

**SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

The school board will hold this meeting in person at Swan River Montessori Charter School in the music room in the 503 Maple St. building with social distancing and optional masking in place. An option to join via Zoom will also be available.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86588685375?pwd=UjdUN3lrNmlsSIF0TVFCTW1sZGUzOT09>

**Meeting Agenda**

**I. CALL TO ORDER by Franco Fanucci at 5:39 PM**

**II. ROLL CALL**

- a. Board Members Present: Franco Fanucci, Amy Savage, Julie Halvorson, Amy Jensen, Nicole Perez (via Zoom)
- b. Board Members Absent: Aaron Stonestreet, Lynn Arnsdorf
- c. Other Attendees: School Director Annette Vemuri, Jen Schroeder, Beth Brockman (via Zoom)

**III. REVIEW OF SRMCS MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS**

The mission of Swan River Montessori Charter School is to provide a child-centered environment for self-directed and personalized learning in a small, community-based public school with an emphasis on the natural environment.

Swan River Montessori Charter School's vision is to employ an interdisciplinary approach to education by teaching the whole child (heart, mind, and soul). The Montessori learning environment is designed to foster this whole child approach by meeting the child's inherent needs of self-discovery, creativity, independence, and competence. Swan River Montessori Charter School will create a kind, respectful environment where each child has a sense of belonging. Learning at Swan River Montessori Charter School involves the student, the student's family, the teachers, and the larger community. Swan River supports family and community participation in each child's education by utilizing and appreciating community resources and the natural world as a learning environment.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA-** Motion to approve agenda adding a discussion of the email communications under New Business item 'a' made by Halvorson, Seconded by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

**V. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS-** table to August

**VI. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS-** none

**VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- a. 5.16.22 Minutes- Motion to approve by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

**VIII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS -** none

**IX. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS -** The board chair received communication from a para staff member regarding support staff pay scale. Franco will forward the communication to the

entire board. The entire board received an email from another staff member with questions on roles of the board vs director, support staff pay and suggestions for the board to support Director Annette.

## **X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. April & May Financial Report- Motion to table to April and May financials to a special meeting June 28 at 5:30 with Dawn Jenkins from TAG made by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. Enrollment Numbers as of
  - i. Charter School (K-6) = 148
  - ii. Children's House (EC) = 12
  - iii. Pupil Unit Actual/Budget = 148/141
- c. Review of Bills
- d. Donations- no donations to approve

## **XI. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS -**

Bill shared the final FY22 Environmental Literacy Plan has been submitted to OW. He is working on the FY23 plan. He is currently attending the OW environmental educators training and working on the FY23 EE Literacy Plan.

## **XII. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS**

- ### **XIII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING-**
- Discovery Team needs to set another meeting date. Director Annette will reach out to the team.

## **XIV. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Amending OW Contract for increased projected enrollment- Franco is working on this.

## **XV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss email communications sent to board members- Board Chair Fanucci acknowledges that the board needs to do a better job of communicating the changes to the payscale to the general staff. We will stick with the payscale that has been set in place but it will be reviewed this fall for the FY24 school year. It was suggested by Director Annette that the board form a compensation committee to look at the pay scales in November/December. Jensen also suggested that the board utilize board committees to do the pre-work for the things that the board needs to discuss such as what the role of the board is versus the director. Establishing board committees will be added to the Board Planning & Operations Calendar under August. Director Annette also suggested a board member talk to the staff about what the board does and how they can participate with the board. Fanucci will attend a meeting during the staff workshop week. One of the staff members that communicated with the board also suggested that she become an ex-officio member of the board and is reaching out to OW as to what this might entail as a non-director staff member. Halvorson said this was welcomed by the board as the staff member can add valuable input to many board discussions.
- b. Review odd and even year board agenda planning- Board discussed their monthly board meeting planning document and made updates.
- c. Set Dates/Times for Upcoming Fiscal Year Board Meetings- Board set dates for FY23 board meetings. Jensen will update the school website.
- d. Identify Official with Authority- The board appoints Director Annette Vemuri as the Official with Authority.
- e. Reading Well By 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Plan- Director Annette shared the updated Reading Well By Third Grade Plan for FY23 with the board and the data she submitted for FY22. Motion to approve the

- FY23 Reading Well by Jensen, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call vote- Fanucci-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye. Motion passes unanimously.
- f. Review Lunch Prices- \$3.45 is currently the price. Premiere Kitchens is charging \$3.33. Fanucci proposes to keep lunch prices the same for FY23. Motion to keep lunch prices at \$3.45 by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll call vote- Fanucci-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye. Motion passes unanimously.
  - g. Building Board Appointments- Dylan is not returning. Bill Anderson, Beth Brockman, Rick Freese, Dan Cotton will be on the SRMCS building board.
  - h. Use of Peace Officers & Crisis Teams to Remove Students w/IEPs from School Grounds Policy- no changes, reviewed
  - i. Frontline Worker Pay- Director Annette has shared the link for applying for the Frontline Worker Pay via email to all the staff several times. The deadline to apply is July 22, 2022. [Frontline Worker Pay Link](#)
  - j. Annual Board Training- in August all on-line. Director Annette wants to remind the board to send an email to Fanucci of the board training you have done as he keeps track and it is included in the annual report.

#### **XVI. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 16 at 5:30 PM at Swan River Montessori in the 503 Building.
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items-

##### New Business

Annual Designations: Depository, Electronic Funds Transfers, and Communication  
Approve Insurance Coverage  
Employee and/or Parent Handbook Review  
Annual Board Training Update  
Appoint Board Officers  
Establish Board Committees  
Peanut-Safe School Policy  
Wellness Policy  
Meal Charge Policy  
Student Dress Policy  
Board Resolution for IOWA - Sign  
OW Contract/Contracted Goals Review  
World's Best Workforce Plan & Committee Mtg.  
List of Professional Development for Staff  
Wellness Committee Mtg.

##### Old Business/Tabled Items

Swearing in of newly elected board members

- #### **XVII. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Savage at 7:28 pm, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call vote- Fanucci-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye. Motion passes unanimously.**