Lowcountry Montessori School

Board meeting

monthly board meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday November 19, 2026 at 4:30 PM EST

Location

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The mission of Lowcountry Montessori School is to provide an authentic Montessori education building a foundation for lifelong learning.

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**4:30 PM**
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	A. Call the Meeting to Order		Tess Brosnan	1 m
	B. Determination of Quorum		Tess Brosnan	1 m
	C. Reading of the Mission Statement		Tess Brosnan	5 m
	1 Read Mission Statement			

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	2 Pledge of Allegiance			
D.	Approval of Agenda	Vote	Tess Brosnan	1 m
E.	Statement of Compliance with FOIA		Tess Brosnan	1 m
II.	**Consent Agenda**			**4:39 PM**
A.	Approve minutes prior minutes	Approve Minutes	Tess Brosnan	10 m
III.	**Public Comment**			**4:49 PM**
A.	Public comment period, limited to 3 minutes per person. Board Meeting Thursday, August 27th, 2026 · 4:30 – 6:30pm Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/smi-gvdy-rhj Or dial: (US) +1 513-480-5035 PIN: 389 173 104#	FYI	Tess Brosnan	10 m
IV.	**Committee Reports**			**4:59 PM**
A.	Finance Report Finance update	Discuss	Copper Advisers	20 m
B.	Governance -Board retreat - do we need to reschedule due to the Emergency meeting that was held 10/24/26? -Discussion of vice chair position	Discuss	Tess Brosnan	15 m
C.	Vote on Finance Committee minutes Vote on Finance committee minutes *Discuss budget amendments/ maybe vote in December	Vote	Matt Thompson	5 m

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V.	**Director's Report**			**5:39 PM**
A.	November Update Director Report Student Handbook Review: Review proposed updates and revisions to the student handbook. AMS (American Montessori Society) School Membership **Vote on the Removal of Food and Nutrition as a Graduation Requirement:** Discuss and vote on removing Food and Nutrition as a required graduation course. The course will continue to be offered as an educational opportunity; however, it no longer aligns with the school's current CTE career cluster. This change would allow the school to formally request that the district remove the course from the graduation requirements.	Vote	Sarah Fox	20 m
B.	Maintenance report Maintenance Report - -Vote on replacing a circuit board for fire alarm panel	Discuss	Martha Watkins	5 m
VI.	**New Business**			**6:04 PM**
A.	Fundraising Committee Report from Fundraising committee And Vote on minutes	Vote	Angela Wright	15 m
B.	Board Members -Consideration and appointment of a new Board Vice Chair. -Discussion of potential Board member appointments (Executive Session).	Discuss	Tess Brosnan	15 m

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-Select date for a virtual meeting to review and approve the Board meeting minutes in December for November meeting.

-Review of bylaws; updates to ACT123

C. Improving Communication with the Public — Discuss — Tess Brosnan — 15 m

Explore ways to improve public awareness and engagement, including:

-Bloomz: Share summaries of board and committee meetings, board actions, upcoming events, and community activities.
Website Blog: Repurpose Bloomz updates into blog posts to keep the website current.

-Additional Communication Ideas: Explore newsletters, social media, monthly board highlights, project updates, and opportunities for public feedback.

-Consistency: Discuss how often to communicate, who will be responsible, and how to ensure information is shared accurately and effectively.

-Website Compliance and Public Records Accessibility- Review expectations for public access to meeting minutes and required documents in accordance with FOIA and Act 123.

Goal: Develop a more consistent, proactive, and engaging way to keep the public informed about what the board is doing and how the community can stay involved.

VII. Executive Session — 6:49 PM

A. Executive Session — Discuss — 30 m

This session held in accordance with SC Code of Law, Title 30, Chapter 4, meaning it pertains to one or more of the following types of discussions:

- Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.
- Section 30-4-70(a)(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the

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	receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.			
VIII.	**Other Business**			**7:19 PM**
A.	Vote on matters from Executive Session, if required	Vote	Tess Brosnan	5 m
IX.	**Closing Items**			**7:24 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Tess Brosnan	2 m