

## **Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- August 18th, 2023**

**BMS Board Members Present-** Meghan Booth, Mariah White, Anna Aarre, Shelly Merchelwitz, Marcy Faircloth

**Board Member Absent** - Crystal Hegge, Jessica McIlrath

**Non-board Members Present** - Henry Schantzen, Roderick Haenke

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### **1- Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm**

### **2- Approve Agenda -**

Moved - Shelly Merchelwitz 2nd - Anna Aarre, approved unanimously

### **3 - Approve minutes from 7/20/23**

Meghan noticed date was incorrect and amended it to read "July 20th" and included board members last names in minutes as directed by VOA.

Move to approve - Anna Aarre, Second - Shelly Merchelwitz, approved unanimously  
Marcy Faircloth abstain due to absence

### **Old Business**

#### **4 - Revist FY 24' Board officers**

Move to table until September when a full board is present -- Anna Aarre , Second -- Shelly Merchelwitz, approved unanimously

### **New Business**

### **5 - Open Forum**

### **6 - July 2023 Financial and Supplemental Reports**

Move to approve -- Shelly Merchelwitz, Second -- Anna Aarre , approved unanimously

### **7- FY 23' unaudit year end Financials**

### **8 - Consent Agenda**

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Motion to approve consent agenda - Shelly Merchelwitz, Second - Anna Aarre, approved unanimously

### **9 - Policy updates: Single Read approval: 418**

Moved - Anna Aarre, Second - Shelly Merchelwitz, approved unanimously

**10 - Policy updates: Annual approval: 531, 722**

Move to approve - Marcy Faircloth, Second - Shelly Merchelwitz, Approved unanimously

**11 -Handbooks: Staff, Family**

**Family** - Discussion around cell phone and changes to make policy more clear regarding what constitutes a school day. Academic Dishonesty to be more inclusive around students using AI and passing it on as their own work. The dismissal time for a half-day absence did not match and have been adjusted to both be 1:50pm.

**Staff** - Classroom Cash and School Money are redundant and could be consolidated into one section.

Move to approve as amended - Marcy Faircloth, Second - Shelly Merchelwitz, unanimous approval

**12 - Annual Cycle of Review:**

Open Meeting Law

Meetings by Interactive Technology

Montessori Philosophy: Human Needs and Tendencies

**13 - Board Meeting Calendar**

Motion to approve - Marcy Faircloth, Second - Shelly Merchelwitz, unanimous approval

**14 - Additional new business**

Motion to approve Capital Assets Capitalization Policy -- Shelly Merchelwitz, Second - Marcy Faircloth, unanimous approval

**15 - Adjourn**

Move to Adjourn - Meghan Booth, Second - Shelly Merchelwitz

Adjourn at 8:10pm