



Minutes for Board Meeting
Goodwater Montessori School
July 27, 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 6:33 PM

Carl Illig established a quorum.

Expected to be in attendance: Carl Illig, Mary Evelyn Bowling, 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.

In attendance: Carl Illig, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Christopher Hinds, Montique Chance, Jan MacWatters, and Suzanne Robinson. Staff: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Kim Hodges, Aaron Ball, Alma Lahmon, Sandy Worcester, Ali Lemus, and Kristi Lee.

2. Public Comments: Speakers will be allocated 2 minutes for public comments on matters of public concern.

Sejal Shah expressed concern about the school opening with Covid-19.

3. Carl Illig introduced the **Consent Agenda** and asked if any Board members want to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Chris Hinds asked to remove the Student Academic Update for review. **Carl Illig motioned to accept the consent agenda without the Student Academic Update. Suzanne Robinson seconded this. This motion passed unanimously.**

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

A. Board President remarks. The board meetings starting in August will be in person. We are not streaming the meetings as of right now.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bruce thanked the staff for their work during the summer. Congratulated Kristi Felty, Danushi Fernando, and Melissa LeGrand for completing their Montessori training over the summer. Our enrollment for fall as of today is 429 students. 417 is our capacity. For a Covid-19 update, masks are optional but we continue to monitor the situation with the authorities and will continue our other protocols such as air purifiers, static sprayers, hand sanitizer, washing hands frequently, and being aware of distance. Academically, our Staar results are in and we are creating and implementing plans to help students. All students who did not pass Staar will receive at least 30 hours of RTI, response to intervention, during this school year. We will host a zoom presentation on August 9, "Welcome to Goodwater." We are also hosting an in person Open House on August 16. On August 11, the first Coffee with Dr. Bruce will be held at 9:30 am. We need volunteers for the library and school committees. Facilities updates, cleaning, painting, and parking lot changes are in the process of being completed.

The Director of Special Programs from AIM, Aaron Ball, is with us tonight. Welcome, Aaron. Our back to school plan is posted on the website and includes Covid-19 updates.

Chris Hinds had questions about the Student Academic Update. He asked, "Why are our Staar scores behind the state averages?" Dr. Bruce answered, saying that the math test was online for the first time ever and it is possible that our students did not practice the skills to test that way. Also, only 69% of our population took the Staar test because testing had to be in person at school. A good percentage of our families were not comfortable with sending children in person for testing. Also, the snapshot day in October determines what test scores will count for our school.

C. Back to School Plan

This is on the website under Back To School- Quick Links. We will follow the legal mandates made by the Governor. The only districts offering remote learning as of right now are paying for it for themselves with fund money.

D. Covid- 19 Update, See Back to School Plan and SY 2021-2022 Public Health Guidance docs.

E. Consideration- Fill board Treasurer position. **Carl Illig recommended Suzanne Robinson for the treasurer position and to be given signing authority. Chris Hinds seconded the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

F. Consideration- Form 990. Mary Evelyn Bowling moved to grant Carl Illig the approval to sign Form 990. Chris Hinds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Federal Grants

Marcy Steward shared that we have asked the community for input on how to use these funds from grants. This time was an opportunity for anyone to speak on the use of the federal funds. Any two minute public comments?

Sejal Shah recommended that the funds be used for extra curricular activities such as sports and arts. Neadra Green (Whaley) agrees with her. Chris Hinds suggested that we use them to continue to remediate the academic loss and add support staff. Our survey prompted 74 responses. Marcy Steward said these funds will allow things like extra staff, tutoring, sel, and a behavioral specialist.

H. TEKS Allotment and Certification form 2021-2022

See the 2021-2022 TEKS Allotment and Certification Template

Carl Illig moved to approve the 2021-2022 TEKS Allotment and Certification form. Chris Hinds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Accelerated Learning HB4545 Waivers.

TEA Waiver Submission. We are applying for a waiver regarding certified teacher requirements. Carl Illig moved to approve the TEC 20.0211 (a1) Waiver re TIA designations and to approve the TEC 20.0211 (n) Waiver re certified teacher requirements. Mary Evelyn Bowling seconded. 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.

Carl Illig moved that board members, Dr. Bruce, and the school attorney go into closed session. Mary Evelyn Bowling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

They moved into closed session at 7:44 pm.

7. Adjourn

moved to adjourn the meeting. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. pm