



WilCo Montessori Partners, Inc Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2020
6:30pm
Audio Call in Number
1-346-248-7799 access code 843035656#

Mission: To provide an exceptional Montessori Education to all children and their families, encouraging a lifelong love of learning and active participation in their communities.

Vision: To develop conscientious citizens who approach their world with confidence, creativity and collaboration.

1. In Attendance, Establishment of Quorum, Call to order

In attendance: Carl Illig, Kathy Trullender, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Kimber Fuccello and Mark Cortinas. The following staff in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Christi Cowden, Alessandra Abel, Cheniese Armstrong and Michele Morales.

Carl called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Carl discussed how Gov Abott suspended in-person requirements.

All board members are in attendance. Quorum has been established.

2. Public Comments

The Board President explained how to make public comments.

Speakers will be allocated 2 minutes for public comments.

No public comments.

3. Review and approve the minutes of previous meetings

Supplemental Board Meeting minutes from February 13, 2020

Kimber moved to approve the Supplemental Board meeting minutes from February 13, 2020, Mark seconded. (Mary Evelyn abstained as she was not at the meeting). Motion passed 4/0 with one abstention.

Board Meeting minutes from February 18, 2020

Kimber and Mark abstained from voting as they were not at the meeting. Kathy moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes from February 18, 2020, Carl seconded. The motion passed 3/0 with 2 abstentions.

Emergency Board Meeting minutes from March 16, 2020

Mary Evelyn moved to approve the Emergency Board meeting minutes from March 16, 2020, Kimber

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seconded. All approved and the motion passed 5/0.

4. Discussion and Action Items

A. Discussion and Action: Amendment of the school charter to include Distance and Technology Instruction

Dr. Bruce discussed that we don't have to make any amendment to our charter due to COVID-19, but since we are serving dyslexia online we need to amend the charter to include distance and technology instruction. With the minutes and audio recording we will create the resolution.

Wording of resolution: Goodwater Montessori Public Charter School is requesting an amendment to the charter to include distance and technology instruction for special education services.

Bruce discussed that, per attorney conference, it was okay to do the meeting this way with a spoken resolution. Kathy moved to approve the resolution as spoken. Mark seconded. All approved and the motion passed 5/0.

B. Discussion and Action: 2020-2021 School Calendar

Christie discussed the 2020-2021 School Calendar. The school calendar is similar to other ISDs.

Mary Evelyn moved to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. Kimber seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

C. Discussion and Action: 2019-2020 Calendar Revisions

Christie discussed how the 2019-2020 Calendar needs to be approved to reflect the change in start time from 8am to 7:55am. This motion was approved in August, however it was not approved as part of the calendar.

Kathy moved to approve the changes to the 2019-2020 school calendar as written. Mary Evelyn seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

D. Discussion and Action: Duties assigned at Financial Institutions for Officers

Carl discussed the duties assigned at financial institutions for officers and the authority given to them. Who needs to be included in each option of the duties was discussed.

Carl made the motion to pass the powers granted on the duties assigned at Financial Institutions for Offices. Numbers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 all require two signatures and those can be from any of these individuals: WilCo Montessori Partners, president, secretary or treasury. Number 3: one signature from any WilCo Montessori Partners, Superintendent/CEO, president, secretary, and treasurer. This is specific to National United Bank. Kimber seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

E. Discussion: COVID-19 update

- a. Board President: emergency board meetings with 1 hour notice. When possible we will provide more notice. See public notices on Webpage.

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- b. Superintendent: thanks to all guides, staff and support staff for all the work they did over Spring Break alongside Commissioner Mike Morath. To the parents: recognize the hardship this will present to you. Alex and her team, Cheniese and her team have taken the chicken pox distance learning platform and moved it to the next level in a week. Showed deep appreciation to the team at Goodwater.
- c. Director, Business Operations: Marcy discussed the financial standpoint, after school program, PreK tuition, NSLP, Raise Craze, as well as the money received from TEA, and Dr. Bruce mentioned how that money will continue to flow.
- d. Director, Admissions: Christie discussed the work in terms of different schedules and no actual attendance will be done. We have gotten guidance from the charter school division. We are funded based on our last FSP submission which was submitted at the beginning of the month. Payments from here on out will be based on that FSP. Waivers and attestations forms were discussed. We might need a special board meeting to approve the waivers and attestations. All waivers need to be submitted before July 1st. She also mentioned how JR3 is on top of everything on the compliance end, and we are still enrolling for next year.
- e. Director, Curriculum/Instruction: Alex discussed how she quickly assembled an academic team that included Lesley for primary, Sandy for Lower Elementary, Abbie for Upper Elementary and Randie for adolescents. Christie Plemons, Cheniese, and Sped Team have also worked very hard, and she is very thankful for their help. She mentioned the overarching goals for Goodwater Distance Learning: 1. connections, grow relationships with students, family and staff 2. create community 3. support. We will offer low-tech and high-tech options. Alex discussed Google classroom and how it will be used with the students.
- f. Director, Special Education: Cheniese talked about how this week was not an instructional week, but a work week to establish how all providers will be working with other students. SPED plans will start Monday, March 30th. Most SPED instruction will be virtual, and the low tech option would be phone calls. Sped teachers will be contacting and working with their students. Inclusion time is not able to be included in this model. Related services will be provided through contract staff with either video or phone calls. Hipa was discussed.

Closure will be extended until April 13th.

5. Adjourn:

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 8:01pm. Kimber seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5/0.