Lowcountry Montessori School

Board meeting

monthly board meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday August 27, 2026 at 4:30 PM EDT

Location

Lowcountry Montessori School

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**
	Opening Items			
	A. Call the Meeting to Order 1		Gregory Alexander	1 m
	B. Determination of Quorum		Gregory Alexander	1 m
	C. Reading of the Mission Statement		Gregory Alexander	5 m

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
	1 Read Mission Statement 2 Pledge of Allegiance			
D.	Approval of Agenda	Vote	Gregory Alexander	1 m
E.	Statement of Compliance with FOIA		Gregory Alexander	1 m
II.	**Consent Agenda**			**4:39 PM**
A.	Approve minutes prior minutes	Approve Minutes	Gregory Alexander	10 m
	Approve minutes for Board meeting on July 23, 2026			
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	Gregory Alexander	10 m
IV.	**Committee Reports**			**4:59 PM**
A.	Finance Report Finance update	Discuss	Copper Advisers	20 m
B.	Governance Discuss Board retreat	Discuss	Gregory Alexander	15 m
C.	Vote on Finance Committee minutes6-24-26 Vote on Finance committee minutes	Vote	Matt Thompson	5 m

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
V.	**Director's Report**			**5:39 PM**
A.	August Update Director Report Vote on Student Cell policy	Vote	Sarah Fox	15 m
B.	Maintenance report Maintenance Report -	Vote	Martha Watkins	20 m
VI.	**New Business**			**6:14 PM**
A.	Fundraising Committee Report from Fundraising committee And Vote on minutes	Vote	Angela Wright	15 m
B.	Board Members Board member update	Discuss	Gregory Alexander	15 m
VII.	**Executive Session**			**6:44 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 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,

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
	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**			**7:14 PM**
A.	Vote on matters from Executive Session, if required	Vote	Gregory Alexander	5 m
IX.	**Closing Items**			**7:19 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Gregory Alexander	2 m

Coversheet

Approve minutes prior minutes

Section:	II. Consent Agenda
Item:	A. Approve minutes prior minutes
Purpose:	Approve Minutes
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Minutes for Board meeting on July 23, 2026 2026_08_14_emergency_board_meeting_minutes.pdf

APPROVED

Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Board meeting

monthly board meeting

Date and Time
星期四 七月 23, 2026 at 4:30 下午

Location
Lowcountry Montessori School

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Directors Present
A. Chavarria (remote), A. Whitaker, A. Wright, G. Alexander, L. Lyles, O. Hawkins, T. Brosnan

Directors Absent
A. Walker, M. Thompson

Guests Present
B. Shaffer (remote), C.Creamer (remote), C.Hunt (remote), J.Strickland (remote), N.Ormsby (remote), R.Beck, S. Fox (remote), V. Roming

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Alexander called a meeting of the board of directors of Lowcountry Montessori School to order on Thursday Jul 23, 2026 at 4:38 PM.

B. Determination of Quorum

C. Reading of the Mission Statement

D. Approval of Agenda

L. Lyles made a motion to amend the agenda to add vote to remove Bain Vaughn from bank account access.
T. Brosnan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Statement of Compliance with FOIA

F. Swear in new board members

Omar Hawkins sworn in for Board Term 7-1-2026 to 6-30-2028

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve minutes prior minutes

T. Brosnan made a motion to approve the minutes from Board meeting on 06-25-26.
A. Wright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
T. Brosnan made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 06-27-26.
A. Wright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Public Comment

A. Public comment period, limited to 3 minutes per person.

No public comment given

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Report

Presented by J. Strickland from Copper Advisers

Highlighted on the budget line for Interest Income still having trouble getting money market statement from June from Capital Bank, will have it for the audit. That figure will

only increase, has been increasing about $800 per month. So expect to see an $800 increase to bottom line.

June Ended Fiscal Year, beginning Audit Prep now

End of Year Numbers:
Revenue YTD 5,207,310
Expense YTD 5,664,011
Net Deficit (456,701)
Unrestricted Cash353,240
289,968 in the money market account--Still have not heard back from USDA on how much needs to stay in that account
Days Cash on Hand 24.13
State Funding 4,643,642
Local Funding 436,682
Federal Funding 130,806
-Some funds will be carried over from FY 26, but no money will be lost from FY 25, but any money to be claimed from Fiscal year 26 has been claimed from the district. Anticipating 10 to 12k that will carry over. Will work with Sara to see if we can get it claimed in FY 27.
YTD Instructional 2,979,673- 57.22% of spending - that figure looks good

Going forward just FY27 prep

G. Alexander asked if Finance Report can please be sent 24 hours before the Monthly Board Meeting

B. Governance

T. Brosnan made a motion to remove Bain Vaughn from bank account as signer.
A. Chavarria seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Presented by G. Alexander
Board Retreat Planned for 7-31-26 - 8-1-26 location to be determined

M. Watkins and S. Fox talked about some things that would be helpful to go over at Board Retreat with Board Members, like procurement and financials. Went over with Mary and Sara for procurement, to make sure that it is updated and has everything it needs in it, but not sure that if it will be ready by August 1st. So maybe do this one and maybe another one down the road
A. Wright asked if she meant a procurement workshop

M. Watkins yes but not really just the procurement, but like all of our Finance documents, really look at those things and make sure we are understanding them
G. Alexander not really understanding that piece, like understanding the procurement process?
M. Watkins went over and if we rent out the space may jeopardize our non profit,there is a lot there especially with all of the stuff that went into the Original Charter, there were things that Mary thought could maybe updated. Just make sure everyone knows our Bylaws, Procurement, Financials
G. Alexander okay, that would be beneficial, and letting everyone know where they could access those documents.

C. Vote on Finance Committee minutes6-24-26

A. Wright made a motion to table voting on Finance Committee minutes.
L. Lyles seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Director's Report

A. July Update

Presented by S. Fox- report attached

375 estimated for starting student count-not including preschool, which should be a potential 50k gain if the 3s and 4s pan out with who has applied.

L. Lyles asked about Water Fest Advertisement, was there during Kids Fest and the Jumbo Screen was not on
S. Fox stated she will find out, it was supposed to air 80 times throughout the Water Fest
G. Alexander asked about possible refund
S. Fox we still have the video, which we can use on our own

G. Alexander- I should have asked Jonathan, but as of yesterday still do not have a passed budget for State of South Carolina
S. Fox No, he is still optimistic that it will pass, but until 5th day count still funded based on last year's numbers
G. Alexander budget was done off 2026numbers?
S. Fox No, the budget was based off 12.5 last year was 12.3 per student, there was a formula, but there was an increase.
G. Alexander so a $200 per student difference, they may be something to go over with the finance committee, will they retroact if they are paying from continued resolution?
S. Fox I think so, do you want me to set something up with Matt, Jonathan, You and me?
G. Alexander yes

T. Brosnan made a motion to approve Student Handbook.
O. Hawkins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Maintenance report

Presented by M. Watkins-report attached

2. Custodial Staff- potentially hiring a student for trash only, will save us a little bit of money, and save time for the custodial staff for floor care.

4. DSS- Katrina came and inspected 7-22-26 from 10:30-2:30pm, going through paperwork. On the cusp of provisionary licensing. The hold up is background from Central Registry, had 19 people that work directly with the 3- and 4-year-olds, that need to have background checks. All 19 people were put on one invoice and 3 of them were unable to complete it, and that was messing up the process. They have moved those 3 people who had not completed their form, so now we should get the rest of the results. Hopefully by Friday we should have the results, and by Monday or Tuesday of next week we should have the provisional license.
-Rentals have been working to be able to rent the culinary kitchen and potentially other spaces. Wanted to make sure we had the correct insurance, so we worked with our insurance company and attorney to make sure everything was in there that we need. Had to reach out to our lenders to make sure we were allowed to basically Sub Lease, we are able to rent a percentage. Do have one person ready to go, starting them off with a 6-month term, with a discounted rate, but after the 6 months there will be an increase.
-Wording on Lease Agreement for rates says $75 per scheduled day, but it is supposed to be $75 for two days.
G. Alexander how long do they get for two days?
M. Watkins two hours, and any additional hours is $25 per hour. They have to supply all of their supplies; we do not supply any. Dishwasher not being used, only using ranges, ovens, and 3 bay sink. Dishwasher very expensive to replace or repair, so not something that we would want used.

O. Hawkins what's your perspective on the number of different clients that we could have?
M. Watkins we could fill up every after-school hour or weekend that there is. You can get a lot of people in there. Put the word out with Kathleen, who is over DHEC in Beaufort, she said there is a need and thinks it would be a great source of income for us. There is a big need in the area for in the area, we just need to market it.
T. Brosnan do all of the people coming in need to have the Serv Safe certification
M. Watkins yes and that is part of the lease.
O. Hawkins so if we have businesses interested we can direct them to you Martha?
M. Watkins yes

O. Hawkins after school hours will there have to be LMS staff on hand?
M. Watkins do not have to have staff, will be doing background checks, and we have a key for them. Also after hours so no students around.
G. Alexander is the Kitchen controlled access?
M. Watkins yes
G. Alexander so they will get a key card and be able to monitor the coming and going
M. Watkins yes and we have some kind of Ring Cameras to keep an eye out.
G. Alexander what kind of provisions do we have in place to prevent subletting
M. Watkins there is wording in the lease that it is specific to them only
O. Hawkins so if they are found to be subletting their lease that is grounds for termination

L. Lyles made a motion to approve this Lease for Culinary Kitchen use, amending the lease two days per week pricing schedule to be reworded to be $75 per scheduled two days.
O. Hawkins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. New Business

A. Fundraising Committee

Presented by A. Wright
Next meetinng 7-30-26 at 4:30pm

B. Board Members

O. Hawkins asked about sponsorship, if there is as board obligation to get a sponsorship?
G. Alexander it is expected yes

VII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

T. Brosnan made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters.
A. Wright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
L. Lyles made a motion to leave executive session.
T. Brosnan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Closing Items

A.

Adjourn Meeting

A. Wright made a motion to adjourn meeting.
L. Lyles seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 下午.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Lyles

Documents used during the meeting

- Director’s Report to Board July 2026.pdf
- Student Handbook 2026-27_072226.docx.pdf
- Facilities Report 7_21_26.pdf
- LowCountryMontessoriSchoolTermite.pdf
- LEASE OF PREMISES - Culinary Kitchen - Matt Callegari - Nickel City Catering.docx (1).pdf

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Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Emergency Board meeting

Emergency Plan

Date and Time
Friday August 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Location
Virtual

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

Directors Present
A. Chavarria (remote), A. Walker (remote), A. Wright (remote), G. Alexander (remote), L. Lyles (remote), M. Thompson (remote), O. Hawkins (remote), T. Brosnan (remote)

Directors Absent
A. Whitaker

Guests Present
S. Fox (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

G. Alexander called a meeting to order on Friday Aug 14, 2026 at 4:02 PM.
T. Brosnan made a motion to approve emergency plan as written with intention to amend if needed at later date.
A. Chavarria seconded the motion.
Discussion had involved all members of the board regarding the wording of parts of the emergency plan
The team **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Chavarria made a motion to adjourn meeting.
M. Thompson seconded the motion.
The team **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Lyles

Coversheet

Finance Report

Section: IV. Committee Reports
Item: A. Finance Report
Purpose: Discuss
Submitted by:
Related Material: 2026.07.31 LMS Financial Packet.pdf

Financial Packet

Prepared by Copper Advisors

This packet has been prepared to provide a clear, comprehensive overview of financial information, supporting materials, and key considerations relevant to your review. At Copper Advisors, we are committed to clarity, transparency, and thoughtful guidance in every engagement.

Please review the enclosed materials at your convenience. Should you have any questions or require additional information, we welcome the opportunity to assist.

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Lowcountry Montessori School

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Year to Date vs. Annual Budget

As of Date: July 31, 2026

	Year To Date 7/31/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2027	Remaining Budget 6/30/2027	Percent Remaining 6/30/2027
	Actual YTD	FY2027	Remaining Budget	Percent Remaining
REVENUE				
Revenue from Local Sources				
Earnings on Investments				
1510 - Interest Income	864.67	9,046.66	8,181.99	90.44%
Total Earnings on Investments	**864.67**	**9,046.66**	**8,181.99**	**90.44%**
Food Services				
1610 - Lunch Sales to Students	-	35,000.00	35,000.00	100.00%
Total Food Services	**-**	**35,000.00**	**35,000.00**	**100.00%**
Pupil Activities				
1740 - Student Fees/Supplies	-	93,750.00	93,750.00	100.00%
1770 - Pupil - Gardening	-	6,795.10	6,795.10	100.00%
1788 - Pupil - Club Revenue	-	1,257.41	1,257.41	100.00%
1789 - Pupil - Sports Revenue	-	17,536.44	17,536.44	100.00%
1790 - Other Pupil Income	-	9,894.99	9,894.99	100.00%
1791 - Pre-K Income-Extended Hours	-	110,000.00	110,000.00	100.00%
1792 - Student Supply Income	-	-	-	0.00%
1793 - Field Trips	-	44,311.22	44,311.22	100.00%
1794 - Early Care/After Care	-	34,218.95	34,218.95	100.00%
1795 - Pre-K App Fee	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	100.00%
Total Pupil Activities	**-**	**320,764.11**	**320,764.11**	**100.00%**
Other Revenue from Local Sources				
1910 - Rentals	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%
1920 - Contibutions and Donations	16,000.00	10,000.00	(6,000.00)	-60.00%
1921 - Restricted Donations	-	-	-	0.00%
1922 - Fundraising	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00%
1990 - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	-	7,500.00	7,500.00	100.00%
1999 - Revenue from other Local Sources	40.00	1,200.00	1,160.00	96.67%
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	**16,040.00**	**33,700.00**	**17,660.00**	**52.40%**
Total Revenue from Local Sources	**16,904.67**	**398,510.77**	**381,606.10**	**95.76%**
Revenue from State Sources				
Restricted State Funding				
3135 - Reading Coaches	-	47,700.00	47,700.00	100.00%
Total Restricted State Funding	**-**	**47,700.00**	**47,700.00**	**100.00%**
State Aid to Classrooms				
3103 - State Aid to Classrooms	303,344.18	4,765,283.90	4,461,939.72	93.63%
3187 - Teacher Supplies	-	-	-	0.00%
3503 - State Aid to Classrooms	61,913.88	-	(61,913.88)	0.00%
Total State Aid to Classrooms	**365,258.06**	**4,765,283.90**	**4,400,025.84**	**92.34%**

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	Year To Date 7/31/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2027	Remaining Budget 6/30/2027	Percent Remaining 6/30/2027
Education Improvement Act				
3502 - EIA Revenue - ADEPT	-	-	-	0.00%
3507 - EIA Revenue - Aid to District - Technology	-	-	-	0.00%
3518 - EIA Revenue -Formative Assesment	-	1,300.00	1,300.00	100.00%
3519 - EIA Revenue - Grade 10 Assessments	-	350.00	350.00	100.00%
3526 - EIA Revenue - Refurbishment of K-8 Science I	-	1,600.00	1,600.00	100.00%
3528 - EIA Revenue - Industry Certificates	-	-	-	0.00%
3529 - EIA Revenue - CATE	445.30	17,000.00	16,554.70	97.38%
3532 - EIA Revenue - National Board Salary Supplem	-	5,850.00	5,850.00	100.00%
3536 - EIA Revenue - Health Fitness - Nurse	-	-	-	0.00%
3540 - EIA Revenue - Early Childhood Program	-	-	-	0.00%
3557 - EIA Revenue - Summer Reading Program	-	6,500.00	6,500.00	100.00%
3577 - EIA Revenue Teacher Supplies	10,800.00	9,200.00	(1,600.00)	-17.39%
3595 - EIA Revenue - EEDA Supplies and Materials	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
Total Education Improvement Act	**11,245.30**	**42,800.00**	**31,554.70**	**73.73%**
Total Revenue from State Sources	**376,503.36**	**4,855,783.90**	**4,479,280.54**	**92.25%**
Revenue from Federal Sources				
Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA)				
4210 - Perkins Aid - CTE	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.00%
4310 - Title I - Basic State Grant Programs	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%
4311 - ATSI Grant	-	-	-	0.00%
4341 - Title III - ESOL	-	900.00	900.00	100.00%
4351 - Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	-	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.00%
Total Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA	**-**	**65,400.00**	**65,400.00**	**100.00%**
Programs for Children with Disabilities				
4510 - IDEA Revenue	-	68,000.00	68,000.00	100.00%
4520 - IDEA Preschool Revenue	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Programs for Children with Disabilities	**-**	**68,000.00**	**68,000.00**	**100.00%**
Other Federal Sources				
4997 - Title IV-SSAE	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00%
4998 - Recycling Education Grant	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Other Federal Sources	**-**	**4,000.00**	**4,000.00**	**100.00%**
Total Revenue from Federal Sources	**-**	**137,400.00**	**137,400.00**	**100.00%**
TOTAL REVENUE	**393,408.03**	**5,391,694.67**	**4,998,286.64**	**92.70%**
EXPENSE				
Kindergarten Programs - 111				
6110 - Regular Salary	9,156.02	179,679.92	170,523.90	94.90%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	5,628.42	139,701.24	134,072.82	95.97%
6120 - Substitute/Temporary Salary	-	-	-	0.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	(221.02)	27,120.24	27,341.26	100.81%
6220 - Employee Retirement	498.06	10,117.94	9,619.88	95.08%
6230 - Social Security	1,114.10	24,432.66	23,318.56	95.44%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	0.89	207.21	206.32	99.57%
6410 - Supplies	220.00	4,000.00	3,780.00	94.50%
6420 - Textbooks	-	1,939.80	1,939.80	100.00%
Total Kindergarten Programs - 111	**16,396.47**	**387,199.01**	**370,802.54**	**95.77%**
Primary Programs - 112				
6110 - Regular Salary	26,265.58	109,319.84	83,054.26	75.97%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	13,737.16	-	(13,737.16)	0.00%
6120 - Substitute/Temporary Salary	-	-	-	0.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	4,004.83	9,685.80	5,680.97	58.65%
6220 - Employee Retirement	1,227.28	2,642.79	1,415.51	53.56%
6230 - Social Security	2,861.26	8,362.97	5,501.71	65.79%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	52.22	59.20	6.98	11.79%
6410 - Supplies	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%
6420 - Textbooks	-	1,939.80	1,939.80	100.00%
Total Primary Programs - 112	**48,148.33**	**137,010.40**	**88,862.07**	**64.86%**
Elementary Programs - 113				

	Year To Date 7/31/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2027	Remaining Budget 6/30/2027	Percent Remaining 6/30/2027
6110 - Regular Salary	41,080.46	360,940.14	319,859.68	88.62%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	5,584.08	144,125.60	138,541.52	96.13%
6120 - Substitute/Temporary Salary	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	100.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	4,379.66	68,769.24	64,389.58	93.63%
6220 - Employee Retirement	1,315.94	11,938.01	10,622.07	88.98%
6230 - Social Security	3,336.72	38,637.53	35,300.81	91.36%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	62.62	355.22	292.60	82.37%
6270 - Worker's Compensation Tax	1,319.84	32,400.00	31,080.16	95.93%
6311 - Instructional Services	-	-	-	0.00%
6410 - Supplies	339.27	8,000.00	7,660.73	95.76%
6420 - Textbooks	-	1,939.80	1,939.80	100.00%
Total Elementary Programs - 113	**57,418.59**	**712,105.54**	**654,686.95**	**91.94%**

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	Year To Date 7/31/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2027	Remaining Budget 6/30/2027	Percent Remaining 6/30/2027
High School Programs - 114				
6110 - Regular Salary	31,619.82	286,654.76	255,034.94	88.97%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	4,962.78	-	(4,962.78)	0.00%
6120 - Substitute/Temporary Salary	-	-	-	0.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	4,455.41	36,806.04	32,350.63	87.89%
6220 - Employee Retirement	2,394.51	7,576.59	5,182.08	68.40%
6230 - Social Security	2,610.38	21,929.09	19,318.71	88.10%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	35.15	171.27	136.12	79.48%
6311 - Instructional Services	-	-	-	0.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00%
6420 - Textbooks	-	-	-	0.00%
6640 - Membership Dues & Fees	385.00	250.00	(135.00)	-54.00%
Total High School Programs - 114	**46,463.05**	**357,387.75**	**310,924.70**	**87.00%**
Vocational Programs - 115				
6110 - Regular Salary	-	138,682.00	138,682.00	100.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	-	-	-	0.00%
6220 - Employee Retirement	-	-	-	0.00%
6230 - Social Security	-	10,609.17	10,609.17	100.00%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	-	88.80	88.80	100.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00%
Total Vocational Programs - 115	**-**	**151,379.97**	**151,379.97**	**100.00%**
Montessori Programs - 118				
6110 - Regular Salary	7,571.66	332,957.75	325,386.09	97.73%
6130 - Overtime Salary	-	-	-	0.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	1,239.23	51,334.80	50,095.57	97.59%
6220 - Employee Retirement	144.20	8,333.08	8,188.88	98.27%
6230 - Social Security	560.16	25,471.27	24,911.11	97.80%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	-	177.61	177.61	100.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00%
Total Montessori Programs - 118	**9,515.25**	**420,274.51**	**410,759.26**	**97.74%**
Speech Handicapped - 126				
6311 - Instructional Services	-	42,560.00	42,560.00	100.00%
Total Speech Handicapped - 126	**-**	**42,560.00**	**42,560.00**	**100.00%**
Learning Disabilities - 127				
6110 - Regular Salary	19,015.64	176,348.11	157,332.47	89.22%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	-	99,233.07	99,233.07	100.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	1,167.91	38,743.20	37,575.29	96.99%
6220 - Employee Retirement	456.92	8,291.24	7,834.32	94.49%
6230 - Social Security	1,410.40	21,081.96	19,671.56	93.31%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	13.08	177.61	164.53	92.64%
6311 - Instructional Services	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	100.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
Total Learning Disabilities - 127	**22,063.95**	**349,375.19**	**327,311.24**	**93.68%**
Early Childhood - 139				
6110 - Regular Salary	9,379.60	-	(9,379.60)	0.00%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	3,094.18	-	(3,094.18)	0.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	2,861.02	-	(2,861.02)	0.00%
6220 - Employee Retirement	375.18	-	(375.18)	0.00%
6230 - Social Security	780.65	-	(780.65)	0.00%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	32.78	-	(32.78)	0.00%
6311 - Instructional Services	-	-	-	0.00%
6410 - Supplies	216.42	-	(216.42)	0.00%
Total Early Childhood - 139	**16,739.83**	**-**	**(16,739.83)**	**0.00%**

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	Year To Date 7/31/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2027	Remaining Budget 6/30/2027	Percent Remaining 6/30/2027
After School Program - 175				
6110 - Regular Salary	-	31,500.00	31,500.00	100.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	-	-	-	0.00%
6220 - Employee Retirement	-	-	-	0.00%
6230 - Social Security	-	2,409.75	2,409.75	100.00%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	-	59.20	59.20	100.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	250.00	250.00	100.00%
6412 - Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	0.00%
Total After School Program - 175	**-**	**34,218.95**	**34,218.95**	**100.00%**
Guidance Services - 212				
6110 - Regular Salary	11,362.48	147,389.92	136,027.44	92.29%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	2,371.32	54,240.48	51,869.16	95.63%
6220 - Employee Retirement	454.50	5,895.60	5,441.10	92.29%
6230 - Social Security	704.86	11,275.33	10,570.47	93.75%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	-	59.20	59.20	100.00%
6313 - Student Services	-	500.00	500.00	100.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	100.00	100.00	100.00%
Total Guidance Services - 212	**14,893.16**	**219,460.53**	**204,567.37**	**93.21%**
Health Services - 213				
6110 - Regular Salary	4,974.14	59,689.84	54,715.70	91.67%
6120 - Substitute/Temporary Salary	-	-	-	0.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	-	-	-	0.00%
6220 - Employee Retirement	198.96	2,387.59	2,188.63	91.67%
6230 - Social Security	380.53	4,566.27	4,185.74	91.67%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	-	29.60	29.60	100.00%
6311 - Instructional Services	-	200.00	200.00	100.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00%
Total Health Services - 213	**5,553.63**	**68,373.30**	**62,819.67**	**91.88%**
Psychological Services - 214				
6313 - Student Services	-	14,000.00	14,000.00	100.00%
Total Psychological Services - 214	**-**	**14,000.00**	**14,000.00**	**100.00%**
Curriculum Development - 221				
6110 - Regular Salary	8,525.82	166,186.74	157,660.92	94.87%
6120 - Substitute/Temporary Salary	-	-	-	0.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	1,830.16	19,371.60	17,541.44	90.55%
6220 - Employee Retirement	100.70	4,468.75	4,368.05	97.75%
6230 - Social Security	589.59	12,713.29	12,123.70	95.36%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	33.98	88.80	54.82	61.73%
6410 - Supplies	-	250.00	250.00	100.00%
Total Curriculum Development - 221	**11,080.25**	**203,079.18**	**191,998.93**	**94.54%**
Staff Training - 224				
6312 - Instructional Programs Improvement Services	87.55	4,800.00	4,712.45	98.18%
6332 - Travel	1,511.65	7,200.00	5,688.35	79.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Staff Training - 224	**1,599.20**	**12,000.00**	**10,400.80**	**86.67%**
Board of Directors - 231				
6318 - Audit Services	-	13,000.00	13,000.00	100.00%
6319 - Legal Services	-	11,000.00	11,000.00	100.00%
6332 - Travel	-	-	-	0.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	250.00	250.00	100.00%
6412 - Fundraising Expenses	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00%
6445 - Technology Equipment and Software	-	-	-	0.00%
6640 - Membership Dues & Fees	737.86	11,300.00	10,562.14	93.47%
6650 - Liability Insurance	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Board of Directors - 231	**737.86**	**37,550.00**	**36,812.14**	**98.03%**

	Year To Date 7/31/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2027	Remaining Budget 6/30/2027	Percent Remaining 6/30/2027
School Administration - 233				
6110 - Regular Salary	7,530.45	130,539.60	123,009.15	94.23%
6111 - Principal / Assistant Princi	16,310.30	186,123.74	169,813.44	91.24%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	6,416.68	35,720.40	29,303.72	82.04%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	2,406.22	36,806.16	34,399.94	93.46%
6220 - Employee Retirement	1,206.29	14,095.35	12,889.06	91.44%
6230 - Social Security	2,183.98	26,957.36	24,773.38	91.90%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	4.60	177.61	173.01	97.41%
6312 - Instructional Programs Improvement Services	-	-	-	0.00%
6315 - Management Services	-	2,200.00	2,200.00	100.00%
6319 - Legal Services	250.00	-	(250.00)	0.00%
6332 - Travel	-	250.00	250.00	100.00%
6350 - Advertising	571.72	10,000.00	9,428.28	94.28%
6360 - Printing & Binding	1,284.05	30,000.00	28,715.95	95.72%
6410 - Supplies	121.16	6,000.00	5,878.84	97.98%
6412 - Fundraising Expenses	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	100.00%
6445 - Technology Equipment and Software	42.79	4,400.00	4,357.21	99.03%
6640 - Membership Dues & Fees	150.00	2,100.00	1,950.00	92.86%
6690 - Other Fees and Objects	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00%
Total School Administration - 233	**38,478.24**	**491,370.22**	**452,891.98**	**92.17%**
Fiscal Services - 252				
6315 - Management Services	5,250.00	63,000.00	57,750.00	91.67%
6399 - District 2%	7,305.16	95,305.68	88,000.52	92.34%
6690 - Other Fees and Objects	2,560.99	25,000.00	22,439.01	89.76%
Total Fiscal Services - 252	**15,116.15**	**183,305.68**	**168,189.53**	**91.75%**
Operation & Maint. of Plant - 254				
6110 - Regular Salary	15,287.30	122,108.80	106,821.50	87.48%
6115 - Teacher Assistant/Clerical Salary	-	64,800.00	64,800.00	100.00%
6130 - Overtime Salary	-	500.00	500.00	100.00%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	1,008.44	27,120.24	26,111.80	96.28%
6220 - Employee Retirement	203.06	2,436.80	2,233.74	91.67%
6230 - Social Security	1,073.74	14,298.52	13,224.78	92.49%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	83.58	183.32	99.74	54.41%
6311 - Instructional Services	-	300.00	300.00	100.00%
6321 - Public Utility Services (Excl energy)	1,031.54	14,400.00	13,368.46	92.84%
6323 - Repairs & Maintenance Servic	9,055.93	40,000.00	30,944.07	77.36%
6324 - Property Insurance	401.24	135,000.00	134,598.76	99.70%
6325 - Rentals	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00%
6329 - Other Property Services	3,857.62	20,000.00	16,142.38	80.71%
6332 - Travel	-	-	-	0.00%
6340 - Communication	3,110.08	55,000.00	51,889.92	94.35%
6410 - Supplies	116.03	25,000.00	24,883.97	99.54%
6470 - Energy (Electric, Gas, and Other Heating Fuels)	4,057.22	46,200.00	42,142.78	91.22%
6525 - Buildings	-	-	-	0.00%
6530 - Improvements other than Buildings	-	-	-	0.00%
6640 - Membership Dues & Fees	-	5,500.00	5,500.00	100.00%
Total Operation & Maint. of Plant - 254	**39,285.78**	**574,847.68**	**535,561.90**	**93.17%**
Food Services - 256				
6110 - Regular Salary	3,436.14	42,840.00	39,403.86	91.98%
6210 - Group Health & Life Insurance	557.81	9,685.80	9,127.99	94.24%
6220 - Employee Retirement	34.36	-	(34.36)	0.00%
6230 - Social Security	247.49	3,277.26	3,029.77	92.45%
6260 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	-	29.60	29.60	100.00%
6323 - Repairs & Maintenance Servic	1,100.82	-	(1,100.82)	0.00%
6391 - Food Services and Supplies	-	7,371.69	7,371.69	100.00%
6410 - Supplies	-	2,252.06	2,252.06	100.00%
6460 - Food Services	233.15	47,070.47	46,837.32	99.50%
6460.1 - Food Services	-	13,305.78	13,305.78	100.00%
6640 - Membership Dues & Fees	-	105.00	105.00	100.00%
Total Food Services - 256	**5,609.77**	**125,937.66**	**120,327.89**	**95.55%**

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	Year To Date 7/31/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2027	Remaining Budget 6/30/2027	Percent Remaining 6/30/2027
Security - 258				
6329 - Other Property Services	-	687.50	687.50	100.00%
Total Security - 258	**-**	**687.50**	**687.50**	**100.00%**
Information Services - 263				
6410 - Supplies	-	500.00	500.00	100.00%
Total Information Services - 263	**-**	**500.00**	**500.00**	**100.00%**
Technology and Data Processing - 266				
6345 - Technology	-	-	-	0.00%
6445 - Technology Equipment and Software	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00%
6545 - Technology Equipment and Software	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Technology and Data Processing - 266	**-**	**2,000.00**	**2,000.00**	**100.00%**
Pupil Activity - 271				
6332 - Travel	-	250.00	250.00	100.00%
6660 - Pupil Activity	600.00	9,894.99	9,294.99	93.94%
6661 - Pupil - Sports Expense	392.70	17,536.44	17,143.74	97.76%
6662 - Pupil - Field Trip	-	44,311.22	44,311.22	100.00%
6663 - Pupil - Clubs	-	1,257.41	1,257.41	100.00%
6664 - Pupil - Garden	-	6,795.10	6,795.10	100.00%
6690 - Other Fees and Objects	59.95	-	(59.95)	0.00%
Total Pupil Activity - 271	**1,052.65**	**80,045.16**	**78,992.51**	**98.68%**
Debt Service - 500				
6610 - Redemption of Principal	22,608.20	320,250.72	297,642.52	92.94%
6620 - Interest Expense	12,240.63	416,551.24	404,310.61	97.06%
Total Debt Service - 500	**34,848.83**	**736,801.96**	**701,953.13**	**95.27%**
TOTAL EXPENSE	**385,000.99**	**5,341,470.19**	**4,956,469.20**	**92.79%**
Total Net Income	**8,407.04**	**50,224.48**	**41,817.44**	**83.26%**

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Lowcountry Montessori School

Statement of Financial Position
As of Jul 31, 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
100 CBCN6764 OP Cash	368,993.97
102 CBCN2511 FA Cash	0.00
103 CBCN Savings	8,824.99
104 WTBT3030 Money Market	291,722.12
Total for Bank Accounts	**$669,541.08**
Accounts Receivable	
105 Square Receivables	2,296.38
106 RevTrak Receivables	-5,632.20
Total for Accounts Receivable	**-$3,335.82**
Other Current Assets	
131 Due From State	0.00
132 Due From Federal	11,858.36
160 Prepaid Expense	15,901.84
Total for Other Current Assets	**$27,760.20**
Total for Current Assets	**$693,965.46**
Total for Assets	**$693,965.46**
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	17,032.76
Total for Accounts Payable	**$17,032.76**
Credit Cards	
412 Credit Card Payable	80,460.64
Divvy Credit Card	390.20
Total for Credit Cards	**$80,850.84**
Other Current Liabilities	
415 Retainage Payable	0.00
420 Deferred Revenue	37,448.84
431 Due to State (District)	0.00
441 Payroll Liabilities	0.00
444 PR Liab - New York Life	0.00
445 Accrued Payroll	294,736.53
446 PR Liab - Retirement	8,681.09
Total for Other Current Liabilities	**$340,866.46**
Total for Current Liabilities	**$438,750.06**
Total for Liabilities	**$438,750.06**

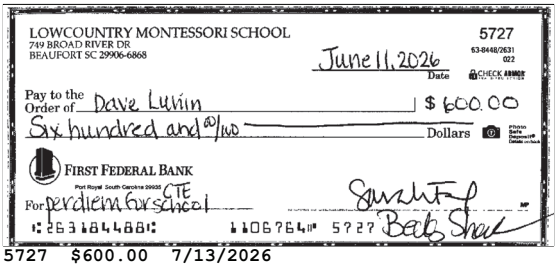
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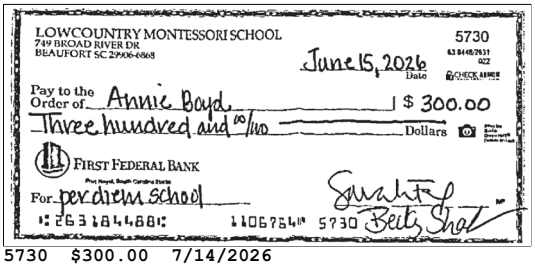
Statement of Financial Position
As of Jul 31, 2026

	Total
Equity	
799 Fund Equity	555,341.10
Retained Earnings	-308,532.74
Net Revenue	8,407.04
Total for Equity	**$255,215.40**
Total for Liabilities and Equity	**$693,965.46**

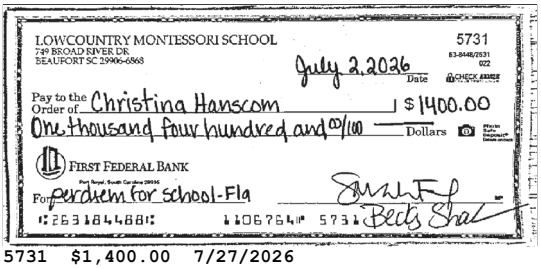
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LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL
749 BROAD RIVER DR
BEAUFORT SC 29906-6868
5727
June 11, 2026 Date
Pay to the Order of Dave Lurin $ 600.00
Six hundred and 00/100 Dollars
FIRST FEDERAL BANK
For per diem for CTE school
Sarah Taylor
Becky Shaffer
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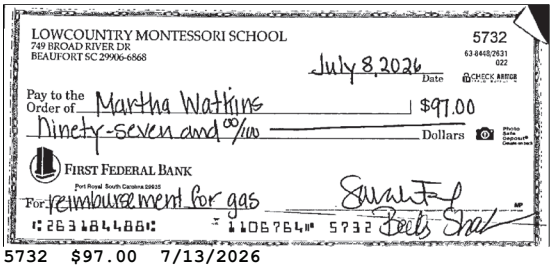
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LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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BEAUFORT SC 29906-6868
5730
June 15, 2026 Date
Pay to the Order of Annie Boyd $ 300.00
Three hundred and 00/100 Dollars
FIRST FEDERAL BANK
For per diem school
Sarah Taylor
Becky Shaffer
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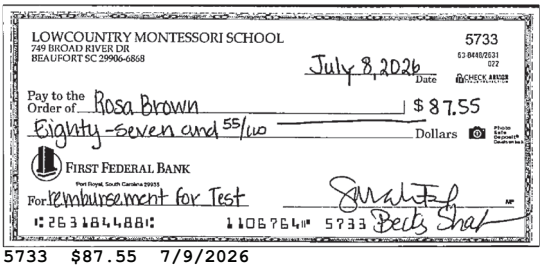
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LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL
749 BROAD RIVER DR
BEAUFORT SC 29906-6868
5731
July 2, 2026 Date
Pay to the Order of Christina Hanscom $ 1400.00
One thousand four hundred and 00/100 Dollars
FIRST FEDERAL BANK
For per diem for school-Fla
Sarah Taylor
Becky Shaffer
:263184488: 1106764" 5731

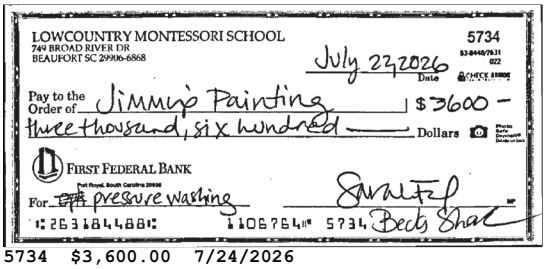
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LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL
749 BROAD RIVER DR
BEAUFORT SC 29906-6868
5732
July 8, 2026 Date
Pay to the Order of Martha Watkins $ 97.00
Ninety-seven and 00/100 Dollars
FIRST FEDERAL BANK
For reimbursement for gas
Sarah Taylor
Becky Shaffer
:263184488: 1106764" 5732

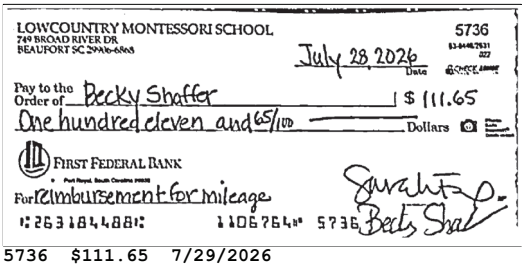
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LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL
749 BROAD RIVER DR
BEAUFORT SC 29906-6868
5733
July 8, 2026 Date
Pay to the Order of Rosa Brown $ 87.55
Eighty-seven and 55/100 Dollars
FIRST FEDERAL BANK
For reimbursement for Test
Sarah Taylor
Becky Shaffer
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5733 $87.55 7/9/2026


LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL
749 BROAD RIVER DR
BEAUFORT SC 29906-6868
5734
July 27, 2026 Date
Pay to the Order of Jimmy's Painting $ 3600 -
three thousand, six hundred Dollars
FIRST FEDERAL BANK
For ~~PPE~~ pressure washing
Sarah Taylor
Becky Shaffer
:263184488: 1106764" 5734

5734 $3,600.00 7/24/2026


LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL
749 BROAD RIVER DR
BEAUFORT SC 29906-6868
5736
July 28, 2026 Date
Pay to the Order of Becky Shaffer $ 111.65
One hundred eleven and 65/100 Dollars
FIRST FEDERAL BANK
For reimbursement for mileage
Sarah Taylor
Becky Shaffer
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5736 $111.65 7/29/2026

Coversheet

August Update

Section: V. Director's Report
Item: A. August Update
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
Mobile Device_Cell Phone Policy_Authorization Form (2).pdf
Mobile Device_Cell Phone Policy_Authorization Form_Draft for Approval.docx.pdf
Director’s Report to Board August 2026.pdf

Mobile Device/Cell Phone Policy/Authorization Form

Student Name:_____Date:_____

Student Phone Number:_____

No student may use a mobile device/cell phone or portable communication device on school property during the school day unless they have specific instructions to do so. During school hours, MS and HS students' communication devices must be turned off (not on vibrate mode) and stored in the classroom's locked cell phone holder daily. Using a cell phone or telecommunication device may include but not be limited to text messaging, taking pictures or videos, playing games, receiving and/or sending calls. If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian due to an emergency, he or she will be able to contact their parent or guardian through the office or a teacher. If a parent or guardian needs to contact a student, they can do so through contacting the office at 843-322-0577.

* Parent/guardian and student are submitting to any search of the phone or mobile device at any time the phone is on the school premises. Students are required to provide the code to the student's phone if asked by school administrators. If illicit content is found on the device, the school will be required to report to relevant authorities based on police and DSS requirements. An authorization form must be on file in the office if your child has a cell phone. Students using or having cell phones or telecommunication devices visible during the school day shall have their device confiscated.

First Offense: Cell phone/unauthorized technology is confiscated and the parent picks it up after the end of the next school day.

Second Offense: Cell phone/unauthorized technology is confiscated and kept locked at the school for 10 days or the student can pay a fine of $35 and the device is returned after the end of the next school day.

Third Offense: Cell phone/unauthorized technology is confiscated and kept locked at the school for 30 days or the student can pay a fine of $75 and the device is returned after the end of the next school day.

Students using a cell phone or telecommunication device to illegally enhance their own or another student's academic performance or to engage in any other illegal and/or unethical manner, including bullying, harassing, threatening, or intimidating shall be banned from having such a device for the remainder of the current school year. Additional disciplinary action may be imposed, as well. Recording or photographing students without his/her knowledge is against school policy. Students found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the director or designee. Any exception to this regulation must be approved in advance in writing by the director or assistant director. School personnel and/or administrators are not responsible for the loss or damage of any cell phone or telecommunication device brought onto school property.

I, _____, parent or guardian of _____ understand the cell phone policy.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Student Signature

First Offense: _____

Second Offense: _____

Third Offense: _____

LMS Mobile Device/Cell Phone Policy/Authorization Form

Student Name:_____ **Date:**_____

I. Definitions:

A. “Personal electronic device,” hereinafter referred to as “device,” means any device utilized to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture images or video. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and gaming devices.
B. “Personal Electronic Device accessories,” hereinafter referred to as “device accessories,” include any wired or wireless accessory or wearable technology that connects to a device and any other accessory commonly used in conjunction with a personal electronic device.
C. “School day” is defined as the period of time that a student is present on the school campus from their arrival (i.e., tardy bell) until afternoon dismissal at the end of the instructional day. This policy may also apply to school buses, field trips, and athletic events. The applicability of this regulation to these activities will be determined by the LMS.
D. “Access” is defined as viewing, holding, wearing, or otherwise using a device for the purpose of communication, internet access, gaming, recording, or any other function commonly associated with devices. During the school day, devices should be powered off and stored as directed by the LMS Administration. Exceptions granted for medical necessity, authorized classroom use, or other authorized reasons approved in writing are not considered violations of this definition.
E. “Authorized for Classroom Use” is defined as the use of a personal electronic device that is explicitly approved by the Director or his/her designee in writing. The approval must include alignment with a standards-aligned educational objective that cannot be reasonably achieved using school devices. Students must be provided with clear instructions on the appropriate use of devices and ensure that their use aligns with the approved educational objectives. The Director or his/her designee may revoke approval at any time if it is determined that their use does not meet the intended educational objectives or is causing disruptions.

II. Policy Implementation and Enforcement:

During the school day, students are prohibited from accessing their personal electronic devices, unless authorized for classroom use or other pre-approved exceptions such as medical necessity. Personal electronic devices must be turned off (not on vibrate mode) and stored in the classroom’s locked cell phone holder daily. If a student arrives late to school, they will put it in the Lock Box in the Front Office, and it will be brought to the HUB for dismissal.

If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian due to an emergency, they will be able to contact their parent or guardian through the office or a teacher. If a parent or guardian needs to contact a student, they can do so through contacting the office at 843-322-0577.

Wired earbuds and/or headphones may be worn in the classroom for instructional purposes in accordance with Authorized Classroom Use as described herein. Wired earbuds and/or headphones may not be worn at any other time during the instructional School day. Wireless earbuds and/or headphones are not allowed during the School day.

If a student violates the preceding rules and referenced policy during the School day, the student will be subject to progressive consequences in the student code of conduct and disciplinary enforcement procedures.

Any student who chooses to bring to school a device as described above shall do so at their own risk and shall be personally responsible for the security of their device. Neither the school personnel nor the board will assume any responsibility for loss, theft, damage, or vandalism to a device described above brought onto school property or for the unauthorized use of any such device.

III. Consequences:

Each and every day that a student's phone is confiscated over the course of the school year, their parent or guardian will need to come to the Front Office by 4pm to retrieve the device. The third offense will result in a parent meeting, and a Behavior Plan implemented.

I, _____, parent or guardian of _____ understand the cell phone policy.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Student Signature

Director's Report
August 2026

1. Enrollment as of 8/20/26 : 416 (including Preschool)
    - PK3 - 13
    - PK4 - 25
    - K - 39
    - 1st - 28
    - 2nd - 28
    - 3rd - 42
    - 4th - 33
    - 5th - 30
    - 6th - 33
    - 7th - 39
    - 8th - 17
    - 9th - 28
    - 10th - 19
    - 11th - 18
    - 12th - 24

Classes:

Primary: 27, 26, 23 - 2 in the Transition Room

Lower El: 33, 31, 34 - 6 in the Transition Room

Upper El: 33, 31, 32 - 0 in Transition Room

Middle School: 28, 27 - 0 in Transition Room

2. Personnel:
    - We are very full in our classes. We have had to add a person for the Transition Room (Sam Jimick returned) and we have needed subs in the other rooms to help manage. I anticipate we will need them for at least a month.

3. Architect/New Building Update:
    - Freezer in the Culinary Kitchen was not working - part has been replaced and seems to be ok.

4. Conversations with District/Montessori trainers:
    - Working with the District staff on federal grant applications as they open up. We have submitted the narrative for the CTE funding, but not the budget. Still waiting to hear about approval amounts. Title I hasn't been sent out either. Title II, which we use to send our staff to Montessori training has been applied for and the preliminary number awarded is 14,656.37.

5. Litigation pertaining to our school.
    - none

6. Student injuries:
    - none

7. LMS items pertaining to management
    - Yes

8. Academic results/progress:
    - State testing still embargoed
    - iReady screenings will begin the week of August 24, 2026

9. Highlights:
    - We exceeded our student count the budget was based on (375) on the 5th day count

10. Management items for executive session
    - Yes

11. Fundraising Needs/Upcoming Events:
    - Fundraising committee is meeting Monday, 8/24
    - Believe Fundraiser info arrived and will go out soon

- Maria Montessori's Birthday - planning for Mrs. Heather's Upper El class to present her timeline of life again this year

12. Non-recurring matters:
    - none

13. Main goals to be working on for the next month:
    1. Normalization of the classrooms and Staff Support
    2. Planning Parent Engagement Nights
    3. District requirements (Title I, Website, Books, more)

Coversheet

Maintenance report

Section: V. Director's Report
Item: B. Maintenance report
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: Facilities Report 8_24_26.pdf

Facilities Update - 8/24/26

1. Grants & Funding

We have heard there might be some money coming down the pipeline for facilities, and we will need to get our list and quotes together for that. I don't have the full details, but will start working on that asap. Sarah wrote a grant for an updated PA system that will function seamlessly with our existing buildings and be added to the new buildings. He are hoping that we will get that, but if not, that will be included the the facility proposal as a priority.

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2. Custodial Staff

We have hired a new staff member to help with cleaning, and we have also hired a student to help with trash at the end of the day to give the custodial staff more time to do other things. This is working pretty well, but we have still gone down to a team of 4 this year from 5 as of last year to alleviate our budget. The cleaning will only be as good as we can get it due to the shortage of staff.

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3. Termite Bond

Our termite bait systems are being installed August 28th.

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4. DSS Inspection

We have successfully received our DSS Provisional License!!! We have a 6-month period to get all of their additional requirements in order, and we are currently tackling those, but this has been a HUGE hurdle, and we are so thankful that it is behind us.

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4. Rentals

We have signed the lease for a vendor that wants to rent our Culinary Kitchen for meal prep for his new gym clients. We have collected the deposit and he will begin Sept 5th.

I plan to get some kind of marketing together for rentals for the hub and kitchen, but all of my energy has been going toward DSS and getting the school up and running for this current year. I hope things can begin to settle in and I can begin working on that.

Coversheet

Fundraising Committee

Section: VI. New Business
Item: A. Fundraising Committee
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: 2026_07_30_fundraising_committee_meeting_minutes.pdf

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Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Fundraising Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday July 30, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Location
Lowcountry Montessori School
Room 204

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

Committee Members Present
A. Wright, O. Hawkins, T. Brosnan

Committee Members Absent
A. Chavarria, A. Walker, G. Alexander, L. Lyles, M. Thompson

Guests Present
M. Watkins, S. Fox

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Wright called a meeting of the Fundraising Committee of Lowcountry Montessori School to order on Thursday Jul 30, 2026 at 4:35 PM.

C. Old Business

Old Business

- *Spring Fling:*
  - Spring Fling totals (presented by R. Beck): cash sales: $1536, credit card sales: $987, for a total of $2523.00
    $911.19 spent on event for a profit of $1611.81 ($300 more than last year's event)
    Raffle for shed was a lot of paperwork and did not seem worth doing that way again
  - Feedback:
    - J. Poole asked for band feedback; M. Watkins said everyone liked the band. J. Poole will request band return for 2027 event and ask them to come early to set up. M. Watkins suggested having the band 2 sets with student performance in the middle.
    - A. Wright suggested moving vendors into the fence (perhaps under the eaves at high school)
    - O. Hawkins said feedback from food trucks was good; would like to have 5 trucks next year; M. Watkins suggested Jamaican truk
    - Committee discussed moving event off campus; concluded it is better to keep it on campus
    - R. Beck suggested inviting LMS applicants to the event to see campus in May (no school tours in May)
    - Professionally done banners next year rather than doing them in-house
    - O. Hawkins suggested ways to incentivize parents to bring other members from the community
    - A. Wright suggested sharing about event at Port Royal Town Hall meeting
    - S. Fox will boost posts on Facebook for next year's event

II. New Business

A. Future Fundraisers

- At start of discussion, J. Poole asked about another potential fundraiser for school by having students make dog treats. J. Poole stated Woof Waggin' will pay for supplies and Middle School students could make them as a business. S. Fox will discuss with middle school guides.
- **Dates/discussions of 2026-2027 Fundraisers:**
  - Spring Fling- May 15 from 12-4

- Talent Show-March 19 6:00 PM (dress rehearsal on March 18 at 6:00 PM)
- Santa pictures? Will need to discuss with V. Romig at next meeting
- Holiday shop? S. Fox suggests selling donated items in good condition
    - M. Watkins suggested making items as well (ornaments, jewelry); S. Fox suggested inviting D. Savage to next meeting as art teacher for feedback on this proposal
- Afternoon Tea- Jan 23 from 2-3:30
    - T. Brosnan suggests having upper elementary help as servers and limiting event to kindergarten and lower elementary students based on last year's turnout.
- Trunk or Treat - October 22 from 5:30 -7:30/ It Girls Halloween Dance- October 22 6:00-7:00 for up to 3rd grade; 7:30 to 9:00 for Upper elementary and possibly middle school?
    - J. Poole brought up It Girls Halloween Dance dates. Suggestion was made to combine Halloween dance and trunk or treat
    - Discussion of whether or not SRO Doug is required for Halloween Party (S. Fox will find out)
    - Discussion of inclusion of middle schoolers-will follow up at next meeting
    - Board meeting is the same night; discussion of if board meeting will wrap up in time for Trunk or Treat
- Food Truck Night- November 5 from 5:30-7:30 PM (set up at 5:00 PM)
    - O. Hawkins asked about adding vendors for FT night; M. Watkins suggested it may be too much to do in one small event.
    - Will ask 5-7 trucks; have lawn games and/or group game like last year
- Drive in Night?
    - T. Brosnan asked about a drive-in night near October; will ask V. Romig about setting this up again

- **New Fundraiser Ideas**
    - M. Watkins would like to engage in a year-long campaign to get word out about LMS. She suggested an event in the fall that includes students who received the Secession Scholarship (student banquet) to share how they've utilized those scholarships. Also could invite other scholarship entities (Spring Island, for example). M. Watkins suggested a Powerpoint presentation that shows local business owners the skills learned at LMS.
        - M. Watkins already has a commitment from S. Stewart for this "future leaders" banquet.
    - M. Watkins has created a donation list for staff to share needs for classroom items
    - Potential tournament or Pickleball game (could even be integrated into Food Truck night)
    - LMS Calendar (created for sale in January)
- **Engagement in upcoming events**

- Discussion of how to engage fundraising committee in more events. A. Wright will make a fundraising committee events flyer to share at fundraising table at back to school night. T. Brosnan will make a dip from the cookbook to encouraged cookbook sales.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Wright