig, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Kimber Fucello, Christopher Hinds, Montique Chance, Jan MacWatters, and Suzanne Robinson. The following staff is expected to attend: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Kim Hodges, Jenny Wilson, Alma Lahmon, and Kristi Lee.

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2. Public Comments: Speakers will be allocated 2 minutes for public comments on matters of public concern. No public comments.

3. Carl Illig introduced the **Consent Agenda** and asked if any Board members want to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. **Mary Evelyn Bowling motioned to accept the consent agenda. Chris Hinds seconded this. This motion passed unanimously.**

4. Carl Illig introduced the **Discussion and Action Items**

A. President's Remarks

1. Training- Carl Illig asked the board members to review the training requirements and what they have completed. He is available to review training.
2. The Superintendent review and evaluation is coming up next month. Carl Illig, Suzanne Robinson, and Jan MacWatters will be involved and will be adopting the NCMPS method. If anyone has feedback or concerns to share, reach out to Carl Illig.

6:38 pm Jan MacWatters joined the meeting.

3. Board meetings will return in person soon and the board is contemplating streaming the meetings live.

B. Superintendent's Report

Our current enrollment for next fall is 437. We have no new information on the Covid update but are continuing to monitor CDC and WCHD. Our plan is to fully open with no masks required, no shields, and full Montessori style. In testing news, it has been reported that Math is a concern nationwide, statewide, and we have found this to be the case in our school too. We are implementing a summer tutoring program for incoming 6th-grade students who did not pass the 5th-grade math Staar test. RTI and Child Study programs begin as soon as school begins. Thank you to Jenny Wilson for managing a very difficult testing season.

We've hired a Montessori Coach and will introduce her when she starts in August. Also, in August, we will host an open house, orientation, and Coffee with Dr. Bruce. We have a full professional development agenda for faculty and staff, including a new behavior program.

Our Charter Renewal Application is due next spring, and we are working on that now.

6:59 pm Montique Chance joined the meeting.

C. Back-office Software

Marcy Steward presented the finance committee's request for bids, received bids, and decisions.

This is presented to the board to approve because the contracts are above \$50,000.

We received bids for the software and back-office finance/ student information management.

Carl Illig asks Marcy Steward what the finance committee is proposing. She said the finance committee proposes that we keep Harris software through August and then ask

the board to renew the contract. For the back-office finance and student information management, we are recommending Fucello Consulting, Kimber Fucello, using the Harris software beginning September 1, 2021.

Other companies provided quotes but would require software change, and we want to maintain the Harris software.

Kimber Fucello would resign from the Board of Directors, and this transition has been approved as acceptable by Goodwater Montessori attorneys.

The amount the finance committee is asking for approval for is:

Harris software cost for next year: \$63,000

Fucello Consulting cost for the rest of this year: \$4,500 and next year: \$72,000,

Carl Illig moved that upon Kimber Fucello's resignation from the board, we engage Fucello Consulting in the amount of \$76,500 for one year and two months for back-office management. Montique Chance seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Closed Session

Per Texas Government Code section §551.074 to discuss personnel matters and/or Per Texas Government Code section §551.071 for a consultation with the school attorney and/or Per Texas Government Code section 551.072 to discuss Real Property.

No closed session.

7. Adjourn

Carl Illig moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris Hinds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 7:29 pm