

# LEELANAU MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

## Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

At the Leland Township Public Library

Munnecke Community Room

203 E Cedar St.

Leland, MI 49654

*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 6:03pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

#### Non-Board Members Attending:

Abby Parish , Bay Mills

Arden Wilson, LMPSA Staff

Nora Goodell, LMPSA Staff and Parent

Rebecca Clinton, LMFF and Parent

Dani Geraci, LMFF and Parent

Katie Skowronski, LMPSA Staff and Parent

Drew Smith, Parent

Lisa Thauvette, Coach

Bethany Sparling, LMPSA Outreach and Communications

Janelle Cole, LMPSA Staff

Laura Piskor, LMPSA Staff

Corine Couturier, LMPSA Staff

Tanya Hill, LMPSA Staff

Jen Caplinger, Parent

Eli Rutila, Parent

Katy Dion, Parent

Erik Bahle, Parent

Lindsay Thomas, Parent

Mikaela Sorber, Parent

Tina Frankenberger, Parent

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Made by Kutschke and second by Kuhn to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

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#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

##### a. Minutes from December 17, 2025 Meeting

Motion made by Bordeaux and seconded by Fiorelli to approve the December 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### b. Minutes from January 07, 2026 Special Meeting

Motion made by Kutschke and seconded by Fiorelli to approve the January 7, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 6. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Written report provided to board for their review.

#### 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

##### a. Finance Committee/Financial Reports

Abbott reviewed meeting notes.

##### b. Governance Committee

Abbott reviewed meeting notes.

Motion by Kuhn and second by McConnell to approve Bordeaux as the head of the hiring committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Action: Committee list and charter descriptions for next meeting

Motion made by Bordeaux and second by McConnell to approve the committee notes and December financials.

#### 8. OLD BUSINESS

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. Board Discussion/Vote on Plan for Future

Motion made by Bordeaux and seconded by McConnell to approve Resolution #1-2026. The motion was approved unanimously. Record votes as the motion passes with Abbott, Bordeaux, Fiorelli, Kuhn, Kutschke and McConnell voting in favor, None against.

Action: Make a list of individuals and companies to ask for support

##### b. Academy Planning Document

Motion made by Kuhn and seconded by Fiorelli to approve the Academy Planning Document. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### c. Approval of LMFF Board Member

Motion made by Kutschke and seconded by McConnell to approve Emma Stoppani as an LMFF Board Member. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### d. LMFF Fundraising Policies

Motion made by Bordeaux and seconded by Kutschke to approve the LMFF Fundraising Policies. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### e. Budget Amendment 2025-26; initial review

#### 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Public comment was given by some of the parents and staff in attendance. Both parents and staff asked for more direct and clear communication regarding hiring head of school and fundraising efforts/needs. The board was thanked for their time and work.

#### 11. BOARD COMMENT

Members of the board thanked the public for the food, recognition and offers to help the school.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bordeaux and seconded by McConnell to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm.

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

*Minutes of all board meetings are available after approval by the Board on the school website, or in the school office during normal business hours.*



Debra Kuhn (Feb 21, 2026 14:03:47 EST)

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Final Audit Report

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