

LEELANAU MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Minutes - Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

At the Leelanau County Government Center

Lower Level Community Room

8527 Government Center Drive Suttons Bay, MI 49682

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda items 4 and 10.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Abbott called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Anita Abbott (President), Sarah Bordeaux (Vice President), April Fiorelli (Treasurer), Deb Kuhn (Secretary), Tom McConnell (Director), Hallie Kutschke (Director).

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Kuhn and seconded by McConnell to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

none

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Updates provided by Kutschke, LMFF Liaison, on the Rooted in the Future fundraising effort.
-\$126,795 raised to date, effort will continue until the \$150,000 goal is met or surpassed.
- b. Board review of readiness indicators for 2026-27 [Discussion]
Abbott noted that the Board, as a follow up to their January special meeting, needed to evaluate progress toward the fundraising target, re-enrollment, and whether there would be at least a 5% fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Treasurer Fiorelli provided an update, noting that budget projections for next based upon current anticipated enrollment numbers and fundraising put us in a good position to continue operations. Core staffing and other operational expenses can be funded, and discretionary spending

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will be worked out by the finance committee through the normal budget process, with Board input.

Currently 122 children have either enrolled or applied for enrollment, meaning all classrooms will be at capacity.

The school's fund balance is projected to be approximately 5.6% at the end of the year.

c. Update provided by the Hiring Committee Chair on the Head of School search.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT Public comment given by the Head of School, congratulating the fundraising task force on their successful campaign.

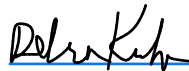
7. BOARD COMMENT Board members thanked the fundraising and finance groups.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bordeaux and seconded by Fiorelli to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

The School has provided public notice of this meeting by posting it at the entrance of Leelanau Montessori.

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Debra Kuhn (Mar 22, 2026 12:23:58 MDT)

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