

SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.

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

Meeting Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER by at 7:33 AM by Evink

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Board Members Present: AJ, JH, ABS, NP, RF, JE,
- b. Board Members Absent:
- c. Other Attendees: Annette Vemuri, [Claire Belknap](#)
- d. Recording Minutes : Kirsten Host

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. MISSION AND VISION IN ACTION-

V. MEETING AGENDA- Motion to approve 1.16.24 meeting agenda made by Savage, Seconded by Freese . Board Vote- All "aye", Motion carries

VI. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS- none

VII. SWEARING IN OF INTERIM PARENT BOARD MEMBER- Swearing in of **Claire Belknap** as parent board member

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA- Motion to approve consent agenda pulling item b. Crisis Management Policy and add to new business made by Halvorson, Seconded by Perez. Board Vote- all aye, motion carries

- a. 12.12.23 Meeting Minutes
- b. Crisis Management Policy- pulled from consent agenda by Evink
- c. Search of Student Lockers/Desks/Personal Possessions/Student's Person Policy- reviewed, no changes
- d. Student Discipline Policy- reviewed, no changes
- e. Mid-Year Student Enrollment Policy- reviewed, no changes

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. December Financial Report – Motion to approve December financials made by Halvorson ,
Seconded by Jensen . Board Vote- All “aye” Motion carries

- a. FY24 Enrollment Numbers as of 1.15.24
 - i. Charter School (K-6) = 162
 - ii. Children’s House (EC) = 15
 - iii. Pupil Unit Actual/Budget = 162/163

- b. Review of Bills- reviewed
- c. Donations- none
- d. Revised FY24 Budget- Motion to approve the revised FY24 budget made by Jensen , Seconded by Halvorson . Board vote- all in favor ‘aye’ motion carried.

X. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS

XI. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS -

XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING-

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Investigation/Complaint Policy and Procedures- Motion to approve by Savage, Seconded by Freese - all in favor ‘aye’ - motion carries.
 - i. update procedures to have the complaint being brought to two board members - the Secretary and Jana.
- b. Complaints OW Sounding Board- included for board’s reference/review

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Craig Kepler- SRMCS attorney for MCC contract negotiations was going to come to the meeting, but did not make it. Add to February meeting to discuss what the board wants to do about gym use in the future.
- b. FY25 School start times update - Annette has a meeting with Hoglund Today about when our buses will be dropping kids off tentatively the bus will drop off at 7:50, Carpool 7:50-7:55 School day 8:00-2:10, carpool would be 2:10-2:20/225. Motion to approve made by Halvorson, Second by Jensen. Board Vote- all “aye”, motion carries
- c. PTO Breakfast with the Bunny update- emergency meeting tonight 1.16.24 to discuss changes.
- d. Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policy- This policy is needed for our Title 1 funding. Motion to approve made by Jensen , Seconded by Savage . - All in favor ‘aye’ - motion carries.
- e. Board Committee Meetings- Finance committee will meet sometime in March to work on FY25 budget. Annette will choose a date and time and share with the board. Any member that is able to attend is encouraged.
- f. Crisis Management Policy (pulled from consent agenda) **Tabled for February Meeting**

XV. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:30 AM
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items-

New Business

- Approve School Calendar for Next Year
- Confirm Auditor Contract
- Review Assumptions and Preliminary Numbers for Upcoming Budget Year
- Employee Right to Know – Exposure to Hazardous Materials Policy
- Internet Acceptable Use & Safety Policy
- Initial Identification of English Language Learners (ELL Students)
- Progress on Director Goals (if applicable)
- List of Professional Development for Staff (if applicable)

Old Business/Tabled Items

- XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN by __Jensen_ at __8:35__ AM, Seconded by __Savage_ . Board Vote- all in favor ‘ aye’ , motion carries**