

**Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Joint Meeting with Winona Area  
Public Schools ISD 861- April 22, 2020**

BMS Board Members Present - Molly Leifeld, Erich Lippman, Shelly Merchlewitz, Meghan Booth, Ann-Marie Dunbar, Katie Kinneberg, and Henry Schantzen

Board Members Absent - Dan Kirk

WAPS Board Members Present - Michael Hanratty, Jim Schul, Karl Sonneman, Steve Schild, Nancy Denzer

Others in attendance - Lori Cloutier, Annette Freiheit, Maurella Cunningham

1- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2- Roll call - Introductions were made around the virtual room.

3- Katie motioned and Molly seconded to approve agenda as amended for April 22, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

4- Meghan motioned and Katie seconded to approve board minutes from April 17, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

5- Open Forum - none

6- Authorizer Application Update - Authorizer interview on April 15 included authorizer team and MDE team. Feedback from this interview will be dealt with at the authorizer team meeting in near future. Official written feedback from the MDE team is forthcoming.

7- Distance Learning Discussion - Henry provided a report about parent feedback regarding distance learning. Discussion around MDE's changing items of data for collection. Level representatives gave reports about what is working and what isn't. Henry mentioned that checklists have been very helpful. Meghan pointed out that electronic office hours are underutilized at the Erdkinder level. Henry pointed out that Bluffview has no immediate needs, although long-term goals would include technological upgrades.

8- 5-Year Budget Projection - Henry suggested that a PPP loan might be necessary if state funding decreases significantly in the wake of this pandemic. There were no questions about our current projection.

9- Additional New Business -

(Announcement) - WAPS is changing their transportation service provider. Henry announced the postponement of teacher evaluations due to the uniqueness of our current situation. WAPS will evaluate up to March 15. Authorizer site visits will also be different this year, and there is no set path forward for that at this point.

10- Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm