

Goodwater Montessori Public Charter School  
Goodwater Montessori School Public Hearing and Special Called Board Meeting  
Thu Apr 9, 2026 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CDT

**1. Public Hearing & Town Hall 6pm to 7pm**

President Mary Evelyn Bowling called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Board members present: Mary Evelyn Bowling, Dr. Andy Attaway, Jade York and Lydia Hancock.

The Board of Directors conducted a public hearing regarding the 2026-2027 school year as an opportunity for community input regarding the possible closure of Goodwater Montessori School at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. The Board recognized that this is a significant and emotional matter for the Goodwater community and desired to approach the conversation with a deep sense of responsibility, care, and respect for the students and families served, as well as for the staff that have dedicated themselves to this work.

Superintendent/CEO, Dr. Bruce Tabor, presented information regarding the challenges associated with the 2026-2027 school year with an emphasis on the facility lease and enrollment. The presentation may be viewed here: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Q-jOEYQS3LH27KTOvKxWZ8ncfQo6PNqRoTWVM6nAa0A/edit?usp=sharing>. Despite ongoing efforts to strengthen the waitlist, increase enrollment and decrease the facility costs, these factors continue to present long-term financial challenges. Dr. Tabor recommended to close the school at the end of the 25-26 school year.

Dr. Tabor's presentation was followed by a period of public questions and comments. Nine persons addressed the Board, all of whom Goodwater parents. Each person was allotted 2 minutes to present their question or comment to Dr. Tabor and the Board of Directors.

The Board thanked the audience for their attendance and participation at the meeting. The Public Hearing Concluded at 6:55 pm.

**2. Special Called Board Meeting 7-8 pm**

**a. Call to Order**

6:05 pm Meeting called to order by Mary Evelyn Bowling at the beginning of the public hearing.

6:55pm Dr. Attaway moved to go into closed session and L. Hancock seconded. 4-0. Board entered closed session with Kimber Fuccello (Financial Consultant), Marcy Steward (Director of Business Operations), and Denise Pierce (Attorney at Law) attending.

7:25pm The Board returned to Open Session at 7:25 as moved by L. Hancock and seconded by Dr. Attaway. 4-0.

**b. Discuss and Take Action on Items Related to the 2026-2027 School Year**

The board announced a delay in the vote regarding the potential closure of the school as recommended by Dr. Tabor. This decision followed late-breaking information from the school's legal counsel concerning the possibility of reduced building expense because of overtures made 30 minutes before the board meeting by the landlord's representative. The board stated the extension is meant for further investigation but cautioned against interpreting this as false hope.

Although the vote was delayed, the Board expressed that a decrease in lease expense is essential. In addition, parent involvement in marketing efforts to increase enrollment as well as financial contributions are necessary for long-term success.

A task force including 2 parent volunteers was created to assist with marketing and fundraising efforts in the event that a successful negotiation regarding the facility expense occurs and the Board does not vote to close the school at the next meeting. Parents are encouraged to join.

The Board and Dr. Tabor thanked the audience for their attendance and participation in the meeting and encouraged future attendance.

7:36pm L. Hancock moved to return to closed session. Dr. Attaway seconded. 4-0

8:02pm Dr. Attaway moved to return to open session. M. Bowling seconded. 4-0

**c. Announce Date and Time of Next Board Meeting**

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30pm

**d. Adjourn**

Dr. Attaway moved to adjourn at 8:02 pm. L. Hancock seconded. 4-0.