

LEELANAU MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 19, 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 6:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Anita Abbott (President), Sarah Bordeaux (Vice President), Evan Clinton (Director), April Fiorelli (Treasurer), Deb Kuhn (Secretary), Tom McConnell (Director), Nicole Zarafonetis (Director); Hallie Kutschke (by phone).

Non-Board Members Attending:

Abby Parish, Bay Mills

Laura Piskor, LMPA Staff and Parent

Dani Geraci, LMFF and Parent

Arden Wilson, LMPA Staff

Rebecca Clinton, LMFF and Parent

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Made by Clinton and second by Zarafonetis 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 April 15, 2026 Meeting

Motion Made by Kuhn and second by Bourdeaux to approve the 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

Fiorelli reviewed meeting notes.

a. Governance Committee

Abbott reviewed meeting notes.

b. LMFF Liaison Update

Kutschke provided an update.

8. OLD BUSINESS

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9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of employment contract for new Head of School

Motion by Bourdeaux and Second by Zarafonetis to approve the employment contract for the new HOS. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Approval of changes to Leelanau Montessori Board Policies, Resolution #4-2026

Motion made by Kuhn and seconded by McConnell to approve Resolution #4-2026 as presented. Roll Call: Abbott (aye), Bordeaux (aye), Fiorelli (aye), Kuhn (aye), Kutschke (absent); McConnell (aye); The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

- c. Approval of GTB Grant Submission, Resolution #5-2026

Motion made by McConnell and seconded by Fiorelli to approve Resolution #5-2026 as presented. Roll Call: Abbott (aye), Bordeaux (aye), Fiorelli (aye), Kuhn (aye), Kutschke (absent); McConnell (aye); The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

- d. Approval of the LMPSA Board of Directors Regular Meeting Schedule 2026-27 Resolution #6-2026

Motion made by Clinton and seconded by McConnell to approve Resolution #6-2026 as presented. Roll Call: Abbott (aye), Bordeaux (aye), Fiorelli (aye), Kuhn (aye), Kutschke (absent); McConnell (aye); The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

- e. Approval of the Academic Calendar for 2026-27, Resolution #7-2026

Motion made by Bordeaux and seconded by Zarafonetis to approve Resolution #7-2026 as presented. Roll Call: Abbott (aye), Bordeaux (aye), Fiorelli (aye), Kuhn (aye), Kutschke (absent); McConnell (aye); The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

- f. Approval of draft lease agreement with Benzie Leelanau District Health Department

Motion by Bourdeaux and Second by Kuhn to approve the draft lease agreement with the BLDHD. The motion was approved unanimously.

- g. Discussion on Preliminary Budget 2026-27

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - Abby Parish mentioned past and future board appreciation events for board members to be aware of.

11. BOARD COMMENT - Director Kuhn thanked HOS Wilson for her excellent efforts over the past year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bordeaux and Second by Fiorelli to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

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

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