

LEELANAU MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 15, 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 6:00pm

2. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Anita Abbott (President), Sarah Bordeaux (Vice President), Evan Clinton (Director), April Fiorelli (Treasurer), Hallie Kutschke (Director), Tom McConnell (Director), Nicole Zarafonetis (Director); Kuhn by phone. Abbott noted that new members Clinton and Zarafonetis were properly sworn in to office prior to the meeting.

Non-Board Members Attending:

Abby Parish, Bay Mills

Nora Goodell, LMP SA Staff and Parent

Katie Skowronski, LMP SA Staff and Parent

Tanya Hill, LMP SA Staff and Parent

Beth Bassett, Community Member

Eli Rutila, Parent

Shelby Budzinski, Parent

Lucy Waechter-Webb, Community Member

Arden Wilson, LMP SA Staff

Laura Piskor, LMP SA Staff and Parent

Jessica Vitale, LMP SA Staff and Parent

Dani Geraci, LMFF and Parent

Jen Caplinger, Parent

Pat LaFlamme, Parent

Katy Dion, Parent

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Made by Bordeaux 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 March 18, 2026 Meeting

Motion Made by Kutschke and second by McConnell to approve the March 18, 2026 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

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- a. Finance Committee/Financial Reports
Fiorelli and HOS Wilson reviewed meeting notes.
- b. Governance Committee
Abbott reviewed meeting notes.
- c. LMFF Liaison Update
Kutshke provided an update.
- d. HOS Hiring Committee
Bordeaux provided an update and the recommendation of Laura Piskor for HOS.

Motion made by Bordeaux and second by Fiorelli to approve the committee notes and March financials. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board Interview of HOS candidate, Laura Piskor
- b. Board Discussion of HOS candidate

Motion Made by Kutschke and second by McConnell to authorize Abbott and Bordeaux to negotiate the salary and contract with Laura Piskor for Head of School position.

- c. Board Approval of Contract with HR Charter Consulting, LLC

Motion Made by Bordeaux and second by Clinton to approve the draft Contract with HR Charter Consulting, LLC. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public welcomed the incoming new board members and expressed gratitude to Arden as well as the new HOS hiring process, recommendation, and transition. The public also asked for ongoing transparency with the 2026-2027 budget and hopes for a middle school in 2027.

11. BOARD COMMENT

Bordeaux thanked the HOS hiring committee for their time and efforts.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fiorelli and seconded by McConnell to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm.

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

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