

Goodwater Montessori Public Charter School
Goodwater Montessori School Board Meeting
Mon Sep 29, 2025 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CDT

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mary Evelyn Bowling. Board Members in attendance: Dr. Andy Attaway, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Jade Winters and Lydia Hancock. The following staff members were in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Beverly Al-Tabatabaie, Kristi Felty, Sharmayne Smith, Megan Spencer, Marcy Steward and Kimber Fuccello, Consultant.

2. Public Comments

Cacique Rich-Martinez spoke regarding agenda item 4.d Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

3. Consent Agenda

No specific discussion on any item in the consent agenda. Dr. Attaway moved to approve and L. Hancock seconded. Approved 4-0.

- a.** Enrollment Report
- b.** Special Programs Report
- c.** Student Academic Update
- d.** Marketing Report
- e.** Curriculum and Instruction Report
- f.** Facilities Report
- g.** Contracts and Agreements
 - [Contracts for Review](#)
- h.** Principal Report
- i.** Minutes from August 26, 2025

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. Superintendent/CEO Report

Dr. Bruce Tabor presented his report verbally.

Staff: New Hires are Nadia Ziayee as ASEP Supervisor and Kamera Dixon as Primary Assistant. Pending hires are for a Primary Community Assistant, Special Education Teacher, and RTI/AI Teacher. SAMA Training for several guides has been completed.

Safety: The Safety Committee has been established for the school year. The first School Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2025, with follow-ups on February 9 and June 8, 2026.

Academics: The Beginning of the Year Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment shows significant improvement among returning students, with new students establishing benchmarks. The School Improvement Committee has been formed, including various staff members and a parent volunteer, to discuss goals and strategies for the year. The partnership with SustainEd Leaders to approve academic achievement is going well.

Marketing and Communications: Efforts are underway to enhance social media presence, including new strategies for TikTok, live chats, and podcasts.

Orchard News: Students are actively engaged in the orchard, with Ms. Leigh-Anna leading outdoor education and a Garden Club working on campus beautification. The return of chickens allows students to learn animal care as part of their outdoor activities.

b. English Language Learners

Mrs. Al-Tabatabaie provided an overview of the presentation held Thursday, September 18, 2025 for Emerging Bilingual (EB) Families. 35 families attended. There are 11 languages spoken by Goodwater families. The primary spoken language is English and the second is Telugu. Students presented in both English and their native language and Guides were available for translation.

c. Attendance Waivers: Professional Development

Resolution to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Development Days Waiver for 2100 minutes to submit to the Texas Education Agency. Dr. Attaway moved to approve and L. Hancock seconded. Approved 4-0.

d. Policies

[Policies for Review](#)

Policy 4.212 and 4.213

i. Consider and take possible action on Board Resolution for Compliance with Texas Education Code Section 11.005 (Prohibition on DEI Duties) and Section 28.0022 (Certain Instructional Requirements and Prohibitions)

Policies 4.212 and 4.213 as well as the Resolution were discussed. Board members expressed individual concerns; however, determined TEA Compliance was necessary as the sole reason for approval. M. Bowling moved to approve Policies 4.212, 4.213 and the Board Resolution. J. Winters seconded. Vote: (Yes: M. Bowling, J. Winters, L. Hancock), (No: Dr. Attaway). Approved 3-1.

e. Financial Reports

Kimber Fuccello presented the August Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities. The fiscal year ended August 2025. Additional expenses are expected and in line with approved deficit budget. September financials will be provided in the October meeting. Fiscal Year 26 deficit budget is unchanged at this time. Purchasing the building to reduce facilities costs and/or additional funding are necessary to reduce the budget deficit.

f. PreK Funding

The Texas Education Agency's most recent Summary of Finances shows only 1/2 day funding for PreK3 not full-day funding as anticipated when the Board approved moving from a 1/2 day to full day program for the 2025-2026 school year. Enrollment: 53 PreK3 students. This is a decrease in revenue of approximately using the calculation

Dr. Attaway moved to transition the PreK3 program and M. Bowling Seconded. Approved 4-0. Dr. Bruce will communicate the following to existing PREK3 parents: Students will attend the morning session as currently funded and will have 2 options for the second 1/2 of the day: 1) elect 1/2 day only program that ends at 12:00 or 2) full-day program where the second 1/2 of the day is tuition of \$400/month.

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.

M. Bowling moved to go into Closed Session inviting K. Fuccello and M. Steward at 7:49pm. Dr. Attaway seconded. Approved 4-0.

The Board Returned to open session at 8:22 pm.

6. Announce Date and Time of Next Board Meeting

October 27, 2025 at 6pm

7. Adjourn

M. Bowling moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Attaway seconded. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.