

Montessori Regional Charter School  
October 12, 2005 (amended)

**Board Members Present:**

Mary Burrows	Laurie Rogan	
Tracy Wilczynski	Annette Marshall	Laura Mott
Mike Wehrer	Roanna Chen	Beth Iadeluca

Board Members not in attendance: Susan Bert, Rob Petro, Gerry Barron, Marty Maly

Also in attendance: Lydia Cerroni, Heidi Sheehan, Tom Pendleton Esq., Jill Duncan, Natale of Felix & Gloekler Certified Public Accountants and Jane Binder

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Laura Mott, President, leading the Pledge of Allegiance

- A. **Public Comment:** None
- B. **Guest Speaker** – Natale Heberlein, CPA of Felix & Gloekler (**See Independent Auditor Report** dated August 26, 2005 for period ending June 30, 2005)

Natalie gave an over view of the financial audit beginning with the opinion (page 3, paragraph 3) that the financial statements present fairly. She specifically reviewed Balance Sheet – Government Fund (page 13) which shows Assets vs. Liabilities and the Fund Balance of 3% unreserved funds, which she stated was satisfactory and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (p.17), a statement that Natalie said the PDE looks carefully at. Overall, Natalie stated that the financials look positive. For further information see report.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from August 10, 2005 meeting were submitted by Mary Burrows and reviewed.

Motion to accept August Board Minutes as written:

Moved by: L. Rogan

Seconded by: M. Wehrer

Yes: 9

No: 0

**PTO Report** – New officers for the PTO. Margo Wolfe will attend November Board meeting to give an overview of 2005-2006 plans. See attached report

**Board appointments** – Laura Mott stated that there is a Board opening to be filled and asked if any Board members had any candidates. L. Rogan stated that she had approached Delthia Durah, however she was not available to serve. Sr. Annette Marshall suggested that we should look for someone in higher education and also, since we are looking at building and construction issues, we should be considering board candidates in the construction, engineering or architecture fields.

The name of Kathy Kingston was suggested and L. Rogan said she would pursue.

T. Pendleton was asked if we can fill openings without election and he stated that we can fill openings for a 1 year period until general elections.

### **CEO Report –**

- A.** Significant interest in next year enrollment process – average of 3 calls per week
- B.** CMTE Report – We are very disappointed with the Evaluator's approach from CMTE – While some of the critique may have been meaningful, the delivery was negative, highly critical and non supportive. Feedback from other CMTE evaluations has always been constructive, highly supportive and positive. This is especially important for first year Montessori teachers.

Discussion – Mike Wehrer suggested that a letter of support from the Board to the evaluated teachers might be appropriate. CEO will work with Marty Maly to send a letter to CMTE. CEO will contact CMTE to discuss evaluation with Evaluator and her supervisor. Mike Wehrer to write a letter of support to teachers.

- C.** Results from 2004-2005 school year. Math advanced or proficient at 43% (threshold is 45%) Reading results For the coming year we are doing daily things and introducing materials to ensure the students are able to display their best work!
- D.** IU Contract – All changes were implemented as desired and contract has been signed.

**Committee Reports:  
Executive Committee**

- A.** Laura Mott reported that meeting was held with MCHE and offer for building was submitted that had a deadline of on 9/20/05. On 9/20/05 at 4:20 an e-mail came from M. Bell that stated they were not ready to submit a counter offer. See letter fro L. Mott to MRCS Board dated 10/12/05 regarding subsequent action.

Motion to give H. Sheehan, Business manager and L. Mott, President, authority to make a preliminary application for pre-approval to appropriate funding sources for the purchase and construction of a new school, the purpose of which is to determine whether constructing a new school is possible given our current budget. Under no circumstances shall Ms. Sheehan or Attorney Mott legally obligate MRCS to any loan program without prior Board approval.

Moved by: M. Burrows    Seconded by: Sr. Annette Marshall

Yes: 9      No: 0



## **New Business**

Tom Pendleton informed Board that Tim Daniels of the Charter School Coalition has requested that he submit a proposal to be Solicitor for the Charter organization.

Laurie Rogan stated that she is looking into a Christmas Party for the Board and Staff and will report back. Suggestion was made to avoid week nights.

## **Old Business**

Mary Burrows asked for information on the resolution of Sr. Annette Marshall request on behalf of Earth Force. L. Mott informed her that the request had been approved through Executive committee.

Discussion as to follow up procedure on meeting agenda items. These should typically be reported in Board minutes.

Discussion on protocol for introducing new hires. Suggestion that pictures of all teachers be printed on Web site.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm

Note: next meeting is scheduled for November 9 2005 at 7:00 pm