



January 23,
2023 Quarterly
Board Meeting
Montessori School of

Englewood Location:

WebEx

Present:

Board Members: Karen Anderson (President), Ebonie Townsend (Vice President), Joe Motto (Treasurer), Gabrielle Sansonetti (Acting Secretary), Jim Sulzer, Peter Cunningham, Rita Nolan, Tanesha Peeples, Marvin Hoffman, Peter Talmers (Absent), Tiffany White (Absent), Tiffany White (Absent)

School staff: Maggie Mikuzis

University of Chicago Booth Fellows: Erin Golden, Forrest

Petterson Board nominee: Jonathan White

Meeting minutes and recording taken by: Joe Motto

I. Call to Order

Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Motto took roll. The individuals identified above announced themselves present.

II. Nomination of Jonathan White

Anderson nominated Jonathan White to become a member of the board. Hoffman made a corresponding motion. Sulzer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. All board members present noted above voted in favor. None opposed, none abstained. Motion passed. White was welcomed to the board.

III. Recent Executive Committee Actions

Anderson described certain recent Executive Committee actions:
The EC voted to approve the school's application for renewal of its line of

credit. The EC voted to remove from the board two directors, Tiffany White and Marcus Robinson, who were unable to complete required board governance training and otherwise

currently fulfill their board obligations due to health issues. We hope for White's removal to be temporary and for her to rejoin when circumstances permit soon.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the September 10, 2022, and November 12, 2022, quarterly board meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting. See Exs. A and B. Sulzer moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Hoffman seconded the motion. All board members present noted above voted in favor. None opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.

V. Finance

Motto led discussion on finances through December 31, 2022. See Ex. C. We remain ahead of budget due to prior year Head Start revenue that was received this year, as well as below-budget personnel expenses and successful recapture of overhead and administrative costs.

VI. Executive Director Report / Head Start Report / Building Report

Nolan circulated in advance of the meeting a comprehensive Executive Director Report, inclusive of reports for Head Start and Facilities. See Ex. D. Nolan led discussion of notable items in the charter school and Head Start.

Nolan led discussion concerning a proposed Head Start budget. See Ex. E. Sulzer made a motion to approve the Head Start budget. Townsend seconded. All board members present noted above voted in favor. None opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.

Mikuzis led discussion on building items, including recent boiler issues, elevator inspection, and playground construction.

VII. Depave Project

Anderson described background and status on the Depave project that is underway to potentially transform certain concrete space on our lot into a green space. More information to come on that project.

VIII. Fundraiser

Townsend led discussion concerning action items and planning for the April 5, 2023, fundraiser. The fundraiser will be at Winston & Strawn's offices at 35 W. Wacker from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Arnie Duncan will be the keynote speaker.

IX. Reports from MSE Staff

None.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Public Comment

There was no public comment. With no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm. The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Mach 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

XII. Closed Session

Motto made a motion to move into closed session pursuant to Section 2(8) of the Open Meetings Act for the board to discuss issues relating to school security procedures. Sulzer seconded the motion. All board members present noted above voted in favor. None opposed, none abstained. Motion passed. The meeting transitioned from open to closed session. The closed session was separately recorded.