

LEELANAU MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Draft Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 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 6:03pm

2. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Anita Abbott (President), April Fiorelli (Treasurer), Deb Kuhn (Secretary), Hallie Kutschke (Director), Tom McConnell (Director) joined at 6:07pm

Non-Board Members Attending:

Abby Parish, Bay Mills (via phone)

Arden Wilson, LMPSA Staff

Nora Goodell, LMPSA Staff and Parent

Dani Geraci, LMFF and Parent

Evan Clinton, Parent

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. Minutes from February 18, 2026 Meeting

Motion Made by Kuhn and second by Kutschke to approve the February 18, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Minutes from March 5, 2026 Special Meeting

Motion Made by Kuhn and second by Kutschke to approve the March 5, 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, LIAISON

a. Finance Committee/Financial Reports

Fiorelli and HOS Wilson reviewed meeting notes.

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- b. Governance Committee
Abbott reviewed meeting notes.
- c. LMFF Liaison Update
Kutshke provided an update.
- d. HOS Hiring Committee
Kuhn provided an update.

Motion made by Fiorelli and second by Kuhn to approve the committee notes and February financials.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommendation of Board Director Evan Clinton

Motion Made by Kuhn and second by McConnell to recommend the nomination of Evan Clinton for the Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Approval of overnight field trip at Camp LOC, April 22-24, 2026

Motion Made by Kutschke and second by McConnell to approve the overnight field trip at Camp LOC, April 22-24, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Approval of overnight 6th grade field trip, May 1-2, 2026

Motion Made by McConnell and second by Kuhn to approve the overnight 6th grade field trip, May 1-2, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

11. BOARD COMMENT

Thank you to the LMFF for the amazing work they have been doing.

12. BOARD TRAINING

- a. Overview on Contracts

Abbott presented the contract training.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fiorelli and seconded by McConnell to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm.

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

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