



Bluffview Montessori

Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting April 17, 2025 6:30 PM

Vision:

Empowered learners unfolding their full potential as whole and unique persons in a global community.

Mission:

Bluffview Montessori School empowers self-directed learning through a materials-based Montessori curriculum that encourages independence and natural curiosity. Bluffview cultivates learners' deep respect for self, community, and a peaceful environment while nourishing the intrinsic desire for academic, civic, and personal fulfillment.

School Board Procedures; Rules of Order Policy 203.1

Call to order: Director Aare called the meeting to order at _6:_37 PM on 4/17/25.

I. Roll Call Attendance (Secretary)

Board Members Present or Absent:

Name	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Meghan Booth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Arrived 6:35pm	Y	Y		
Anna Aarre	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Shelly Merchlewitz	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Jessica McIlrath	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N, planned		
Marcy Faircloth	Y	Y	Arrived 6:36	N, planned	Y	N, planned	Y	N, planned	Y	Y		
Kim Bell	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N, planned		
Stephanie S. Dunn	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	N, planned	Y	Y	Y	arrived		

Henry Schantzen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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Guests and Community Members Present: N/A

Name	Relationship to Bluffview

II. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None indicated

III. Approval of Agenda as per Policy 203.5

Action Item: Approval of this Board Meeting Agenda:

Motion: to approve agenda

Made by: Shelly Merchlewitz

Seconded by: Marcy Faircloth

Discussion notes: none

Vote: motion carries

Yea: unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Decision notes: none

IV. Approval of previous months Minutes as per Policy 204

Action Item: Approval of Board Minutes from previous meeting:

Motion: to approve minutes from previous meeting

Made by: Marcy Faircloth

Seconded by: Shelly Merchlewitz

Discussion notes: none

Vote: motion carries

Yea: unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Decision notes: none

Old Business- none

New Business

V. Open Forum/Public Comment as per Policy 206

A. Speaker name and comment summary:

VI. Consent Agenda as per Policy 203.6

A. Administration Report(s)

- B. Committee Reports
- C. Other/General information docs

Action Item: Review and approve the consent agenda.

Motion:

Made by: Shelly Merchlewitz Seconded by: Meghan Booth

Discussion notes:

Vote: passed Yea: unanimous Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision notes: none

VII. Financial Reports

- A. Financial Report and Supplemental Report Review: March 2025

Action Item: Review and approve the monthly financial and supplemental reports.

Motion:

Made by: Shelly Merchlewitz Seconded by: Meghan Booth

Discussion notes:

AverageDaily Membership (ADM) Overview –

- o Original Budget: 212

- o Working Budget: 208

- o Current ADM: 208

* The school's original budgeted surplus for the year is \$3,883 a projected cumulative fund balance of \$1,141,744 or 35.0% of expenditures at fiscal year-end.

* The school's working budgeted deficit for the year is \$36,953 a projected cumulative fund balance of \$1,110,813 or 30.9% of expenditures at fiscal year-end.

* Projected Days Cash on Hand for the projected fiscal year-end is 101 days. Above 30 days meets minimum bond covenants.

* BMS Building Corporation capital improvement fund balance for the year, is \$103,277.

* Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio at fiscal year-end is 1.11. Above 1.10x or 1.0x with 90 days cash on hand meets minimum bond covenants.

Vote: passed Yea: unanimous Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision notes: None.

**on financial matters, if vote is not unanimous it must be recorded as a roll call vote.*

VIII. Board Training (annual cycle of review)- information only

- A. Legal Topic Review: Board Member Self Evaluation
- B. Montessori Philosophy: Montessori Misconceptions
- C. Academic Data Review: MCA grade level and benchmark scores-longitudinal data.

IX. Policy Updates: 413, 425, 512, 519, 540, 701, 704, 721

Action Item: Approve Policy updates.

Motion: move to table policies 606.5 and policy 721 until next board meeting

Made by: Meghan Booth Seconded by: Shelly Merchlewitz

Discussion notes:

Vote: passed Yea: unanimous Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision notes: None.

Motion: move to approve policies 413, 425, 512, 519, 540, 701, 704

Made by: Meghan Booth

Seconded by: Shelly Merchlewitz

Vote: passed Yea: unanimously

Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision notes: none

X. Announcements/Additional Business

A. Discussion/Preparation for Annual meeting on 5/22/25

1. Reports to be drafted: Henry will send out reminders for last year's report to the parties that have to draft an annual report.

B. Request for a closed meeting

1. Discussed closed meeting requirements

XI. Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 7: PM.

Made by: Marcy Faircloth

Seconded by: Shelly Merchlewitz

Discussion notes: none

Vote: passed Yea: unanimous Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision notes: none