



**Montessori Regional Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 16, 2021  
Virtual Meeting**

**Board Members Present:**

Craig Palmer  
Jill Merritt  
Melvyn Nair  
Ashley Sullivan

Michael Estrich  
Vanessa Wilkins  
Kaley Getz

**Also in attendance:** Mark Zielinski, CEO, Tom Pendleton, Board Solicitor, Jill Duncan, MRCS Director of Academic Fidelity, Ashley Migdal, MRCS Teacher and Shannon McGinnis-Reid, MRCS Teacher

**Call to Order:** Craig Palmer, President, called the meeting to order at 12:01pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to approve minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board Meeting:**

Moved by: Kaley Getz                      Seconded by: Melvyn Nair

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	--	Y	Y	Y	Y

**\*\*Jill Merritt joined the meeting at 12:05pm**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to approve items on Consent Agenda:**

Moved by: Michael Estrich                      Seconded by: Ashley Sullivan

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Abstained

**\*\*Vanessa Wilkins abstained due to conflict of interest**

**Motion to approve the 2021-2022 MRCS/Durham Transportation Contract:**

Moved by: Melvyn Nair

Seconded by: Jill Merritt

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Motion to approve the David Laird Associates, Inc. contract:**

Moved by: Ashley Sullivan

Seconded by: Michael Estrich

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Transportation Service Agreement with the Erie School District:**

Moved by: Jill Merritt

Seconded by: Melvyn Nair

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT****Motion to approve the Illustrative Mathematics (6-8) Middle School Core Math Curriculum:**

Moved by: Ashley Sullivan

Seconded by: Michael Estrich

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Motion to approve the AmplifyELA (7-8) Middle School ELA Curriculum:**

Moved by: Kaley Getz

Seconded by: Melvyn Nair

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Motion to approve AmplifyScience (6-8) Middle School Science Curriculum:**

Moved by: Michael Estrich      Seconded by: Ashley Sullivan

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Motion to approve the TCI Geography Alive! (7) and TCI History Alive! (8) Middle School Social Studies Curriculum:**

Moved by: Jill Merritt      Seconded by: Melvyn Nair

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**CEO Report: Mark Zielinski**

Moved by: Kaley Getz      Seconded by: Jill Merritt

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--

**\*\*Vanessa Wilkins departed the meeting during the CEO Report****Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Bullying/Cyberbullying Policy:**

Moved by: Ashley Sullivan      Seconded by: Michael Estrich

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--

**Motion to approve the updated 2021-2022 MRCS Attendance Policy:**

Moved by: Melvyn Nair      Seconded by: Kaley Getz

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--

**SCHOOL COMPLIANCE****Committee Reports****Financial Oversight****Motion to accept Financial Oversight Committee report:**

Moved by: Michael Estrich      Seconded by: Ashley Sullivan

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Estrich	Getz	Merritt	Nair	Palmer	Sullivan	Wilkins
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--

**Public Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm**

  
Jill Merritt, Board Secretary

9-27-21

Date:

Recorded by: Michele Reed, Board Recorder  
Submitted by: Jill Merritt, Board Secretary