

APPROVED
WALDEN GREEN MONTESSORI
17339 Roosevelt Road
Spring Lake, MI 49456
BOARD MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 18, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Rebecca Andree, Todd Lucas, Ken Johnston, Pamela Parriott and Sierra Swartz

Board Members Absent: None

Non-Board Members Attending: Amanda Synder, Mark Roessing and Vickie Buckner

CMU: Joseph Thienes

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call – Rebecca Andree - Norton Shores MI, Ken Johnston - Fruitport MI, Todd Lucas - Norton Shores MI, Pamela Parriott - Grand Haven MI and Sierra Swartz - Fruitport MI

1. **Agenda.** Todd made a motion to approve the agenda and Ken seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
2. **Board Minutes.** Sierra made a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 special meeting minutes and Todd seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
3. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
4. **COVID-19.** Rebecca checked in with everyone.
5. **CMU.** Joe shared his thoughts on board appreciation, Open Meetings Act/remote through the end of March, CMU webinar on data, and M-Step testing requirement up in the air. Happy New Year to everyone.
6. **Director Update.**
 - A. **Enrollment.** We enrolled five new students and three students left prior to break. There are thirty-nine remote learners. On January 13, students started back with face-to-face learning. Mark shared the assessment update and reviewed the calendar of events. New family virtual open houses will be on February 24 and March 24.
 - B. **School-wide Update.** Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Mark thanked the board for the giving of their time. COVID data was shared. Mark reviewed the CMU NWEA MAP Fall Achievement information and noted that schools are going to see lasting impacts on achievement. We will watch student growth. Walden received the Kids Read Now Grant. Mark will forward the academic report and webinar link to the board; this will be added to the February board agenda for any additional questions.
COVID measures: cohort, small class sizes, outdoor program, January/Fridays will be half days, part time outdoor education paraprofessional, short term remote learning choice-board, PPE, thermometers, cough boxes, HEPA air purifiers and following MDHHS guidance on infectious control.
7. **Board Accountabilities & Actions.**
 - A. **Finance.** November and December/2nd Quarter Financials. Pam made a motion to approve the November and December/2nd Quarter Financials and Ken seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays - **CARRIED.**
8. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment regarding the ECLP.
9. **Board Oversight Actions.**
 - A. **Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans (ECLP) Actions.** The board reviewed the resolution with participation rates and update. Public Comment: The public was invited into the conversation and there was no public comment. Sierra made a motion to approve the January Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans Actions and Pam seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
 - B. **Board Re-Nomination.** Sierra made a motion to re-nominate Rebecca Andree to the board and Pam seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
 - C. **Annual Meeting Resolutions.** Todd made a motion to approve the Election of Officers as follows: Todd Lucas as the board president, Rebecca Andree as the vice president, Sierra Swartz as the board secretary, and leaving the treasurer position open and Sierra seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
Sierra made a motion to approve the Annual Board Resolutions as presented and Ken seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
 - D. **Maximum Enrollment and Enrollment Guidelines/Dates.** Todd made a motion to approve the 260 maximum and Enrollment Guidelines/Dates as presented and Pam seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
 - E. **CMU Contract Amendment Request.** Sierra made a motion to approve that a CMU contract amendment request was not needed and Ken seconded the motion. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
10. **Strategic Plan.**
 - A. **Q3 Priorities – Building Community.**
 1. **Review Test Results.** Identify areas of concern and ensure proactive strategies are in place.
 2. **Continued Focus and Awareness of Teacher and Staff Resiliency.** Offer a monthly resource to teachers and staff to support resiliency and wellbeing. Periodic anonymous surveys.
 3. **Budget Planning.** Translate academic information, how teachers are feeling, etc. to begin planning for the fall.
 4. **New Board Member Onboarding.**
 - B. **Q4 Priorities – Close Academic School Year.**
 1. **Performance Review.**
 2. **Draft Budget.** May board review and finalized in June.
 3. **Assessment and Dean of Students.** Successes and challenges.
 4. **Wrap Up the School Year.** Plans for graduation and celebrations.
11. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
12. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Sierra made a motion to adjourn the board meeting and Ken seconded the motion at 7:31 PM. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**

Approved by the board at its February 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

Todd Lucas

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Board President