

Montessori Regional Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 16, 2007

Board Members Present:

Sue Carnes	Chris Marsh
Ali Samuels	Mary Slusarz
Mary Connerty	Leesl Warren
Ken Gamble	

Board Members not in attendance: Joe Kaiser, Mary Burrows, Beth Iadeluca, Charlie Witchcoff, Margo Wolfe

Also in attendance: Anthony Pirrello, CEO/Administrator, Jane Binder, Administrative Assistant, Heidi Sheehan, Business Manager, Jill Duncan, Teacher Liaison to the Board of Trustees and Tom Pendleton, Board Solicitor

Public in Attendance: Laurie Rogan, Tina Pabon, Sharon Harvey

Initial question raised prior to the opening of the meeting regarding the number needed for a quorum. Leesl Warren, President of the BOT announced that she had received resignations from three Board members: Stephanie Taylor, Tracy Wilcynski and Ali Scarpitti, therefore the total Board consists of 12 members and 7 members present would constitute a quorum.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Leesl Warren, President, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leesl Warren began the meeting with an announcement that a parent had requested the right to videotape Board Meetings. A proposal for guidelines regarding the public taping of meetings was distributed. **See attached guidelines per sunshine law.** A number of issues were raised regarding taping including:

How would the tape be used and who would store it? What is the purpose or reason for the taping?

Tom Pendleton, Board Solicitor, responded that we do not have the right to question the usage as long as it is used lawfully and that storage would be the responsibility of the individual taping.

There should not be any taping done during the Executive sessions and we do have the right to designate where in the room the videotaping equipment is set up.

Motion made to adopt Guideline #1 as a policy regarding taping of the Board of Trustees meetings with the additional provision for removing or turning off during Executive sessions:

Moved by: Ken Gamble Seconded By: Ali Samuels

Motion passed by show of hands 7 – 0

PTO Report: Tina Pabon submitted report of activities planned – See report

Audit Report for Fiscal 2006-2007

Natalie Heberlein, and Stephen J. Falk III CPA of Felix & Gloekler. PC (**See Independent Auditor Report** for period ending June 30, 2007)

Natalie Heberlein reviewed the audit document and made several comments:

The audit was conducted using generally accepted standards and reasonable assurances. The audit was given a “clean opinion”.

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Three recommendations were made:

1. Need to get more control over expenditures using checks and balances
2. Need to get better accounting of assets
3. Ensure that effective records back up system is in place
Heidi Sheehan commented that there are two backup systems in place within building and that the Business Manager physically backs up the system and takes it home.

President called for meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss a possible legal matter and HR issues.

Executive Session concluded – Open session resumed

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for September 2007 Board of Trustees meeting were read and accepted as amended:
Capitalize First National Bank on page four.

Motion to accept September 2007 minutes as amended:

Moved by: Mary Slusarz Seconded by: Sue Carnes

Motion passed by show of hands 7 – 0

CEO Report – See copy of report

Motion to approve hiring of personnel as named in report:

Moved by: Sue Carnes Seconded by: Mary Slusarz

Motion passed by show of hands 7 – 0

Motion to accept IU contract as presented

Moved by: Ali Samuels Seconded by: Chris Marsh

Motion passed by show of hands 7 – 0

Committee Reports:

Finance – Chris Marsh for Beth Iadeluca

Signature cards were brought in by Ali Samuels for FNB

Chris gave a “high level” summary of variances

Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Charter by –laws and recommendations of Brian Carpenter

Met Twice – Nothing specific to report, however making good progress.

Old Business:

Resignation of Board members

Nomination of new Vice President:

Motion to nominate Ken Gamble as Vice President of Board of Trustees to fulfill the remainder of the term

Moved by: Mary Connerty Seconded by: Sue Carnes

New Business:

Mary Slusarz - – Brief discussion of Forsythe testing program

Motion to adjourn:

Moved by: Ken Gamble Seconded by: Mary Slusarz

Adjourned at 8:10 pm