

LEELANAU MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 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), Sue Brown (Director), Sarah Bordeaux (Vice President), April Fiorelli (Treasurer), Deb Kuhn (Director), Hallie Kutschke (Director), Tom McConnell (Director)

Non-Board Members Attending:

Abby Parish , Bay Mills (by phone)

Arden Wilson, LMPA

Nora Goodell, LMPA

Maja Laforest, LMPA

Rebecca Clinton, Parent

Dani Geraci, Parent

Erik Bahle, Parent

Janelle Cole, LMPA

Chelsea Malinoff, Parent

Jessica Vitale, LMPA

Emily Kotz, LMPA

Lisa Thauvette, Coach

Bethany Sparling, Coach

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Made by Bordeaux to and seconded by Brown to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Erik Bahle, LMPA Parent, spoke regarding the accessibility of materials considered by the board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. Minutes from November 19, 2025 Meeting

Our Mission Statement

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Motion Made by Kuhn to and seconded by McConnell to approve the November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- a. Operations Overview
- b. Strategic Plan Implementation
 - 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 made by Fiorelli and seconded by Kuhn to approve the committee notes and November financials. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Policy Changes Resolution #23-2025

Motion by McConnell and seconded by Kutsche to approve Resolution 23-2025; Record votes as the motion passes with Abbott, Bordeaux, Brown, Fiorelli, Kuhn, Kutsche and McConnell voting in favor, 0 absent and None against.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maja LaForest, LMPA Reading Interventionist, spoke about her position.

Rebecca Clinton, LMPA Parent, spoke about the importance of community involvement.

Janelle Cole, Cherry Lead Guide, spoke about the coaching and Reading Interventionist programs.

11. BOARD COMMENT

Kuhn and McConnell thanked Arden for her commitment and work for the school. Abbott thanked the community for their comments and offers of support. Abby Parish thanked Arden and the Board offering encouragement and faith in the school during the transition time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Kuhn and seconded by McConnell. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44p.m.

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

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Debra Kuhn (Jan 23, 2026 08:36:04 EST)

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