

LEELANAU MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 17, 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 6:02pm

2. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Anita Abbott (President), Evan Clinton (Director), April Fiorelli (Treasurer), Deb Kuhn (Secretary) joined at 6:23pm, Hallie Kutschke (Director), Tom McConnell (Director), Nicole Zarafonetis (Director).

Non-Board Members Attending:

Abby Parish, Bay Mills

Arden Wilson, LMPSA Staff

Laura Piskor, LMPSA Staff and Parent

3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2026 AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING opened at 6:04pm

a. Review of the Proposed 2026-2027 School Budget

b. Public Comment - None

Budget Hearing closed at 6:11pm

6. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

a. Board Resolution #8-2026 Election of 2026-2027 Officers

b. Board Resolution #9-2026 Designating the Person Responsible for Posting Regularly Scheduled and Special Meeting Date Notices

c. Board Resolution #10-2026 Designating Depository for LEELANAU MONTESSORI Funds

d. Board Resolution #11-2026 Designating Principal Print Media Source

e. Board Resolution #12-2026 Designating Board Members and Personnel Eligible to Sign LEELANAU MONTESSORI Checks

f. Board Resolution #13-2026 Designating Personnel Authorized to Negotiate and Implement Contracts

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- g. Board Resolution #14-2026 to Appoint the Title IX, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Civil Rights Coordinator
- h. Board Resolution #15-2026 to Appoint Legal Counsel
- i. Board Resolution #16-2026 to Appoint External Auditor
- j. Board Resolution #17-2026 to Appoint Chief Administrative Officer-Head of School
- k. Board Resolution #18-2026 to Appoint Recording Secretary
- l. Board Resolution #19-2026 to Appoint Automatic Clearing House/Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO)
- m. Board Resolution #20-2026 to Appoint Authorized Person for Signing of State and Federal Reports and Grants

Motion Made by Clinton and second by Fiorelli to approve Resolutions #8-2026 thru #20-2026 as presented. Roll Call. Motion Carries.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. Minutes from May 19, 2026 Board Retreat
- b. Minutes from May 19, 2026 Board Meeting

Motion Made by Kutchske and second by McConnell to approve the retreat and 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

Fiorelli reviewed meeting notes.

- b. Governance Committee

Clinton reviewed meeting notes.

Motion Made by Kutchske and second by McConnell to approve the financials and monthly committee reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution #21-2026, Change in Number of LMPA Directors

Motion Made by McConnell and second by Kuhn to approve Resolutions #21-2026, Change in the Number of LMPA Directors. Roll Call. Motion Carries.

- b. Head of School Evaluation

Board gave HOS a rating of Effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Made by Kuhn and second by Clinton to form the HOS Support and Evaluation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Resolution #22-2026, Approval of Final Budget Amendment 2025-2026

Motion Made by Kutchske and second by Fiorelli to approve Resolutions #22-2026, Approval of Final Budget Amendment 2025-2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

- d. Resolution #23-2026, Approval of Original Budget 2026-2027

Motion Made by Fiorelli and second by Zarafonetis to approve Resolutions #23-2026, Approval of Original Budget 2026-2027. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - Thanks to Anita, Tom and Arden!

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11. BOARD COMMENT - Let's celebrate Anita and Tom soon! Many thanks all around and feelings of gratitude to everyone departing.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McConnell and Second by Abbott to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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Signature: Nicole Zarafonetis
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