



High Desert Montessori School
Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Location: 2025 Silverada Street, Reno, Nevada 89512
Time: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

1. Roll call

Max Haynes
Linda Aaquist
Amanda Baldwin
Reid Riker

Absent- Claudia Castañeda

Formal Resignation of Terry Fowler

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Adopt the Agenda:

Member Baldwin moves to adopt the agenda as presented and Member Riker seconds the motion. Agenda is adopted unanimously.

4. Chairman's report:

Chairman Haynes gave an update on the current HDMS climate and changes that will be coming soon. Focusing on leadership will be the priority in the coming months.

5. Approval of board minutes for July 17, 2019:

Member Aaquist moves and Member Baldwin seconds the motion.
Board minutes from 7/17/19 are unanimously approved.

6. Principal Update:

Administrator Stockton reviewed how smooth the first few weeks of school had gone. The campus has been clean and beautiful. Parent involvement is steady.

Administrator Stockton referred to Administrator Jordan on which teachers completed training over the summer. Teacher Fagundes, Hausman, Marcondes, Alvarez Padilla, and Orenstein attended training at locations across the country.

HDMS officially went into contract with The National Center of Montessori in the Public Sector. Seth Webb will be continuously working with the middle school team. future visits to the HDMS campus are on the calendar.

Administrator Stockton discussed with board members the upcoming charter renewal. The submission of our application will begin in February.

Administrator Stockton reviewed NSPF documents (see attached supporting documents) breakdown of preliminary star ratings and explanation of how they are calculated.

Board members discussed growth and proficiency. Further discussion of future needs to better service the entire student population and student performance plan.

The board discussed concerns about test scores and better implementation of Interventions while still adhering to the Montessori pedagogy. HDMS will be working with the National Center to address the challenges that state assessments present.

Administrator Stockton updated the board on the Middle School's first few weeks and the middle school camping trip.

Administrator Stockton referred to Administrator Emler on National School Lunch Program updates. Administrator Emler stated that the application process has been started.

HDMS is working with the Department of Agriculture to continue the process concerns were presented regarding the admin side of this program. Responsibility for record keeping and federal follow-up would fall on HDMS.

7. Approval of June/July Cash Disbursements:

Item is tabled and the review will be emailed out to board
Agenda item for the September board meeting.

8. Red Hook Proposal involving the sale, renovation, leaseback, and repurchase of three story building:

Chairman Haynes and Member Riker contacted Red Hook and both feel HDMS is on a reasonable track to proceed.

Future agenda item for the September board meeting to approve a letter that will be sent to WCSD. WCSD is the school's sponsor and will need to approve plans.

Member Riker moves to go forward with lease and sale of three-story building, sale of Orovada, the leaseback and remodel of three-story building subject to the approval of execution proposal by board chair after a three-day review period involving all board members and additional attorney review.

Member Riker modifies his motion to alert tenants of their 90-day notice once the agreement is signed. Member Baldwin seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Chairman Haynes asks Administrator Emler to please send most recent red lined lease Agreement and copies of the two purchase agreements.

Board members discussed future funding opportunities.

Members discussed minor revisions to architectural plans up for review.

Agenda item to move forward with work with JK architecture.

9. Governance Report:

Chairman Haynes discussed board development and plans to expand the board.

Early agenda item to bring potential member Franchi on to the board

Member Riker will ask former member Hanes to come back with the same appointment a future member Franchi.

The board members discussed other potential candidates and types of members needed at this time.

Power points and hard copy of the open meeting laws sent out to board members from WCSD.

Further discussion will continue at the board retreat. The date of the retreat is TBD and will be scheduled when more members have been approved.

Parent Chene offered a comment on how the agenda was previously posted.

Board discussed whether a draft of the minutes can be posted online before they are approved.

10. Principal and Executive Director Positions:

Chairman Haynes wants agenda item for the next meeting to go over a recruitment strategy. Administrator Jordan will do some research before presenting at the next meeting.

11. Public comment:

Parent Chene offered comment on recruitment process

12. Adjournment and Future Agenda Items

Board member appointments

Red hook follow-up

JK Architecture

Recruitment strategy

Board training

Approval of former chairman Fowler's resignation

Tabled financials

Sale of the empty lot (a separate action item from above item #8)

Member Baldwin motions to adjourn the meeting and member Aaquist seconds the motion. The motion passes and the meeting adjourns.