

SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
Special Closed Session School Board Meeting
for the purpose of reviewing the school director performance
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The school board will hold this meeting in person at Swan River Montessori Charter School in the 503 Maple St. building.

Meeting Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER by _____ Franco Fanucci _____ at __1:10__ PM

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Board Members Present: Nicole Perez, Rick Freese, Franco Fanucci, Amy Savage, Amy Jensen, Jana Evink (Amy Jensen left after the closed session)
- b. Board Members Absent: Julie Halvorson
- c. Other Attendees: Annette after the closed session

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 with moving letter of employment to item b and adding item a about Montessori leadership conference made by Jensen, Seconded by Savage. Board Vote- all aye

V. CLOSED SESSION PER MN STATUTE 13.D: SCHOOL DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Motion to close the meeting in accordance with MN. Stat.13D.05 Subd. 3. to review the performance of the school director, Annette Vemuri made by Freese at 1:13 pm, 2nd by Evink. Board Vote- all aye

Closed Session Summary: The board continued to review the community comments and correspondence. The board revised the director evaluation plan goals to include additional goals in the areas of communication with staff and community, employment matters, and Montessori professional development. The board invited the director into the meeting following the closed session to go over the goals. A monthly agenda item to review her progress on these goals has been added to the board's monthly meeting schedule.

VI. Motion made to open the meeting made by Savage at 2:24 pm, 2nd by Freese, Board Vote- all aye

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. AMI Montessori Administrators Certificate Course- The director brought this administrators certificate being offered by the Association Montessori Internationale to the board's attention. The board reviewed the topics covered and determined it would be a valuable professional development course for a non-Montessori trained administrator. Motion to approve SRMCS covering the course fee (of \$1,500 plus \$750 travel expense) made by _Savage____, Seconded by __Evink__. Board Vote- all aye
- b. Letter of Employment for school board director. Motion to approve letter of employment with a salary of \$ _86,700____ made by _Freeze____, Seconded by __Evink__. Board Vote- all aye

**VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN by _____Perez_____, Seconded by __Evink_____ at ___3:43___ pm.
Board vote- all aye**